

Games Time Visa Information Form

The Temporary Activity (Subclass 408) visa remains the recommended visa for The Games, and all requirements for the visa will need to be met in line with Australian Government policy.

The 'Games Time Visa Information Form' can be used to capture the Games Time Visa additional information required by Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018) for each participant.

It is important that CGAs obtain the correct information from each participant to complete the application for accreditation in eAccreditation (ECR).

This document also includes Commonwealth Games Family Member character requirements and policy guidance to assist participants in answering the questions on page 7.

This form needs to be returned to your CGA who will submit the information to GC2018 on your behalf.

All participant data collected through the accreditation and visa process is handled in line with GOLDOC's privacy policy. For further information, please visit www.gc2018.com/privacy

Polio Vaccination Certificates

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Commonwealth Games Family Member Character Requirements

Everyone who wishes to enter or stay in Australia must satisfy the character requirement as set out in section 501 of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act). Any non-citizen visiting or migrating to Australia, irrespective of which visa you apply for, is required to advise the Department if you have a criminal history inside or outside of Australia. This includes:

- criminal convictions with or without a sentence of imprisonment (even where the legislation of your country allows you to not disclose this information because a certain period of time has lapsed);
- guilty verdicts in a court of law;
- criminal charges; and
- unresolved matters before a court of law.

A traffic infringement, such as an on-the-spot speeding or parking fine is not considered a conviction.

The Temporary Activity (subclass 408) visa application under the Australian Government Endorsed Event (AGEE) pathway includes a character declaration where you are required to provide details of your criminal history. The Department may also request other additional information, or personal statements, pertaining to your character. If you do not inform us of your criminal history, or if you do not answer the questions in your visa application truthfully, your visa may be refused.

In some circumstances, for the Australian Government to determine whether you are of good character, you might be asked to provide police certificates for each country you have lived in for 12 months or more, since turning 16 years of age.

If you have a criminal history, you will need to apply for the visa well in advance of the intended date of travel. This will give allowance to be able to acquire any police certificates if necessary.

You will not pass the character test if:

- you have a substantial criminal record, meaning you have been sentenced to 12 months or more in prison, or multiple sentences that add up to more than 12 months in prison. A suspended sentence is considered a prison sentence.
- you have been convicted of escaping from immigration detention in Australia, or convicted for an offence that you committed:
 - while you were in immigration detention
 - during an escape from immigration detention
 - after an escape, but before you were taken into immigration detention again.
- you are or have been a member of a group or organisation, or had or have an association with a person, group or organisation that the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection reasonably suspects of involvement in criminal conduct

- the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection reasonably suspects that you have been involved in people smuggling, people trafficking, genocide, a war crime, a crime against humanity, a crime involving torture or slavery, or a crime that is of serious international concern, whether or not you have been convicted of such an offence
- your past and present criminal or general conduct shows that you are not of good character
- there is a risk that while you are in Australia you would:
 - engage in criminal conduct
 - harass, molest, intimidate or stalk another person
 - vilify a segment of the Australian community
 - incite discord in the Australian community or in a part of it
 - be a danger to the Australian community or a part of it.
- you have been convicted of, or found guilty or had a charge proven for one or more sexually based offences involving a child,
- you are subject to an adverse security assessment by the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation
- you are subject to an Interpol notice, from which it is reasonable to infer that you are a direct or indirect risk to the Australian community, or a segment of the Australian community.

A substantial criminal record is based on the length of a sentence imposed by a court of law, rather than the time actually spent in prison. A person is deemed to have a substantial criminal record if they have been:

- sentenced to death or life imprisonment
- sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 12 months or more
- sentenced to two or more terms of imprisonment (even if served concurrently), where the total of those terms is 12 months or more
- found by a court to be not fit to plead in relation to an offence but found to have committed the offence and as a result have been detained in a facility or institution.

If you do not pass the character test, it does not automatically mean that your visa application will be refused. Section 501 provides a discretionary power to refuse or cancel a visa on the ground that the applicant does not pass the character test.

When a decision is made as to whether it is appropriate to refuse or cancel a visa, all of the relevant information and circumstances relating to the case, including the impact on the individual and the individual's family, are taken into account.

Additional information with regard to the character requirement, how character is assessed, and what would constitute not passing the character test, can be found on the Department's website at: <https://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa/Char>

Commonwealth Games Family Member Health Guidance

Please note that the guidance has been prepared by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP).

Health Requirement

Most Australian visas are subject to the health requirement which is designed to protect the Australian community from public health and safety risks, contain public expenditure on health care and community services and safeguard the access of Australian citizens and permanent residents to health care and community services in short supply.

The level of health assessment a visa applicant may be required to undergo to meet this health requirement will depend on their:

- intended length of stay and activities in Australia (visa grant period);
- country's risk level in terms of tuberculosis; and
- medical history.

Based on the above factors, some visa applicants will need to complete health examinations (for example, a medical examination and a chest x-ray) and have their results assessed and cleared, before they can be granted a visa for Australia.

Temporary visa applicants

Generally people applying for temporary visas to Australia, who are visiting for less than six months, will not need to complete health examinations, unless there is special health significance and/or a declared existing medical condition.

To determine whether special health significance applies and/or a declared medical condition exists you will be required as part of your visa application to complete 'My Health Declaration' questions.

