



Transit visa (subclass 771)

Application Checklist (Thailand)

Who should apply for a Subclass 771 Transit visa?

People intending to transit through Australia on their way to another country or people who need to pass through Australia for the purpose of travelling to join a ship as a member of the crew. If you are granted this visa you can transit through Australia for no longer than 72 hours.

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

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>

What happens after I have lodged my application with an Australian Visa Application Centre (AVAC) and how long will it take?

Once you have lodged your application 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.

If you have lodged your application through an AVAC, you can expect a decision on your application approximately within 5 working days from the day you lodge your application. The processing time may take longer if the application was incomplete at the time of lodgement or if there are other issues with your application such as child custody, character concerns relating to previous immigration history or criminal convictions, or if further medical checks are required.

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 876 – completed in English and signed by the applicant
- A clear photocopy of your passport biodata page (the page with your photo), along with all stamped pages in your passport. Your passport should be valid for the total period of your stay in Australia, or for a minimum of 6 months (as this is a requirement for certain countries and airlines).
- One recent passport sized photograph (45mmx35mm), no more than six months old, of your head and shoulders only against a plain background. Print your name on the back of your photograph.
- Up to date travel itinerary - ticket or documentation, or both, establishing concluded arrangements for travel to a destination outside Australia with a transit in Australia of up to 72 hours
- Evidence of a visa for onward destination

If you are joining a ship as a crew member

- You must have a valid passport to be granted this visa
- You must produce tickets or documents establishing arrangements for travel to a destination outside Australia
- You need to hold a valid Maritime crew visa (subclass 988)
- You need to have acceptable travel documents such as a seafarer's identity document
- You need to have a statement from the vessel's local shipping/handling agent.

- The following details need to be supplied by the local shipping or handling agent:
 - Your name
 - The name(s) of the people you are replacing
 - The name of the company employing you
 - The name of the ship you are joining
 - Your date of arrival in Australia
 - The port and date you are expected to join the ship
- If you are not the ship's owner, a copy of the request for crew from the ship's agent in Australia. The request should contain the details of the crew members applying for visas.

Your transit visa lets you to travel Australia by air. If you arrive in Australia by air on a transit visa and hold no other visa (other than a Maritime crew visa (subclass 988)), your Maritime crew visa (subclass 988) will cease within five days if you do not sign onto your ship.

Applicants under 18 years of age

- An original statement from an Amphur office (Thai Government District Office) giving permission from the non-travelling parent/s or legal guardian/s for the child to travel to Australia; **or**
- Form 1229 (available from AVAC or the immigration website www.border.gov.au) signed by the non-travelling parent/s.

If applicable, the following should also be provided:

- A Por Kor 14 covering non-marital status of the applicant's parents and the custodial circumstances of the applicant; **or**
- if the applicant's parents were married, their divorce certificate with memorandum attached; **or**
- Court Orders stating the change of parental power over the applicant.

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

<http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/771->

<http://www.border.gov.au/Lega/Lega/Form/Immi-FAQs/do-i-need-a-visa-to-transit-through-australia>

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