



Visa options for the 2017 Commonwealth & Oceania Weightlifting Championships (1 - 10 September)

Overview

This fact sheet is a general guide to the most common visa options for amateur sports persons and their supporters travelling to Australia 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/

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

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 further information in this fact sheet and the Department's website for details about each visa option, to ensure you apply for the most appropriate visa.

Visa lists 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.

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

Requirements for applicants under 18 years of age

Visa applicants who are under 18 years of age may be required to satisfy additional criteria to ensure that their interests are protected and that Australia meets its international obligations in relation to minors.

Information about documents that may be required for persons younger than 18 years of age is available on the Department's website. Please refer to the following forms listed on the Department's website: www.border.gov.au/allforms

- **Form 1229 - Consent form to grant an Australian visa to a child under the age of 18 years**
- **Form 1257 - Undertaking declaration.**

Visa Options

<p>Visitor visa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ETA (subclass 601) ▪ eVisitor (subclass 651) ▪ Visitor visa (subclass 600) 	<p>Temporary Activity visa (subclass 408)</p> <p><i>Invited Participant</i></p> <p><i>Amateur sports persons and supporters – please consider your eligibility for a Visitor visa, before applying for a Temporary Activity visa.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Amateur sports persons participating in an amateur sporting event. ■ Persons who support amateur players or teams on a genuine unpaid volunteer basis (for example: a coach, team official, or referee). ■ Spectators and family members of amateur sports persons. ■ Participants or attendees of an event (who are <u>not</u> working, entertaining or being paid to contribute). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Persons who have been invited by an Australian organisation to participate in a short-term sporting event of up to three months.

Visitor visas

An amateur sports person is defined as a person who does not derive their main income from their sport. If you are an amateur sports person or a person that supports an amateur player or team on a genuine unpaid volunteer basis (for example: a coach, team official, or referee), you may be eligible for one of the following Visitor visas:

- Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) (subclass 601)
- eVisitor (subclass 651)
- Visitor visa (subclass 600) in the tourist stream.

Spectators and family members of amateur players may also be eligible for a Visitor visa.

You must not be paid for participating in the event, or for supporting an amateur player or team. However, you may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses such as accommodation and meals. Amateur players may generally receive small amounts of prize money for their participation in the event.

Further information about the specific requirements of Visitor visas is available on the Department's website: www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa/Appl/Visitor

Temporary Activity visa (subclass 408) - Invited Participant

If you have been invited by an Australian organisation to participate in a short-term sporting event of up to three months, you may be eligible for the Temporary Activity visa as an 'Invited Participant'.

If you apply from outside Australia and intend to stay in Australia for up to three months, you do not need to be sponsored for the Temporary Activity visa. However, the organisation in Australia who is responsible for the events or activities must meet the **Support test**.

As part of the **Support test**, the organisation inviting you must provide a letter of invitation (on the organisation's letterhead) which specifies:

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

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

To apply

To apply for a Temporary Activity visa 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

To apply for this visa as an **Invited participant**, you should indicate on the online application form (on page 2) that your proposed **Length of stay in Australia** is '**Up to 3 months**'; and make the selections shown in the following example:

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Application for a Temporary Activity Visa

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Application context

Current location ⓘ
Give details of the applicant's current location.

Current location

Proposed period of stay ⓘ
Give details of the proposed period of stay in Australia.

Length of stay in Australia

Date from

Date to

Note: If granted, the stay period may be less than the period requested. The applicant should check the Grant Notification Letter to confirm their period of stay in Australia.

Has the applicant been invited to Australia to participate in a short term activity or event, as listed at [Invited Participants information](#)?
 Yes No

Will the applicant be working in the entertainment industry, as listed at [Entertainment information](#)?
 Yes No

Is the applicant an accredited participant of an Australian Government Endorsed Event, as listed at [AGEE information](#)?
 Yes No

Activity type

Group processing ⓘ
Is this application being lodged as part of a group of applications?
 Yes No

Visa application charge concession ⓘ
Is the applicant eligible for a Visa Application Charge (VAC) concession?
 Yes No