

Visa Information Sheet

for the Playing Group



TO ENTER AUSTRALIA FOR THE 2022 AO SUMMER, YOU NEED TO:

1. Complete the Visa and Entry form: <https://participant.tennis.com.au/>
2. Apply for your visa: **Temporary Activity Visa (subclass 408) Invited for other social and cultural activity (Invited Participant)**
This visa type will be referred to below as the **SC408 Visa**

VISA INFORMATION

All professional players and their Support Team Members should apply for the SC408 Visa.

Persons found working in Australia on the wrong Visa type (tourist - Visitor Visa, ETA, eVisitor) may have their visa cancelled.

WHO NEEDS THE SC408 VISA?	VISA REQUIREMENTS	! IMPORTANT INFORMATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Players• Coaches• Physios• Trainers/Fitness Coaches• Agents/Managers• Anyone in an essential working capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The SC408 Visa is granted for a maximum of 3 months per visit which starts from the date of your 1st entry into Australia• Allows multiple entries over the duration of Visa granted• AUD \$315 fee• Letter of invitation required from Tennis Australia.• Complete the Visa and Entry form: participant.tennis.com.au to request one.• Your current passport can be used even if it is about to expire. However, ensure you upload a new one later through your Immiaccount.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">! Processing takes up to 6 weeks! Visa offices are closed over Christmas and New Year! Indicate clearly your travel dates to and from Australia on your application. You cannot enter Australia after your indicated departure date: e.g. If I apply for 1 November 2021 to 20 November 2021 – I will not be allowed to enter Australia after 20 November.! Do not include anyone on your SC408 visa application as it can create significant delays in the processing time. <u>Each application is for one individual.</u>! The SC408 Visa can only be applied for outside of Australia (within Australia requires an approved sponsor which is a complicated process)

YOU CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN THE AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2022 AND/OR ANY AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2022 LEAD-IN EVENTS UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN GRANTED AN APPROPRIATE SC408 VISA WITH WORKING RIGHTS.

Already hold a valid Visa?

If you currently hold a visa to enter Australia, you may check with your Australian Embassy or the Visa Entitlement Verification Online (VEVO) to check your visa validity details and visa conditions. Applying for a new visa may cancel any visas that you currently hold, so please check before applying: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview>

Invitation Letter

Remember to complete the Visa and Entry form: participant.tennis.com.au to request your letter of invitation

Biometrics Requirement – adds extra processing time so please apply early

Visa applicants may be required to provide biometrics in support of their visa application, if

- Their passports are from certain countries OR
- They lodge their application from selected locations.

To ensure your visa is processed in time for your trip, please check the link below to see if you need to submit biometrics <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/biometrics>

If yes, please apply for your visa ASAP

APPLY BY 30 OCTOBER TO ENSURE YOUR VISA IS APPROVED IN TIME.

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Biometrics Collection

You will receive emails after lodging your application with instructions to provide biometrics in the nearest biometric office. Please note:

- The biometric offices may not be in your city
- This means more time is needed to process your visa application **so apply early!**

Detailed information regarding biometrics collection, the countries required and the complete process can be found at: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/biometrics>

HOW TO APPLY?

Via Online Application

1. Apply online via your ImmiAccount here: <https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login>
 - a. Note: You need an ImmiAccount to apply for the visa.
 - b. If you do not have one, you can register for one here: <https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/register>
2. Online payment by MasterCard, VISA, American Express, Diners Club, JCB, or PayPal

*All visitors to Australia must have a valid visa to travel to and enter Australia (other than New Zealand passport holders who will normally be granted a Special Category visa on arrival, provided they meet the health and character requirements; and permanent residents of Norfolk Island who may be granted a Permanent Resident of Norfolk Island visa on arrival).

Which 'Temporary Work Activity' Visa should I select when starting my application?

Applicants must select 'Temporary Work Activity' then select 'Temporary Activity visa (408)'

The screenshot shows a 'New application' form with a list of visa categories. The 'Temporary Work (Activity)' category is selected and expanded, showing a list of sub-categories. A blue arrow points to the 'Temporary Activity Visa (408)' option, which is highlighted in yellow.

Visa Category
482 - Temporary Skill Shortage
Air & Sea Crew
APEC
Citizenship
Family
Health
Refugee & Humanitarian
Resident Return
Skilled Migration
Status resolution
Student
Temporary Work (Activity)
Sponsorship for Temporary Activities (403, 407, 408)
Temporary Activity Visa (408)
Temporary Graduate Visa (485)
Temporary Work - International Relations Visa (403)
Temporary Work - Short Stay Specialist Visa (400)
Temporary Work and Activity Visas (Subsequent Entrant) (403, 407, 408)
Training Nomination (407)
Training Visa (407)
Visitor
Work & Holiday

