



# Visa options for professional sports persons, support staff, officials and related media personnel

## Overview

This fact sheet is a general guide to the most common visa options for those travelling to Australia to as a professional sports person (including players, support staff, officials and related media personnel) to participate in sporting events.

The information contained in this fact sheet is current as at **1 July 2017**. Australian migration law may change after this time resulting in a change in visa options. Please check the Department of Immigration and Border Protection's website for further information: [www.border.gov.au/](http://www.border.gov.au/)

New Zealand citizens should refer to the Department's website:  
[www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/444-](http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/444-)

## Visas and processing times

A list of visas is available on the Department's website:  
[www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/Visa-listing](http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/Visa-listing)

When lodging your visa application, you will need to allow time for the application to be processed, taking into account the date you are intending to travel to Australia.

Global visa processing times are available on the Department's website:  
[www.border.gov.au/about/access-accountability/service-standards/global-visa-citizenship-processing-times](http://www.border.gov.au/about/access-accountability/service-standards/global-visa-citizenship-processing-times)

## Visa options

The table on the following page of this fact sheet provides a quick reference guide to the type of visa you may be eligible for. Please refer to the information on the Department's website to ensure you apply for the most appropriate visa. Information about the visa options listed on the following page is available on the Department's website (see [hyperlinks](#) below):

- [Temporary Activity visa \(subclass 408\)](#)
- [Temporary Work \(Short Stay Specialist\) visa \(subclass 400\)](#)

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<a href="#">Temporary Activity visa (subclass 408)</a>	<a href="#">Temporary Activity visa (subclass 408)</a>	<a href="#">Temporary Activity visa (subclass 408)</a>	<a href="#">Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist) visa (subclass 400)</a>
<b>Activity type:</b> <b><a href="#">Invited Participant</a></b>	<b>Activity type:</b> <b><a href="#">Sporting activities</a></b>	<b>Activity type:</b> <b><a href="#">Entertainment activities</a></b>	<b><a href="#">Highly Specialised Work</a></b>
You may be eligible for this visa if you are a:	You may be eligible for this visa if you are a:	You may be eligible for this visa if you are a:	You may be eligible for this visa if you are a:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Sports person, team, support staff or official invited to participate in an event, or series of events, by an Australian organisation for a stay of up to three months. For example:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Players</li> <li>- Managers</li> <li>- Coaches</li> <li>- Referees</li> <li>- Umpires</li> <li>- Medical professionals.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Sports person contracted to an Australian sporting club/organisation for a season (to play, coach, instruct, or adjudicate), seeking a sponsored stay of more than three months.</li> <li>■ Sports trainee participating in high-level structured sports training programmes at the invitation of Australian organisation, seeking a sponsored stay of more than three months.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Journalist or other media personnel travelling to Australia to cover an event(s) at the invitation of an Australian organisation, where the production is intended for Australian audiences.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Professional sports person, support staff or official, where the Temporary Activity visa is not appropriate.</li> <li>■ Journalist or other media personnel travelling to Australia to cover an event(s), where the production is <u>not</u> intended for Australian audiences.</li> <li>■ Person who is otherwise working at the event - such as a project manager; site supervisor; or, in limited circumstances, a highly specialised construction worker.</li> </ul>
<b>Period of stay:</b> <b>Up to three months</b> <i>Note: This visa does not require sponsorship if the visa applicant applies while outside of Australia for a stay of up to three months. However, the inviting organisation must meet the <a href="#">Support Test</a>.</i>	<b>Period of stay:</b> <b>Up to two years</b> <i>Note: This visa requires <a href="#">sponsorship</a> if the visa applicant intends to stay in Australia for more than three months or if they apply while in Australia.</i>	<b>Period of stay:</b> <b>Up to two years</b> <i>Note: This visa requires <a href="#">sponsorship</a> if the visa applicant intends to stay in Australia for more than three months or if they apply while in Australia.</i>	<b>Period of stay:</b> <b>Up to three months*</b> <i>*Note: Up to six months may be allowed in limited circumstances. This visa does not require sponsorship, but must be applied for and granted while the applicant is outside of Australia.</i>