



Visa options for professional sports persons

Overview

This fact sheet is a general guide to the most common visa options for those travelling to Australia to participate in sporting events.

The information contained in this fact sheet is current as at **16 February 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/

New Zealand citizens should refer to the Department’s website: www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/444-

Visa Options

To apply for one of the following visas, you must make an online visa application through ImmiAccount. If you do not already have an ImmiAccount, you will need to create one. To login to ImmiAccount, or to create an account, refer to the Department’s website: www.border.gov.au/immiaccount

The following table provides a quick reference guide to the type of visa you may be eligible for. Please refer to the information on the following pages of this fact sheet, as well as the Department’s website, for details about each visa option, to ensure you apply for the most appropriate visa.

Temporary Activity visa (subclass 408) Activity type: <i>Invited for other social/cultural activity</i>	Temporary Activity visa (subclass 408) Activity type: <i>Sporting activities</i>	Temporary Activity visa (subclass 408) Activity type: <i>Entertainment activities</i>	Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist) visa (subclass 400)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Invited participants to a sporting event, including sports persons and those directly supporting them (such as managers, medical staff and coaches). ■ Officials (such as referees and umpires). <p>*Up to 3 months stay.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sports persons contracted to an Australian sporting club/organisation for a season. ■ Sports trainees participating in high level structured sports training programmes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Journalists and other media personnel travelling to Australia to cover events (including sporting events) – where the production <u>is</u> intended for Australian audiences. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Professional sports persons (where the subclass 408 may not be appropriate). ■ Journalists and other media personnel travelling to Australia to cover events (including sporting events) – where the production <u>is not</u> intended for Australian audiences. ■ Persons who are otherwise working at an event (such as event project managers and specialised construction workers).

'Invited Participants' to a sporting event

Temporary Activity visa (subclass 408) - Activity type: *Invited for other social/cultural activity*

The Temporary Activity visa (*Invited Participant*) allows:

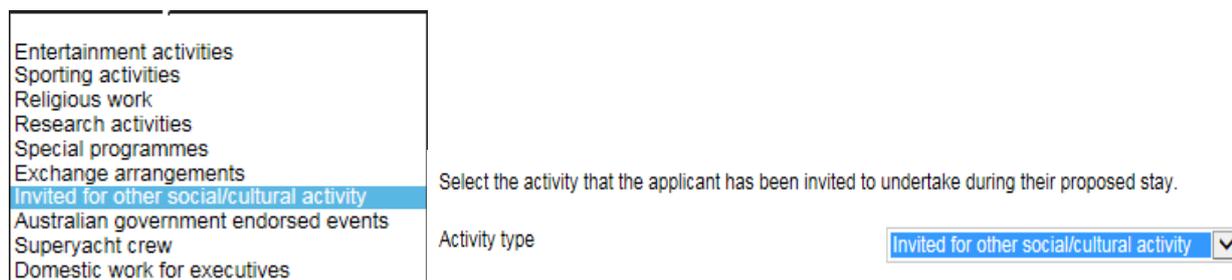
- sports persons and those directly supporting them (such as managers, medical staff and coaches) and
- officials (such as referees and umpires)

who have been invited for a stay of up to 3 months by an organisation operating in Australia, to participate in sporting events.

If you apply from outside Australia and intend to stay in Australia for three months or less, you do not need to be sponsored for this visa. However, you must provide a letter of invitation from the individual or organisation in Australia responsible for the event, which identifies:

- you (as the visa applicant) and any family members travelling with you
- the event/s, activity or work you will be involved in
- the duties in relation to event/s, activity or work you will be involved in
- the date/s, location/s of the event/s activity or work.

To apply for this visa as an 'Invited Participant, please select the following Activity type: *Invited for other social/cultural activity* on page 2 of the online application form.



The screenshot shows a dropdown menu with the following options: Entertainment activities, Sporting activities, Religious work, Research activities, Special programmes, Exchange arrangements, **Invited for other social/cultural activity**, Australian government endorsed events, Superyacht crew, and Domestic work for executives. To the right of the menu, the text reads: "Select the activity that the applicant has been invited to undertake during their proposed stay." Below the menu, the label "Activity type" is followed by a dropdown box containing the selected option: "Invited for other social/cultural activity".

Further information about the specific requirements of the Temporary Activity visa is available on the Department's website: www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/408-

Sports persons contracted to an Australian sporting club or organisation for a season

Temporary Activity visa (subclass 408) - Activity type: *Sporting activities*

The Temporary Activity visa (Activity type: *Sporting activities*) allows sports persons who are skilled at the Australian national level to play, coach, instruct, or adjudicate for an Australian sporting club or organisation for a season. You must have:

- a contract with the Australian sporting club or organisation
- an established reputation in your field of sport and
- a letter of endorsement from the Australian national sporting body responsible for the sport, stating that you have the ability to play, coach, instruct, or adjudicate at the Australian national level.

