

Visitor Visa Australia (Subclass 600): Complete Guide for 2026

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The Visitor visa (Subclass 600) allows people to visit Australia temporarily for tourism, to visit family, or for business purposes. While it may seem straightforward, visitor visa refusals are surprisingly common — particularly for applicants from certain countries.

Visitor Visa Streams

The Subclass 600 has several streams:

Tourist Stream

For people who want to visit Australia for tourism or to visit friends and family. This is the most common stream.

Family Sponsored Stream

For people who are sponsored by a family member who is an Australian citizen or permanent resident. The sponsor provides a bond as a guarantee.

Business Visitor Stream

For people visiting Australia for business purposes — meetings, conferences, negotiations. You cannot work or provide services under this stream.

Key Requirements

1. Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) You must demonstrate that you genuinely intend to stay temporarily and will leave Australia when your visa expires. The Department will consider:

- Your personal circumstances in your home country (employment, property, family)
- Your immigration history
- The purpose of your visit
- Your financial situation

2. Financial Capacity You must show that you have sufficient funds to support yourself during your stay, or that your sponsor can support you.

3. Health and Character You must meet basic health and character requirements.

Common Reasons for Refusal

Reason	How to Address It
Insufficient ties to home country	Provide evidence of employment, property, family obligations
Insufficient funds	Provide bank statements, employment letter, sponsor's financial evidence
Previous visa breaches	Explain the circumstances and demonstrate changed behaviour
Inconsistent information	Ensure all information is accurate and consistent
Previous refusals	Address the reasons for previous refusals in your new application

How Long Can You Stay?

Stream	Maximum Stay
Tourist	3, 6, or 12 months
Family Sponsored	12 months
Business Visitor	3 months

Tips for a Successful Application

1. **Provide a clear travel itinerary** — show where you will stay, what you will do, and when you will leave
2. **Demonstrate strong ties to your home country** — this is the most important factor
3. **Show sufficient funds** — bank statements for the last 3-6 months
4. **Be honest** — any false or misleading information will result in refusal and potentially a ban

5. **Apply well in advance** — processing times can vary significantly

How I Can Help

If your visitor visa has been refused, or if you are concerned about your application, I can review your circumstances and advise you on the best approach. I have helped many clients obtain visitor visas after initial refusals.

Book a consultation today from \$97.

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