



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Immigration  
and Border Protection**

# Visa options for Conferences, Trade Fairs, Seminars or Expos

All visitors to Australia must have a valid visa to travel to and enter Australia (other than New Zealand passport holders who will normally be granted a Special Category visa on arrival, provided they meet health and character requirements; and permanent residents of Norfolk Island who may be granted a Permanent Resident of Norfolk Island visa on arrival).

If you are planning to visit Australia for a business event such as a conference, trade fair, seminar or expo, you may be able to apply for one of the following visas.

The appropriate visa will depend, amongst other things, on your purpose for visiting Australia.

## Visa Options

The passport which you hold determines whether you are eligible to apply online, or need to lodge a paper based application.

Depending on your eligibility, you may be able to apply for one of the following visas:

- Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity) visa (subclass 400)
- Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) (subclass 601)
- eVisitor visa (subclass 651)
- Visitor (Business Stream) visa (subclass 600).

The **Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity) visa (subclass 400)** is the appropriate visa for those intending to undertake one or more of the following roles/activities:

- People involved in the organisation or delivery of the event
- Speakers, presenters or delegates who are being paid (including appearance fees) for their participation eg. professional motivational speakers or VIPs paid to attend as delegates
- A role/activity that would normally be remunerated
- Independent journalist, correspondent or reporter for an overseas news organisation who will **not** be taking part in film, television or other productions that will be broadcast in Australia
- Exhibitors engaged in retail activities (sale of goods or services directly to the general public).

More information is available on the department's website.

See: [www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/400-](http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/400-)

**Note:** If you will be taking part in film, television or other productions that **will be broadcast in Australia**, you should apply for the Temporary Work (Entertainment) visa (subclass 420).

See: <http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/420->

If you are planning to visit Australia to participate in a business event such as a conference, trade fair or seminar or expo, and you are not being paid by an organiser for your participation in the event, you may be eligible for an **ETA (subclass 601), eVisitor visa (subclass 651) or Visitor (Business Stream) visa (subclass 600)**, as long as you:

- do not work for or provide services to a business or organisation in Australia
- do not sell goods or services to the public

You may also be eligible for one of these visas if you are undertaking a genuine unpaid volunteer role, but only if an Australian resident would not otherwise be paid to do that type of work (you can be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses such as meals and accommodation).

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