To apply for the Temporary Activity visa as a sports person contracted to an Australian sporting club or organisation for a season please select the following Activity type: *Sporting activities* on page 2 of the online application form.

Entertainment activities
Sporting activities
Religious work
Research activities
Special programmes
Exchange arrangements
Invited for other social/cultural activity
Australian government endorsed events
Superyacht crew
Domestic work for executives

Select the activity that the applicant has been invited to undertake during their proposed stay.

Activity type

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Sports trainees

Temporary Activity visa (subclass 408) - Activity type: *Sporting activities*

The Temporary Activity visa (Activity type: *Sporting activities*) allows sports persons or adjudicators to participate in high level structured sports training programmes, aimed at developing them at or towards the national or international level of their sport.

You may be eligible for this visa if:

- you will be participating in a full-time structured sports training programme that is designed to achieve a high performance outcome and
 - the sports training organisation has an international reputation for training elite sports persons or adjudicators and
 - you are currently competing or adjudicating at the Australian national level or equivalent;
- or**
- the relevant peak sporting body in Australia or overseas provides a letter of endorsement stating that you have the potential to compete or adjudicate at the Australian national level.

To apply for the Temporary Activity visa as a sports trainee, please select the following Activity type: *Sporting activities* on page 2 of the online application form.

Entertainment activities
Sporting activities
Religious work
Research activities
Special programmes
Exchange arrangements
Invited for other social/cultural activity
Australian government endorsed events
Superyacht crew
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Activity type

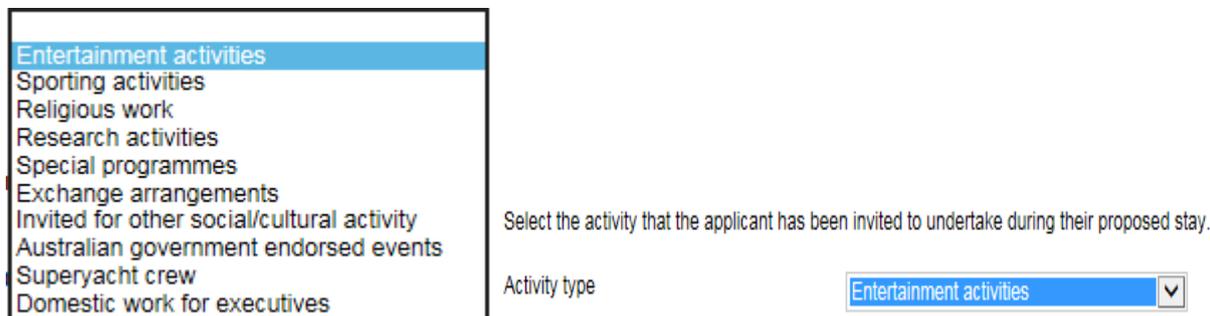
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Media personnel (where the production is intended for Australian audiences)

Temporary Activity visa (subclass 408) - Activity type: *Entertainment activities*

The Temporary Activity visa (Activity type: *Entertainment activities*) allows journalists and other media personnel, seeking to take part in a production intended for Australian audiences, to travel to Australia to cover events (including sporting events).

To apply for the Temporary Activity visa as media personnel (to take part in productions intended for Australian audiences), please select the following Activity type: *Entertainment activities* on page 2 of the online application form.



Select the activity that the applicant has been invited to undertake during their proposed stay.

Activity type

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Media personnel (where the production is not intended for Australian audiences)

Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist) visa (subclass 400)

The Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist) visa allows journalists and other media personnel, who will not be taking part in a production intended for Australian audiences, to travel to Australia to cover events (including sporting events). In general, the visa provides for up to three months stay, however up to six months may be allowed in limited circumstances.

Further information about the specific requirements of the Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist) visa is available on the Department's website: www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/400-

Highly specialised workers

Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist) visa (subclass 400)

The Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist) visa allows persons who are otherwise working at an event (such as event project managers and specialised construction workers) to travel to Australia to do short-term, highly specialised, non-ongoing work. In general, the visa provides for up to three months stay, however up to six months may be allowed in limited circumstances.

This visa is also an alternative visa option for professional competitors or persons who support professional competitors (such as coaches, team officials, and doctors), participating in one or more short-term events at the national level.

Further information about the specific requirements of the Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist) visa is available on the Department's website: www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/400-

List of visas and processing times

A list of visas is available on the Department's website: 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. Information about visa processing times is available on the Department's website: www.border.gov.au/about/access-accountability/service-standards