

NEWS AND NOTICES

8 May 2015: Changes to Australian visa processing in Hong Kong starting 22 May 2015.

From 22 May 2015, the Department of Immigration and Border Protection will commence collecting biometrics from clients applying for Australian visas in Hong Kong. Biometrics will be collected from visa applicants who are lodging paper applications, irrespective of their nationality, who are in Hong Kong at the time of making a visa application to enter Australia unless they are excluded or exempted from the Programme.

Visa applicants in Hong Kong who lodge their applications at the Australian Visa Application Centre (AVAC) in Hong Kong will be asked to provide their biometrics at the same time.

Visa applicants, who mail their applications to the Australian Consulate-General or to the AVAC, will be sent a letter requiring them to attend the AVAC, in person, to provide their biometrics.

Some applicants lodging their visas online may be sent a letter informing them that they need to attend the AVAC in person to provide their biometrics.

The AVAC will charge a service fee for the lodgment of applications and collection of biometrics.

Primary Client Fee

Application lodgment and biometric collection – Primary applicant
Biometric collection only
Resident Return visa applications - no biometrics required

Service Fee

HKD 437

Secondary Client Fee

Application lodgment and biometric collection – Secondary applicant
Citizenship by Descent and Australian Declaratory Visa applications – no biometrics required
Additional document submission – if not accompanied by a letter from the Visa Office
Visa Evidence Charge

Service Fee

HKD 397