

Visa Info

All professional players and their support personnel (i.e. players, coaches, physios, etc.) should apply for **Temporary Activity visa (subclass 408)**.

Family members attending the event in a non-working capacity may apply for a tourist visa (i.e. ETA (subclass 601), eVisitor (subclass 651) or Visitor visa (Subclass 600) in the tourist stream).

If you currently hold a valid visa to enter Australia, please check with your nearest Australian embassy for your visa entitlements.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

- The visa can be granted with single or multiple entry to Australia, therefore clearly indicate your travel dates to and from Australia during your stay on your application
- You can only stay in Australia for the period granted (up to three months)
- All professional players and support personnel must pay a fee of AUD\$280
- All international players and support personnel require a letter of invitation
- Please contact HTawse@tennis.com.au to request a letter of invitation

PLEASE NOTE

- Processing time of the 408 visa can take up to 1 month
- Ensure you leave adequate time prior to your projected travel dates
- Visa processing offices will be closed over the Christmas and New Year holidays
- People found to be working in breach of their visa conditions may have their visa cancelled

Family members are recommended to apply for a tourist visa (i.e. ETA (subclass 601), eVisitor (subclass 651) or Visitor visa (Subclass 600) in the tourist stream).

- Support personnel cannot be considered as family members and are required to apply for a visa in their own right

You cannot participate in the 2018 Australian Open Wheelchair Tennis Series until you have been granted an appropriate visa with work rights

Online Application – every country can apply online

1. Apply online via your ImmiAccount here: <https://online.immi.gov.au/elp/app?action=new&formId=TAV-AP-408>
 - a. **Note:** You need an ImmiAccount to apply for the visa. 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).

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Which “activity type” should I specify on the application?

When answering the following questions, please ensure you select the answers highlighted in Red.

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 Australian Government endorsed event: No
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When prompted for “Activity Type”, please specify “Invited for other social/cultural activity”.
Do NOT select “Sporting activities”.

Is there a special group processing code for the 2018 Australian Open Series?

Yes, please specify **“AUOP17”** as the Group ID and Group name.

Am I eligible for a concession on the visa application charge?

No.

What organisation details should I provide?

Please provide the following when prompted for organisation details:

2018 Australian Open Series
Tennis Australia
www.ausopen.com

What registration identifier should I provide?

Please use our “Australian Business Number (ABN)”: **61006281125**.

What office address should I provide?

Please provide the following when prompted for office address:

Melbourne Park
Olympic Boulevard
Melbourne, Victoria, 3000

What contact person details should I provide?

Please provide the following when prompted for contact person details:

Holly Tawse
+61 3 9914 4045
HTawse@tennis.com.au

What position details should I give?

Suggested example: **Participant in the 2018 Australian Open Series**.

Does participating at AO Series imply that I am receiving a “remuneration package”?

Answer **“No”**, as Prize Money is not considered remuneration.

Do I need to give my health insurance details?

While you are required to make adequate arrangements for health insurance, it is not mandatory to provide health insurance details or proof of insurance for stays of up to 3 months

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What should I specify as my “type of health insurance cover”?

Immigration needs to know that you have sufficient health insurance. Suggested examples can be “comprehensive” or “full coverage”. See above.

What documents must I attach to my application for a 408 visa?

- Copy of your passport information page (*showing your photo and details*)
- Letter of invitation (*please email HTawse@tennis.com.au to request one*)

Additional information

Further information regarding lodging applications and associated documentation can be found at:
<https://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/408->

For information on visa fees and charges, please see:
<http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa/Fees>

For information on Biometrics collection, please see:
<http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa/Biom>

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