Special Health Significance

Health information which is considered to be of special significance, and may generate the requirement to complete health examinations are:

- If you are from a higher TB-risk country and likely to enter a hospital or a health care environment whilst in Australia
- If you are pregnant and intending to give birth in Australia
- If you are 15 years or older and intend to work as, or study to be, a doctor, dentist, nurse or ambulance paramedic
- If you will be working, or are likely to work, in Australia in a preschool or crèche environment as an employee or trainee
- If you are 75 years or older and applying for a visitor visa (FA-600 or TR-676).

Declared Medical Conditions

Health examinations may not be necessary in all circumstances where a medical condition has been declared. For example, if a minor medical condition is declared and you are intending to travel to Australia for a short period only.

My Health Declaration questions

As part of your visa application you will be required to complete 'My Health Declaration' questions. If you answer 'yes' to one of the health declaration questions, additional health examinations may be required.

See below for further guidance on answering the questions.

1. In the last 5 years has the applicant visited, or lived, outside their country of passport for more than 3 consecutive months? Do not include time spent in Australia.

For the purpose of your visa application, this question is designed to determine your country risk level, to identify whether a higher TB-risk level is applicable or not.

2. Does the applicant intend to enter a hospital or a health care facility (including nursing homes) while in Australia?

Whilst you are in Australia if you are not intending to enter one of the facilities you should answer 'no' to this question. If you are considered to be from a country with a higher TB-risk level, and say 'yes' to this question, you may be required to complete health examinations

3. Does the applicant intend to work as, or study to be, a doctor, dentist, nurse or paramedic during their stay in Australia?

If you are not travelling to Australia to work as, or study to be one of the above professions, in an Australian health care setting with an Australian employer, then your answer to this question should be 'no'. If you are considered to be from a country with a higher TB-risk level, and say 'yes' to this question, you may be required to complete health examinations.

4. Does the applicant intend to work, or be a trainee, at a child care centre (including preschools and creches) while in Australia?

If you are not travelling to Australia to work as, or train in one of the above places, then your answer to this question should be 'no'. If you are considered to be from a country with a higher TB-risk level, and say 'yes' to this question, you may be required to complete health examinations.

5. Does the applicant intend to be in a classroom situation for more than 3 months (e.g. as a student, teacher, lecturer or observer)?

Please answer 'no' to this question.

6. Has the applicant:
 - ever had, or do they currently have, tuberculosis?
 - been in close contact with a family member that has active tuberculosis?
 - ever had a chest x-ray which showed an abnormality?

If one of the above is applicable, your answer should be 'yes' to the question.

7. During their proposed visit to Australia, does the applicant expect to incur medical costs, or require treatment or medical follow up for:

- blood disorder
- cancer
- heart disease
- hepatitis B or C and/or liver disease
- HIV infection, including AIDS
- kidney disease, including dialysis
- mental illness
- pregnancy
- respiratory disease that has required hospital admission or oxygen therapy
- other

If you are not going to incur any medical costs, or require medical treatment or medical follow up whilst here in Australia, then you should answer 'no' to this question.

8. Does the applicant require assistance with mobility or care due to a medical condition?

If you have your own arrangements in place to assist you with mobility or care for a medical condition for the duration of your stay in Australia and you will not require assistance from an Australian health or community service, then you should answer 'no' to this question.

9. Do you have any other health information you would like to provide?

This is at your discretion to respond.

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1. What is your Relationship Status?

(Please tick appropriate box)

- Married
- Engaged
- De facto (the same or opposite sex relationship as a couple living together on a genuine ongoing basis)
- Separated
- Divorced
- Widowed
- Never married or been in a de facto relationship

2. Do you hold Citizenship of more than one country?

- NO
- YES

(If YES, please list all countries of which you are a Citizen)

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

3. In the last 10 years have you lived in a country other than your usual country of residence for 12 months or more? Multiple stays in a country totalling more than 12 months should be included.

NO

YES

(If YES, please list country or countries and dates of stay)

Country 1

From MM/YYYY

To MM/YYYY

Country 2

From MM/YYYY

To MM/YYYY

Country 3

From MM/YYYY

To MM/YYYY

Country 4

From MM/YYYY

To MM/YYYY

Country 5

From MM/YYYY

To MM/YYYY

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4. In the last five (5) years have you visited or lived outside your country of passport for more than three (3) consecutive months?

NO

YES

(If YES, please list country or countries and dates of stay)

Country 1

From MM/YYYY

To MM/YYYY

Country 2

From MM/YYYY

To MM/YYYY

Country 3

From MM/YYYY

To MM/YYYY

Country 4

From MM/YYYY

To MM/YYYY

Country 5

From MM/YYYY

To MM/YYYY

5. Declarations

Applicant over the age of 18 with legal capacity – to be completed by applicant

I, the undersigned, declare that I have read and understood the above and hereby declare the following:

Character Declaration

I have nothing to declare in relation to the Character requirements of my visa application and my responsible organisation can advise GOLDOC of this.

OR

I may wish to declare a character issue or seek further advice on my circumstances from GOLDOC's Migration Agent.

Health Declaration

I have nothing to declare in relation to the Health requirements of my visa application and my responsible organisation can advise GOLDOC of this.

OR

I may wish to declare a health issue or seek further advice on my circumstances from GOLDOC's Migration Agent.

Full name

Signature

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

Applicant under the age of 18 or without legal capacity – to be completed by legal guardian

I, the undersigned, declare that I have read and understood the above and provide the declaration on behalf of:

Name of applicant

Name of legal guardian

Signature of legal guardian

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

Please return this form to your CGA