



**Australia**



**From Wednesday 8 June 2016, the current visa application lodgement process for applicants in South Africa applying for visas to Australia changed. All applicants, regardless of nationality, who are in South Africa at the time of making a visa application to enter Australia will be required to provide their biometrics, unless otherwise excluded or exempted from doing so under Australian Government policy.**

### **ELITE VISAS CAN ASSIST YOU WITH A MEET AND GREET FOR YOUR BIOMETRICS**

Biometric data is collected through a quick, discreet and a non-intrusive process that captures a facial image using a digital camera and a 10-digit fingerprint scan on a dry scanner machine. This process will be familiar to applicants who have travelled to other countries requiring biometric data collection. Australian visa applicants will need to attend in person any one of the four (4) Australian Visa Application Centres (AVACs) to provide their biometrics. These AVACs managed by the Australian Government's Service Deliver Partner [TLScontact](#), are located in Cape Town, Durban, Johannesburg and Pretoria.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE :**

**Please note that the Australian High Commission advises that the ticket NOT be purchased until the visa is issued. A ticket is not a requirement to apply for the visa. Elite Visas will not be held responsible should the visa not be ready by the proposed travel date.**

The Australian High Commission have advised that they no longer require the actual passport to issue Australian visas, A clear passport copy is required, and most visas will be "label free". The applicant will be sent an email-copy of his visa (or letter of refusal) once the application has been processed. **The visa will be sent to the e-mail address provided by the applicant on the application form.**

The High Commission however does reserve the right to ask for any passport and may opt to rather insert a normal visa into the passport.

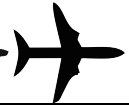
**PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY DOCUMENTATION THAT IS NOT IN ENGLISH MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN OFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION.**

Please note: Exclusive Global Visas are not obliged to obtain visas or any documentation related thereto on behalf of the applicant or any company representative. The service offered by Elite Visas is purely that of a visa courier service. Any discrepancies should be directed to the High Commission, Consulate or Embassy concerned. All visa and courier fees are the responsibility of the applicant or company representative irrespective of the outcome of the visa application. Any fees charged are non-refundable. Application fees are paid in advance. Service/Courier fee charges are payable regardless of the outcome of the application once the application has been collected from the said offices.

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<b>BUSINESS VISA REQUIREMENTS</b>	
One application form (1415), checklist and 956 authority form <b>(Both to be signed)</b> .	✓
A certified copy of the bio-data page of the passport is required	
Two passport size photograph's	
Copy of Travel Agent itinerary	
Company letter confirming the nature of the business to be conducted as well as the contact details of the company in Australia. (Self employed applicants must also include a certified copy of their company Registration Papers)	
Letter of invitation from the company in Australia	

### **PROCESSING TIME**

Minimum 30 Working days (once received at Australian High Commission)

### **ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORITY (ETA)**

ETA's are available at no visa charge to the holders of the passports listed below. An ETA is valid for a period of three months for tourism and business. A valid passport is required. No application form is required

Andorra	Austria	Belgium
Brunei	Canada	Denmark
Finland	France	Germany
Greece	Iceland	Ireland
Italy	Japan	Liechtenstein
Luxembourg	Malaysia	Monaco
Malta	Netherlands	Norway
Portugal	Singapore	South Korea
Spain	Sweden	Switzerland
UK	USA	Vatican City

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