



Australian Government
**Department of Immigration
and Border Protection**

Work and Holiday visa (subclass 462)

Application Checklist (Thailand)

Who should apply for a Subclass 462 Work and Holiday visa?

The Thailand - Australia Work & Holiday arrangement is a reciprocal program with 500 places available for Thai applicants each financial year (1 July – 30 June). The program provides young people with the opportunity for a 12 month holiday with permission to work if they wish so that they can enjoy the cultural experience and interaction of living and working in Australia. Participants may generally only work for any one employer for a maximum of 6 months.

<http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Work/Empl/WHM-six-months-one-employer>

Applicants must also have the financial capacity to support themselves so that they do not have to rely entirely on earnings from their incidental employment.

You might be able to get this visa if you:

- are at least 18 but have not turned 31 years of age at the time you lodge your application
- will not be with a dependent child while you are in Australia
- have enough money to support yourself on a working holiday (about AUD 5000)
- have enough money to buy a return or onward travel ticket at the end of your stay
- have not previously entered Australia on a Work and Holiday visa (subclass 462)
- meet the educational requirements
- have functional English
- have a letter of support from the Department of Children and Youth in Thailand
- meet character and health requirements
- are a genuine visitor.

Functional English

You must provide evidence that you have at least functional English. This can be:

- evidence you are a citizen of and hold a valid passport issued by the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada, New Zealand, or the Republic of Ireland

- an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) average band score of at least 4.5 for the four test components (speaking, reading, listening and writing) completed within 12 months of visa application lodgement
- the Occupational English Test (OET) completed within 12 months of visa application lodgement
- a Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-Based Test (TOEFL iBT) total band score of at least 32 for the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening completed within 12 months of visa application lodgement
- a Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic) overall band score of at least 30 for the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening completed within 12 months of visa application lodgement
- a Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) test overall band score of at least 147 for the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening and the test must have been taken on or after 1 January 2015
- all years of primary education and at least three years of secondary school at an institution where all the instruction was in English
- at least five years of secondary education (high school) at an educational institution in which all instruction was in English
- a post-secondary qualification with at least two years of full-time study, in which all tuition was in English
- at least one year of full-time study or equivalent towards a degree, higher degree, diploma or associate diploma at an Australian institution where all the instruction was in English.

Where do I lodge my application?

All applications should be lodged in person at an Australian Visa Application Centre (AVAC) in Thailand where your biometrics (generally photo and fingerprint) can be collected simultaneously:

Bangkok	Chiang Mai
<p>The Trendy Office Building 28th floor, Sukhumvit Soi 13, Klongtoey-Nua, Wattana, Bangkok 10110 (NANA BTS station, exit 3)</p> <p>Telephone: 02 118 7100 Email: info.dibpth@vfshelpline.com</p>	<p>Siriphanich Building 6th floor, 191 Huaykaew Road, Suthep, Muang, Chiang Mai (opposite MAYA Lifestyle Shopping Centre)</p> <p>Telephone: 02 118 7100 Email: info.dibpth@vfshelpline.com</p>
<p>Further information on the Australia Visa Application Centres in Thailand, please see: www.vfsglobal.com/Australia/Thailand</p>	

Biometrics collection

Most applicants lodging visa applications in Thailand, regardless of nationality, need to attend in person to provide their fingerprints and a digital facial photograph as part of visa application processing. The collection of biometrics is conducted at an Australian Visa Application Centre (AVAC) in Bangkok or Chiang Mai. Please take your original passport with you. For further information on biometrics, see: <http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa/Biom>

How much will this visa cost?

There is an application charge for this visa. This will not be refunded if your application is unsuccessful, or the program is full, or if you decide to withdraw your application after you have lodged it.

See: <http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa/Fees>

What happens after I have lodged my application with an Australian Visa Application Centre (AVAC)?

Once you have lodged your application at an AVAC, it is forwarded to the Australian Embassy in Bangkok. The AVAC issues you with a receipt of your payment and tracking number so you can track your application.

How long will it take?

The time taken for applications to be assessed fluctuates based on the number of applications received at any one time by the department.

