



Australian Government
Department of Immigration and Citizenship

Applying for a Visitor Visa (using Form 48R)

This information should be read together with the information in the application form *48R Application to visit Australia for tourism*. A Tourist visa is for persons wishing to visit Australia temporarily for tourism or other recreational activities (holiday, sightseeing, social or recreational reasons, to visit relatives or friends, or other short-term purposes not related to work or medical treatment). See <http://www.australia.or.jp> for more information on how to apply.

Application Checklist

- Valid passport. Non-Japanese nationals resident in Japan who intend to return to Japan should also hold a re-entry permit valid for at least 12 months. Please ensure that you have at least one visa page left in your passport.
 - Photocopy of your passport face page and Japanese visa page
 - Completed application Form 48R
See <http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/48r.pdf>
 - 1 passport photograph
 - Visa Application Charge (VAC). Please find the Australian dollar VAC on the below webpage and use the Currency Converter to calculate the amount payable in Japanese yen.
See <http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm>
If you wish to lodge an application by mail, the VAC should be paid by postal money order (Yubin Kawase). If you wish to lodge an application in person, the VAC should be paid by cash. Please note that this office is unable to receive or process payment in other currencies including Australian dollars (\$AUD), or made by credit card.
 - Supporting documentation
Please provide documentation that you believe supports your claim that you have a genuine intention to visit Australia for tourism purposes, and you have an incentive and authority to return to your country of residence, such as:
 - evidence of funds showing transactions for the last 6 months (ie. original bank book)
 - a letter of reference from your employer confirming your position, monthly salary and approved leave
 - evidence of academic record or attendance record for the last 6 months if you are the holder of Japanese student visa
 - travel itinerary
 - a copy of Alien Registration Card for non-Japanese nationals resident in JapanYou may be requested to provide additional information including medical examinations after your application is received.
- * Children under 18 years of age, travelling alone or without one or both of their parents or legal guardians, require Form 1229 and supporting documents from all custodial parent(s) or guardian(s) to travel to Australia. However, if the legal custodian(s) of children under 18 years of age are applying for visas together and intend to travel with the child, Form 1229 is not necessary.

Note

You may be requested to provide additional information after your application is received. Processing times can vary widely depending on individual circumstances. Please refrain from making progress enquiries within the standard processing time. We will contact you if we require any further information. Please also note that it is important that you do not take any irreversible action such as purchasing airline tickets or leaving your employment in anticipation of being granted a visa.

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