



Australian Government
Australian Embassy Moscow

SPECIALIST ENTRY VISAS - DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

◆ YOU MUST PROVIDE ALL OF THE DOCUMENTS LISTED BELOW WHEN YOU LODGE YOUR VISA APPLICATION. IF YOU DO NOT PROVIDE THESE, YOUR APPLICATION MAY BE REFUSED.

- Evidence of payment of the **VISA APPLICATION CHARGE**
- [FORM 147](#) - all questions must be answered and the form must be signed
- Two passport sized, colour **PHOTOGRAPHS** of each applicant– less than one year old.
- Certified copies of all birth, marriage and divorce certificates of each person included in the application
- A valid *signed* international **PASSPORT**, valid for your planned period of stay in Australia, or a copy of each page of your valid passport. Ensure there is at least one page free for the visa label.
- Any **PREVIOUS PASSPORTS** you have held, or copies if the original passports are not available. This should include evidence of previous international travel, such as visas.
- Evidence of approved sponsorship if applicable.
- Documents explaining why you are applying for the particular type of Specialist Entry visa.
Examples: If applying for a Sport Visa, you may wish to provide evidence of participation in similar international competitions. If applying for a Visiting Academic Visa, you may wish to provide evidence of your qualifications and experience. If applying for a Media & Film Staff Visa, you may wish to provide evidence of work in this field and similar previous travel.
- If you are a child aged **under 18 years of age**, or if **a child under 18 is included in your application**, you must provide:
 - the child's **BIRTH CERTIFICATE**, and
 - if the child is travelling without both parents, the non-travelling parent(s) must provide **WRITTEN CONSENT FOR THE CHILD TO TRAVEL** to Australia. This signed statement must be witnessed by a notary and must be accompanied by a copy of the non-travelling parent's passport or other identification.
- A fully completed and signed [Passport Return Authority](#). If you wish to arrange for a courier to collect your passport, you will be responsible for all arrangements and associated costs
- In some circumstances, you will be required to undergo a chest x-ray and/or a medical examination with an approved panel doctor
- If you are over 16 years of age and your proposed stay exceeds 12 months, you are required to provide a penal clearance certificate (police certificate). Subclass 442 (Occupational Trainee) is usually exempt from the requirement to obtain a penal clearance certificate.
- You may be asked to provide further information depending on your individual circumstances. If this is the case, you will be advised after your application has been received and assessed.

Please note: If your inviter, migration agent, family member in Australia or in your own country, or any third person is seeking information about your application, we must have written consent from you to liaise with that person. You may provide this permission on the application form, in writing, or by providing a completed, signed [Form 956](#) or [Form 956A](#)

- ◆ ALL PERSONAL AND IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS, SUCH AS BIRTH, MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE CERTIFICATES, MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CERTIFIED ENGLISH TRANSLATION. DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE CERTIFIED BY A NOTARY AND TRANSLATED BY AN ACCREDITED TRANSLATOR.
 - ◆ COPIES OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, SUCH AS WORK CERTIFICATES, OWNERSHIP CERTIFICATES, AND BANK STATEMENTS DO NOT HAVE TO BE CERTIFIED. HOWEVER, IF THEY ARE IN LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH OR RUSSIAN THEY MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CERTIFIED ENGLISH TRANSLATION.
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All relevant forms are available from the website of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) at:
www.immi.gov.au/allforms
