



Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity) visa (subclass 400) - Australia

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This visa is perfect for applicants who plan to attend to business in Australia for up to three months, and will be involved in **specialized, non-ongoing work** or wish to participate in a **non-ongoing event** at the invitation of an organization.

This visa lets applicants:

- Stay in Australia for up to three months (or up to six months in limited cases)
- Attend to the business for which the visa has been granted
- Include family members in the application

On the following pages we have outlined the most important information about this visa, including visa eligibility, requirements, limitations and fees.



Requirements

To be able to apply for the Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity) visa (subclass 400), you will need to be outside Australia and

- Have a valid passport
- Have specialized skills that will benefit the Australian business you will work for
- Have an invitation to an event or fair by an Australian based organization
- You are helping Australia in an exceptional circumstance such as disaster relief

You must be able to show that:

- Any work you do is non-ongoing
- You physically need to be in Australia to do your work
- You have the qualification to do this job
- You can support yourself financially while you are in Australia
- You have received a formal invitation by your organization
- You will not study a course that leads to a degree
- You meet all health and character requirements



Timeframes & Limitations

The Department may take between one week to one month to assess the application - depending on the evidence provided and whether health and character tests are required.

We are able to assist in preparing decision ready applications to avoid any unnecessary delays.

After your visa has been granted, you will have to arrive in Australia within six month of the grant date.

As this visa is strictly limited to 3 months (6 months in some cases), you will have to provide sufficient evidence that your work in Australia can be finished within that timeframe. This includes not making any arrangements to stay longer.

The 400 Visa cannot and should not be a quick and less cost intensive alternative to a Temporary Skill Shortage (subclass 482).



Business visitor visa vs. sc 400 visa

There often seems to be confusion as to whether a visa like the **eVisitor (subclass 651)** or **ETA** will suffice, as this visa also allows a visit for business purposes. However, in Australia, business and work are two different things.

If your activities include:

- Making general business or employment enquiries
- Investigating, negotiating, signing or reviewing a business contract
- Activities carried out as part of an official government-to-government visit
- Participating in conferences, trade fairs or seminars, as long as you are not being paid by the organizers for your participation;

then you can apply for a subclass 651 visa, permitted **you do not**:

- **Work for or provide services to, a business or organization OR**
- **Sell goods or services to the public.**

If these two points are part of why you are travelling to Australia, **you will need** to apply for a work visa – such as the Short Stay Activity (subclass 400) work visa.

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