



Australian Embassy Myanmar
Visa and Immigration Office

APPLYING FOR A TRANSIT VISA TO AUSTRALIA
Subclass 771

Who should apply for a Transit Visa, Subclass 771 visa?

People intending to transit through Australia on their way to another country or people who need to pass through Australia for the purpose of travelling to join a ship as a member of the crew. If you are granted this visa you can transit through Australia for no longer than 72 hours.

Where do I lodge my application?

All visa applications should be lodged at the Australian Visa Application Centre (AVAC) in Myanmar operated by VFS Global.

Address: #305, Prime Hill Business Square,
No. 60, Shwe Dagon Pagoda Road,
Dagon Township, Yangon, Myanmar
Telephone: 02-118-7100
Email: info.aurng@vfshelpline.com

Contact Centre hours: 08.30 hrs. to 16.30 hrs.
Business hours: 08.30 hrs. – 16.30 hrs. (Monday to Friday*)
Application lodgement hours: 08:00 hrs. – 15:30 hrs. (Monday to Friday*)
Passport Collection hours: 08:30 hrs. – 16:30 hrs. (Monday to Friday*)
**Except on Public Holiday (<http://www.myanmar.embassy.gov.au/rang/aboutus.html>)*

A fee will be charged for this service in addition to the scheduled fee charged by the Australian Government for all visa applications. For more information about lodgement procedures, fees charged, contact details, office locations and office hours, please visit <http://www.vfsglobal.com/australia/myanmar>

How much will this visa cost?

There is no application charge for this visa.

How long will I need to wait for the visa?

You can expect a decision on your application within approximately three working days from the day you lodge your application. The processing time may take longer if the application is incomplete at the time of lodgement or if there are other issues with your application such as child custody, character concerns relating to previous immigration history or criminal convictions, or if further medical checks are required. If your application is likely to take longer than usual, you will be fully informed of the reason for any delays.

Can I ask another person to deal with the Embassy?

Australian privacy laws prevent this office from responding to enquiries from people not authorised by the applicant. This includes the person providing support to the application. If you want to authorise another person to discuss your application with this office, or receive correspondence about your application, you should indicate this by using a [Form 956](#) which must be signed by both the applicant and authorised person.

Without a Form 956 we cannot talk about your case to anyone else, including your partner or family members. Please see <http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa/Usin/Getting-help-to-apply-for-a-visa#sub-heading-2>

Australia's visa label policy

The Australian Government does not require holders of Australian visas to have a visa label in their passport.

We electronically record all visas issued to non-citizens providing them permission to travel, enter and/or remain in Australia. This means that evidence of a visa grant in the form of a visa label is no longer routinely issued to visa holders. Instead, electronic visas are linked to a visa holder's current passport which enables us to provide accurate, secure and real-time information about a visa holder's visa details. It is also more secure than issuing a visa label as it reduces the risk of fraud.

Having this electronic connection also enables online checking of visa details by visa holders, airlines, registered Australian organisations and Australian government agencies.

About your visa

When you receive your Australian visa you are issued with a visa grant notification letter that explains the conditions of your visa including period of validity and entry requirements. You should retain this for your own reference and may wish to carry it with you when you travel as it contains important information about your visa. The information contained within the visa grant notification letter will help you check your visa details online using the department's Visa Entitlement Verification Online service, known as VEVO.

Application Document Checklist

This application document checklist details the information and supporting documents required to assist with the lodgement of a complete application with the department. You may also need to provide additional information and documentation after you have made your application if the department requires it. After completing this checklist, please attach it to the front of your application.

- [Form 876](#) – completed in English and signed by the applicant
Please download the form here: <http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/771->
- A clear photocopy of your passport biodata page (the page with your photograph) and a copy of all other pages in your passport that contains a stamp and/or visa. Recommended that your passport should have at least six months left before the expiry date
- One recent passport sized photograph (45mmx35mm), no more than six months old, of your head and shoulders only against a plain background. Print your name on the back of your photograph.
- Up to date travel itinerary - ticket or documentation, or both, establishing concluded arrangements for travel to a destination outside Australia, with a stopover in Australia of up to 72 hours
- Evidence of a visa for onward destination

If you are joining a ship as a crew member

Details provided by the applicant:

- You and your family members must have valid passports to be granted this visa
- Documentary proof that you are employed on, or are to be employed on, the ship you are joining in Australia.
- Tickets or documents establishing arrangements for travel to a destination outside Australia.
- You need to have acceptable travel documents such as a seafarer's identity document.
- A statement from the vessel's local shipping/handling agent.
- You need to hold a valid Maritime crew visa (subclass 988)

The shipping agent provides the following details with your application:

- your name
- the name of the person you are replacing
- the name of the company employing you
- the name of the ship you will join
- the date you arrive in Australia
- the port and date you expect to join the ship
- If you are not the ship's owner, a copy of the request for crew from the ship's agent in Australia. The request should contain the details of all crew members applying for visas.

Your transit visa lets you travel to Australia by air. If you arrive in Australia by air on a transit visa and hold no other visa (other than a Maritime crew visa (subclass 988)), your Maritime crew visa (subclass 988) will cease within five days if you do not sign onto your ship.

Applicants under 18 years of age

Any child under the age of 18 years who is traveling without either one or both of the parents, an authorization to travel from the non-traveling parent/s must be provided

or

- [Form 1229](#) – Completed by both parents

Applicants under the age of 18 years must provide:

- If travelling without both parents, evidence that he/she will be taken care of in Australia.
- Two forms of identification (with a signature) for any non-accompanying parent.
- Where one or both parents are deceased, proof that the remaining parent or the guardian has legal custody of the applicant
- Where there are custody issues, further documentation may be requested

For further detailed information, please visit www.border.gov.au or www.myanmar.embassy.gov.au

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