



AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION
NAIROBI, KENYA

RIVERSIDE DRIVE, OFF CHIROMO ROAD
400 METERS FROM CHIROMO CAMPUS

TOURIST / VISITOR VISA REQUIREMENTS (FORM 48R)

A valid application should have the applicable visa application charge, a completed form 48R and a passport size photograph of each applicant. It is in the interest of the applicant to ensure that ALL the documentation detailed on this list is provided at the time of lodgement of your application.

Visa application charges for specific visas are available from our website at: <http://www.kenya.embassy.gov.au>. Please note that if you are lodging your application in person, this office will only accept payment in cash for US Dollars or Kenya Shillings at the counter. If you are lodging your application by courier or mail, payment should be made in US Dollars by International bank draft that is made payable to Australian High Commission and the draft should be drawn on a bank in New York. Personal cheques and credit cards are **NOT** acceptable. Please **DO NOT** send cash in the mail. Please note **THE APPLICATION FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE**

Please note that the counter hours are 9am-11am, Monday to Thursday, excluding public holidays.

Please note the Department of Immigration and Citizenship's published service standards for this visa type at: <http://www.immi.gov.au/about/charters/client-services-charter/2.0.htm>

The average processing time for this visa at the Australian High Commission, Nairobi is up to **10 Working Days**, however, this may vary depending on the individual circumstances of each application.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Please provide originals and certified copies of the required documents. All original documents provided in support of the application will be returned to the applicant upon finalisation of the application. Documents that are issued in languages other than English must be accompanied with an official English translation.

- ◆ A valid passport for the period of your stay in Australia.
- ◆ **If you are employed:** - a letter from your employer with details of your income, length of your contract/employment, amount of leave and if your employment will continue on your return from Australia.
- ◆ **If you are a student** :- evidence of your enrolment at your school/college or university.
- ◆ **All applicants aged below 18 years of age and who are not travelling with both parents** must provide a statutory declaration from the non-travelling parent/guardian giving permission to travel to Australia. Certified copies of parents'/guardian's national identity cards or passports must be provided.
- ◆ Evidence of funds available to you, such as original and certified copies of bank statements. If the intended travel is being supported by a third person or organisation, an undertaking by that person or organisation to provide the funds must be provided.
- ◆ A signed letter of authorisation for this office to verify any bank statements provided in support of the application. The letter of authorisation should be issued and signed by the account holder of the bank statements provided. Alternatively, the account holder should complete and sign the attached authorisation letter to enable this office to verify the bank statements provided in support of the application.
- ◆ If anyone in Australia is paying for your ticket, providing you with funds or maintaining you while in Australia, they need to send evidence of funds (i.e. bank statements) to this office.

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- ◆ Evidence of your incentives to return to your home country; examples of evidence can be land/assets/bank statements, evidence of employment/business registration, and evidence of remaining family members in form of birth certificates/marriage certificate.
- ◆ **If you intend to visit a close relative or friend in Australia**, please provide full name of your relatives or friends you intend to visit giving details of their dates of birth, a letter of invitation and what is being provided for you in Australia i.e. accommodation, spending money, fare, food and any other costs.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION UNDERTAKES VERIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION.

VISITORS 75 YEARS AND OVER – FITNESS TO TRAVEL

Australian law requires that visitors to Australia meet a certain standard of health to be granted a visa. Applicants aged 75 and over will be required to attend an Australian Government appointed doctor with a medical pro-forma which will be issued to you after you lodge your application. You will be required to provide an additional **passport-size photograph**. The results of your tests will then be forwarded directly to this office by the doctor.

The doctor will assess whether you:

- ◆ are fit to travel to Australia unaccompanied and without assistance; and
- ◆ are able to depart Australia at the end of your authorised stay without assistance

You are also required to provide with your application, evidence that you have medical insurance cover for the length of your stay in Australia.

ADDITIONAL MEDICAL REQUIREMENT FOR SOME APPLICANTS

If you are intending to stay in Australia for longer than **3 months** or enter a classroom environment, health care or hospital environment or a childcare centre, you will be required to undergo a medical and x-ray examination with an appointed Australian Government doctor in your country of residence. Please supply 2 additional passport size photographs with your application for this purpose (3 in total). You will be advised when your medical forms are ready for collection if you are in Kenya, or they will be sent directly to the Australian Government appointed doctor in your country of residence and you will be advised how and when to attend a medical examination. .

Further information on the health requirement is available at: <http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/health-requirements/>

Send your application for processing to:

By Mail:

Australian High Commission
Immigration Section
P.O. Box 39765 -00623
NAIROBI

By courier:

Australian High Commission
Riverside Drive (400 metres off Chiromo Road)
Nairobi
Kenya

Alternatively, you can lodge your application over the counter by making an appointment. Appointments can be made by:

Phone:

(254) 020 427 7166
(254) 020 427 7173

Email:

immigration.nairobi.appointments@dfat.gov.au

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RETURN OF PASSPORTS AND DOCUMENTS

To ensure the safe return of original documents and passport(s), it is suggested that applicants living outside Nairobi make arrangements with a courier company about obtaining a pre-paid courier voucher that should be included with your application. If applicants do not provide a pre-paid courier voucher or instruct this office regarding their courier arrangements for the return of their documents, the original documents and passport(s) will be returned by registered or secure post at the expense of the applicant.

..... Bank
P. O. Box
.....
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Date:

Dear Madam/Sir,

RE: VERIFICATION OF BANK STATEMENTS

I (*Full name*) ID No.

Of account number held at.....branch,

..... bank, confirm that I have given my bank statements to
..... to present with their visa application. I would like to sponsor them for
their purposes in Australia.

I agree to the bank authorities' disclosure of information to the Australian High Commission to confirm the authenticity of the bank statements submitted to them.

Thank you for your assistance.

Regards

..... (*Full name*)

..... (*signature*)