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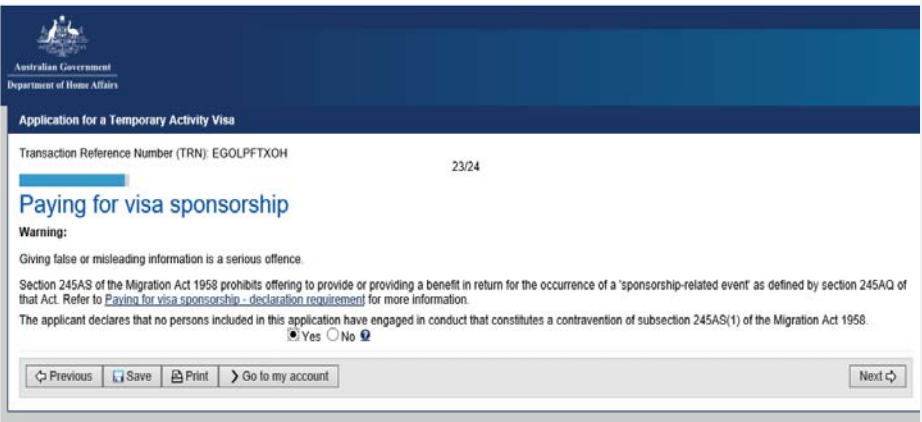
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

QUESTION	ANSWER
Which “activity type” should I specify on the application?	<p>When answering the following questions, please ensure you select the answers below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has the applicant been invited to Australia to participate in a short term activity or event: Yes• Will the applicant be working in the entertainment industry: No• Is the applicant an accredited participant of an event that is listed on the AGEE information page: No <p>If you follow the above steps, then the Activity type will automatically default to “Invited for other social/cultural activity”</p>
Is there a special group processing code for the 2022 Australian Open Series?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is this application being lodged as part of a group of applicants: Yes• Has the group already been created: Yes• Group ID: AUOP22• Group Name: 2022 Aus Open
Am I eligible for a concession on the visa application charge?	No
What organisation details should I provide?	<p>Legal registered name: 2022 Australian Open Series Trading name: Tennis Australia Organisation website: www.ausopen.com Industry Type: Other services</p>
What registration identifier should I provide?	<p>Business registration type: Australian Business Number (ABN) Business registration ID: 61006281125</p>
What office address should I provide?	<p>Please provide the following when prompted for office address: Melbourne Park Olympic Boulevard Melbourne, Victoria, 3000</p>
What contact person details should I provide?	<p>Please provide the following when prompted for contact person details: Monique Lim Head of Player Relations +61 3 9914 4337 visaassist@tennis.com.au</p>
What position details should I give?	<p>Give details of the type of activity the applicant will be undertaking in Australia: Position: Participant in the 2022 Australian Open Series Occupation Grouping: Other Occupation (ANZSCO): Sportspersons nec Duties/activities: Participant in the 2022 AO Series</p>
Events	<p>Provide the details of each of the events you will be participating in, while you are in Australia.</p>
Qualifications, skills and experience	<p>For this part of the application, please keep your answers short and factual. Examples could include:</p> <p>Relevant Qualifications: Professional Tennis Player Relevant Skills: Tennis competitive skills Relevant experience: Experience on the WTA/ATP/ITF Professional Tour</p> <p>Registration / Licensing / Professional membership requirements: WTA/ATP/ITF registered professional tennis player</p>
Remuneration Package	<p>Will remuneration be received for undertaking the activity in Australia? Answer “No”, as Prize Money is not considered remuneration.</p>

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Do I need to give my health insurance details?	<p>You must provide your health insurance details to continue with the application process. Information requested are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name of health insurance provided• Period covered. <p>It is not mandatory to provide proof of health insurance for stays of up to 3 months, although you may be randomly selected to provide this in some cases.</p>
What should I specify as my “type of health insurance cover”?	<p>Immigration needs to know that you have sufficient health insurance. Suggested examples can be “comprehensive” or “full coverage”.</p>
How to respond to the “Paying for Visa Sponsorship” question (page 23)	<p>Yes</p> 
What documents must I attach to my application for a SC408 visa?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Copy of your passport information page (showing your photo and details)• Letter of invitation (please complete the Visa and Entry form: participant.tennis.com.au to request one) <p>After you attach the above two documents, there will be a pop-up window asking you why you have not attached all of the documents they requested (Financial & Health).</p>
Explain why evidence cannot be provided at this time?	<p>Answer this question by advising “Please see invitation letter attached”</p>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Further information regarding lodging applications and associated documentation can be found at:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-activity-408/invited-for-other-social-and-cultural-activity>

For information on visa fees and charges, please see: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/visa-pricing-estimator>

For information on Biometrics collection, please see: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/biometrics>

For information regarding tourist visas, please see:

Visitor Visa (subclass 600): <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600>

ETA (subclass 601): <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/electronic-travel-authority-601>

eVisitor (subclass 651): <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/evisitor-651>

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