

Work and Holiday (Temporary) subclass 462 Visa

The Work and Holiday (Temporary) visa (subclass 462) is for young people who want to holiday and work in Australia for up to a year.

It is a temporary visa that encourages cultural exchange and closer ties between Australia and eligible countries by allowing young adults to have an extended holiday during which time they may engage in short term work or study.

This visa allows the visa holder to:

- stay in Australia for up to 12 months;
- work in Australia for up to six months with each employer;
- study for up to four months;
- leave and re-enter Australia any number of times while the visa is valid.

Key Points

- Age restriction – 18 to 30 years;
- Limited list of eligible countries;
- Higher education requirements

Eligibility Requirements

The Applicant must:

- be aged between 18 and 30 years of age inclusive at the time of application;
- hold a valid passport issued by an **eligible country** (see below) preferably valid for at least 6 months;
- have functional English;
- meet **education requirements** (see below);
- not be accompanied by dependent children;
- be outside Australia when application is made and when the visa is granted;
- not have entered Australia on a Work and Holiday (subclass 462) or Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa;
- have sufficient funds (generally \$5,000 AUD);
- have funds for a return or onward ticket to depart Australia (or an actual ticket);
- have health insurance (recommended) covering the stay in Australia;
- meet Australia's **health requirements** (See below);
- meet Australia's **character requirement** See below)

Eligible countries are as follows:

Argentina, Bangladesh, Chile, China, Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Peru, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, USA, Uruguay and Vietnam.

On 19 October 2017, agreements were signed with Austria and the Czech Republic. It is expected that these will be added to the list in the near future.

Letter of support

A letter of support from the home government is required for all countries except Israel, China, Singapore and the USA. Malaysian citizens need to provide a Malaysian Good Conduct Certificate.

Education Requirements

The criteria for each country is different but generally tertiary qualifications or successful completion of at least 2 years of undergraduate study are required. For more detailed information about the requirements for a particular country, visit: www.homeaffairs.gov.au/forms/Documents/1208.pdf

What are the health requirements?

Applicants and dependent family members must meet certain health requirements. The health examinations required depend on personal circumstances, including the period of stay, country of citizenship, time spent in another country during the last five years and intended activities in Australia. The results of health examinations are generally valid for 12 months. This process can be undertaken before lodgement of the visa application.

For further information on health requirements, visit www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa/health

What are the character requirements?

Applicants must meet certain character requirements and provide a police certificate from each country they have lived in for 12 months or more during the past 10 years after they turned 16 years of age.

This also applies to all dependent family members in the application who are older than 18 years of age.

For further information about character requirements, visit: www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa/character

Visa limits

There is an annual limit to the number of Work and Holiday visas issued to each country. No applications will be approved once this limit is reached.

Further information and application form can be found at:

www.homeaffairs.gov.au/forms/Documents/1208.pdf