Visa Application Information

The following information is provided to assist the attendees in applying for a visa:

Under Australia's universal visa system, all visitors to Australia must have a valid visa to travel to and enter Australia (other than New Zealand passport holders who will normally be granted a Special Category visa on arrival, provided they meet health and character requirements; and permanent residents of Norfolk Island who may be granted a Permanent Resident of Norfolk Island visa on arrival).

For more information, see the fact sheet: http://www.immi.gov.au/media/fact-sheets/17nz.htm

There are many visa options available to people wishing to visit Australia. The appropriate visa option will depend, amongst other things, on the person's purpose for visiting Australia.

Visa Options:

Based on the information you have provided, the appropriate visa options for the meeting attendees are the eVisitor Visa (subclass 651), Electronic Travel Authority (subclass 601), or Visitor Visa (subclass 600) in the business visitor stream. These visas are appropriate for persons travelling to Australia to carry out activities as part of an official government to government visit (such as government to government meetings).

How to apply for an eVisitor visa, Electronic Travel Authority (ETA), or Visitor Visa (subclass 600):

eVisitor Visa

European Union (EU) passport holders, and some other European passport holders, are eligible to apply online for an eVisitor visa to travel to and enter Australia. The eVisitor visa allows for visits to Australia for business purposes for up to 3 months.

eVisitor-eligible passports are listed at:
http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/651.aspx?tab=1&heading=who-could-get-this-visa

Further information on the eVisitor visa, including eligibility requirements and how to apply online, is available at: www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/651.aspx

Electronic Travel Authority (ETA)

Passport holders from a number of countries are eligible to apply for an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) to travel to and enter Australia for business purposes.

ETA Eligible passports are listed at:
http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/601.aspx

Further information on the ETA, including eligibility requirements and how to apply, is available at: http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/601.aspx

Visitor visa (Subclass 600) in the Business Visitor Stream

Passport holders who are not eligible to apply for an eVisitor visa or an ETA should apply for a Visitor visa (Subclass 600) in the Business Visitor Stream.

Online application

Passport holders from a number of countries are eligible to apply online for a Visitor visa (Subclass 600). For information on who is eligible to apply online for a Visitor visa (subclass 600), please see:
http://www.immi.gov.au/Services/Pages/visitor-e600-visa-online-applications.aspx

To start an online application for a visitor visa (Subclass 600), please go to:
https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login

To view the document checklist for the Visitor Visa (subclass 600) in the business visitor stream, see: http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/checklists/600-business.aspx

For instructions on how to attach documents to an online visa application, see: http://www.immi.gov.au/helptexts/en/online-account/qrg/attach_documents.pdf

Further information on the Visitor visa (Subclass 600), including eligibility and how to apply, is available at: http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/600.aspx

Paper application

Passport holders who are not eligible to apply online for a visitor visa (Subclass 600), can lodge a paper application.

To lodge a paper application for a visitor visa (Subclass 600) in the business Visitor Stream, applicants will need to:

1. Complete Form 1415 Application for a Visitor visa – Business Visitor stream, available at: http://www.immi.gov.au/forms/Documents/1415.pdf

2. Provide documents listed in the document checklist at: http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/checklists/600-business.aspx

3. Lodge the paper application and supporting documents at the nearest Immigration office outside Australia. For information on how and where to lodge a paper visa application outside Australia, see: http://www.immi.gov.au/Help/Locations/Pages/our-offices.aspx

Further information on the Visitor visa (Subclass 600), including eligibility and how to apply, is available at: http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/600.aspx

NB: IECN assistance will NOT guarantee a visa grant. Visa applicants must demonstrate that they meet all the legislative requirements for an Australian visa.

For additional background relating to:

• Visas for people to come to Australia for tourism or business purposes, please see: http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/tourist/visa-options.htm