For all Work and Holiday visa applications, the current service standard is **14 days**.

What will help me get my application processed faster?

You should ensure you lodge a complete visa application. A complete visa application is one that provides all the information necessary for a decision to be made.

While the department may ask you to provide more information in order to determine whether you meet the criteria for grant of the visa, a decision on the visa application may be made solely on the information provided at the time of application.

Note: the Visa Application Charge (and any other associated service fees) will not be refunded if a decision is made to refuse to grant the visa because you did not satisfy the criteria for grant of the visa.

Do I need to have a health examination?

All applicants are required to meet the health requirements.

The department uses an online health system to record your health examination results and conduct your health assessment. Generally, medical examinations can be conducted only after a visa application has been validly lodged with the Embassy. After the application is lodged, the case officer will provide you with a "Health Assessment" letter (by email, mail or fax). The Panel Physician will need to see this letter as part of the medical examination process and you should take the letter with you when you go to the Panel Physician for your examination.

Medical examinations must be undertaken by a doctor from a list of approved doctors provided by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection. A list of these doctors is on the Department's website: <http://www.border.gov.au/about/contact/offices-locations/thailand>

Health insurance

Medical treatment in Australia can be very expensive. As a visitor, you are not covered by Australia's national health scheme, unless there is a reciprocal health care agreement between Australia and your country. Health care for visitors to Australia is explained on the Medicare Australia website.

It is recommended that you take out health insurance for the duration of your stay in Australia. You can obtain health insurance through a health insurance provider or travel agent in your country of residence.

About your visa

We electronically record all visas issued to non-citizens providing them permission to travel, enter and/or remain in Australia. The Australian Government does not provide visa labels.

When you receive your Australian visa you are issued with a visa grant notification letter that explains the conditions of your visa including period of validity and entry requirements. You should retain this for your own reference and may wish to carry it with you when you travel as it contains important information about your visa. The information contained within the visa grant notification letter will help you check your visa details online using the department's Visa Entitlement Verification Online service, known as VEVO.

Can I ask another person to deal with the Embassy on my behalf?

Australian privacy law prevents the Department from responding to enquiries from people not authorised by the visa applicant. This includes the person providing support to the application. If you want to authorise another person to be able to discuss your application with this office, or receive correspondence about your application, you should indicate this by using a Form 956 or 956A which **must be** signed by both applicant and authorised person.

Without a Form 956 we cannot talk about your case to anyone else, including your partner or family members.

See: <http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa/Usin/Getting-help-to-apply-for-a-visa>

Application Document Checklist

This application document checklist details the information and supporting documents (personal, health and character) required to assist with the lodgement of a complete application with the department. You may also need to provide additional information and documentation after you have made your application if the department requires it.

After completing this checklist, please attach it to the front of your application.

- Form 1208 – completed in English and signed by the applicant
- A non-refundable Visa Application Charge (VAC)
- A passport that is valid for the total period of your stay in Australia, or for a minimum of 6 months
- One recent passport size photo
- Thai National Identification card and Household Registration
- A letter of support for your application to apply for a Work and Holiday visa.

This letter must be the original letter of approval from the Department of Children and Youth, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, 618/1 Nikommakkasan Rd, Rajthevee, Bangkok 10400

Note: the letter of support does not guarantee a place in the Work and Holiday program

- Evidence that you have adequate personal funds, or access to adequate funds to support yourself during the period of intended stay, for example, a current bankbook or bank statement with at least 6 months history of transactions. Cash or credit cards are not sufficient evidence of funds. If you are providing a bankbook, you are required to provide the photocopy and original bankbook which will be returned to you.
- A certified* photocopy of qualification certificate and academic transcript.
- A letter of employment; if applicable
- A certified* photocopy of evidence that you are able to speak English at a functional level.

*Copies of originals can be certified at an AVAC (www.vfsglobal.com/Australia/Thailand).

A certified copy will be included with the application and the original will be returned to you

For further detailed information, please also visit the Department's main website:

<http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/462->

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www.thailand.embassy.gov.au