

## IERASG 2019 VISA INFORMATION

Under Australia's universal visa system, 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). For more information, see the fact sheet: <http://www.border.gov.au/about/corporate/information/fact-sheets/47temporary-residence>

There are many visa options available to people wishing to visit Australia. The appropriate visa option will depend, amongst other things, on the person's purpose for visiting Australia.

If your sole reason for coming to Australia is to attend this conference, please apply for the following VISA:

As you are planning to visit Australia to attend a business event such as a conference, seminar, trade fair or expo as a participant or an attendee (that is, you will not be working, entertaining, or being paid to contribute), you may be eligible for one of the following Visitor visas:

- Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) (subclass 601)
- eVisitor (subclass 651)
- Visitor visa (subclass 600) in the Business Visitor stream.
  - For information on who can apply for the eVisitor (subclass 651) visa online, please go to: <http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/651->

You must not be intending to:

- work for or provide services to a business or organisation in Australia or
- sell goods or services to the Australian public.
  - Further information about the specific requirements of Visitor visas is available on the Department's website: [www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa/Apply/Visitor](http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa/Apply/Visitor)

For any other circumstances, please view the below VISA options:

For information on who can apply for the ETA (Subclass 601) visa online, please go to: <http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/601->

For information on who can apply for the Visitor (Subclass 600) visa online, please go to: <http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/600->

For information on who can apply for the Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity) visa (subclass 400) online, please go to: <http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/400->

## IMPORTANT:

We recommend that applicants applying for a paper-based visa lodge their application at least 6-8 weeks before their intended travel date to Australia. All travellers to Australia must have a valid visa before boarding their plane. Travellers to Australia cannot apply for a visa on arrival.

### Handy Australian Websites

Tourism Australia - [www.australia.com](http://www.australia.com)

Australian government - [www.australia.gov.au](http://www.australia.gov.au)

Australian news / media - [www.abc.net.au](http://www.abc.net.au)

Australian exchange rates - [www.rba.gov.au/statistics/frequency/exchange-rates.html](http://www.rba.gov.au/statistics/frequency/exchange-rates.html)

Smarttraveller - The Australian Government's travel advisory and consular information service. [www.smarttraveller.gov.au](http://www.smarttraveller.gov.au)

The following site is designed to help you get through the security checkpoints at the airport quickly and easily. It will help you understand the aviation security measures in place at Australian airports and why they are necessary. It provides information on preparing for your trip, what you are prohibited from taking on board, and travelling with children, medicines or sporting equipment. It also provides a number of videos that explain the screening process and liquids, aerosols and gels restrictions. This site will be updated with new information to reflect changes in airport security arrangements as they occur.

Australian Customs - [www.customs.gov.au/knowbeforeyougo/default.asp](http://www.customs.gov.au/knowbeforeyougo/default.asp)