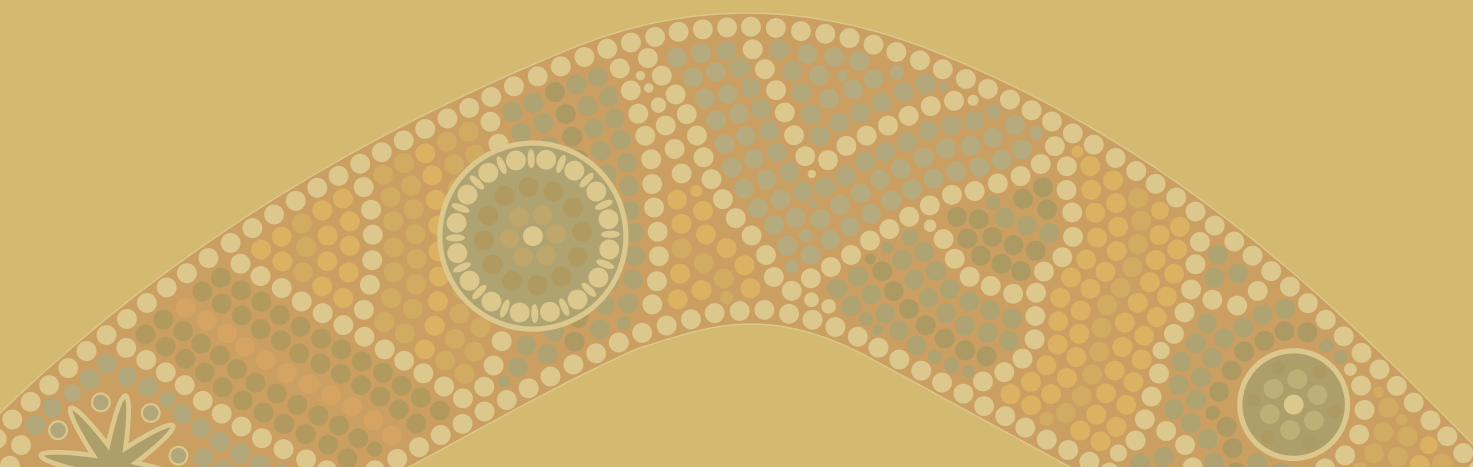




How to Apply for a Subclass 988 Australian Maritime Crew Visa (MCV)





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Quick Facts:

- Required for all crew members (except Australian and New Zealand citizens) arriving and departing Australia and are assigned to non-military ships sailing in Australian waters
- Is a multiple-entry visa valid for 3 years and can only be used to work in Australia as part of the operational requirements of a non-military ship
- Allows crew to stay in Australia for as long as they are signed-on a non-military ship
- Only allows you to join your ship in Australia and sail in Australian waters
 - you still need a **Transit Visa to enter Australia by air; an MCV is a requirement for your Transit Visa application.**
- Cannot be used as a tourist or non-shipboard working visa

When do you need to apply for an MCV?

- ☘ **For crew joining in Australia:** As soon as you receive an assignment
- ☘ **For crew joining ships that will be sailing in Australian and New Zealand waters:** 30 days before joining date

Requirements:

- Passport
- Letter of Employment (LOE) or Seaman's Book (if you have one)

Important Reminder:

If you already have an MCV, click on the link below to check if your old visa is still valid:

<https://online.immi.gov.au/evo/mcv?actionType=query>

Enter the required information then click Submit.

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MCV Online Status Enquiry

MCV online status enquiry

Please complete the following details to view your Maritime Crew Visa status.
Fields marked * must be completed.

Document type:

Date of birth:

Document number:

Country of document:

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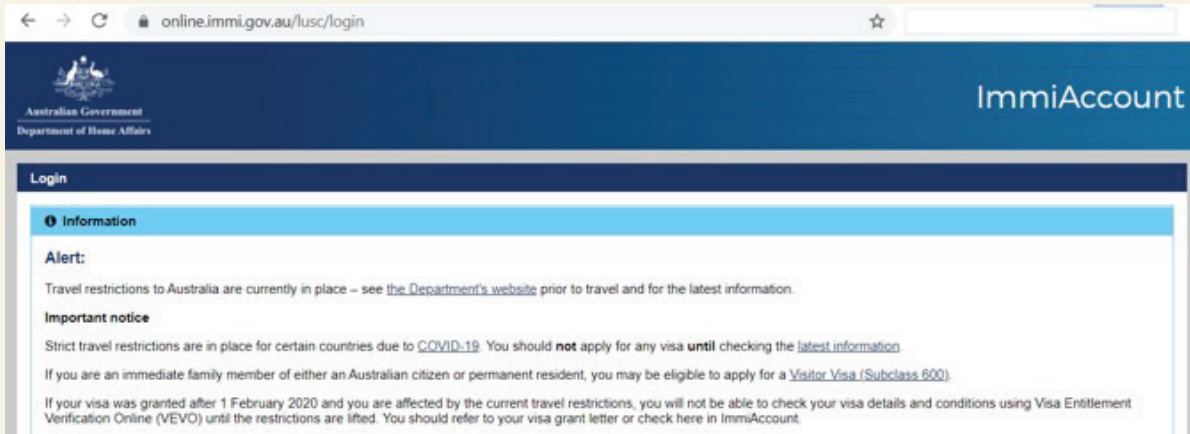
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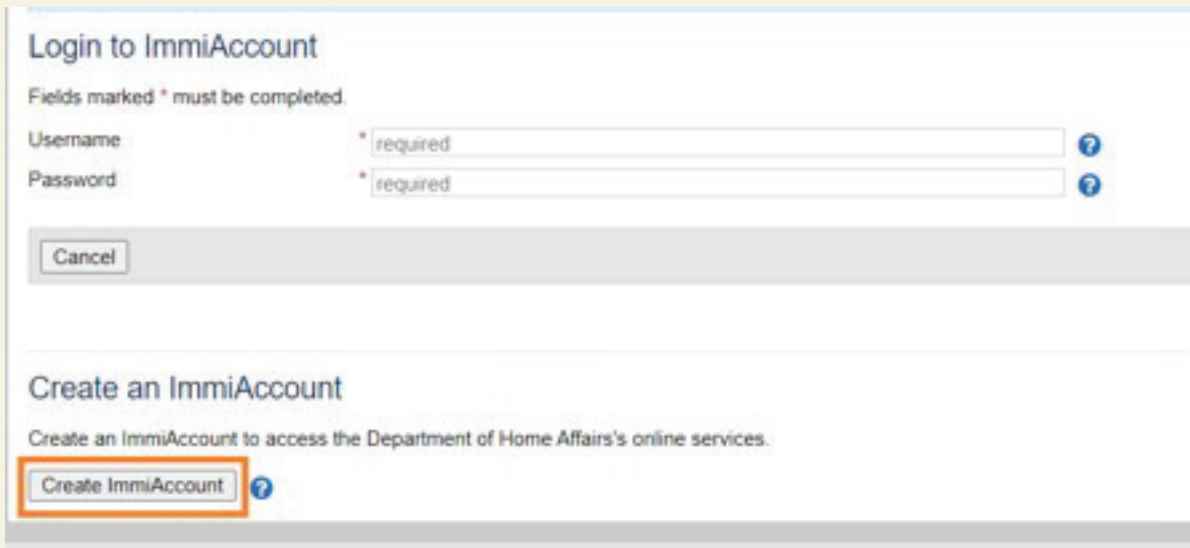


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For First-Time Applicants:
Step 1: Go to <https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login>.



Scroll down and click **Create ImmiAccount**.

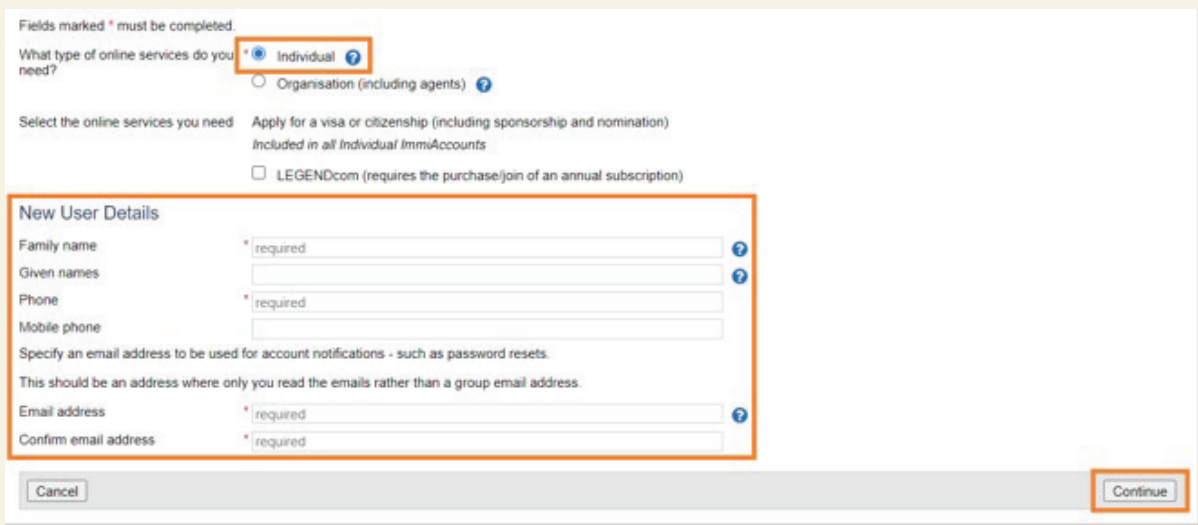


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Enter the required information.

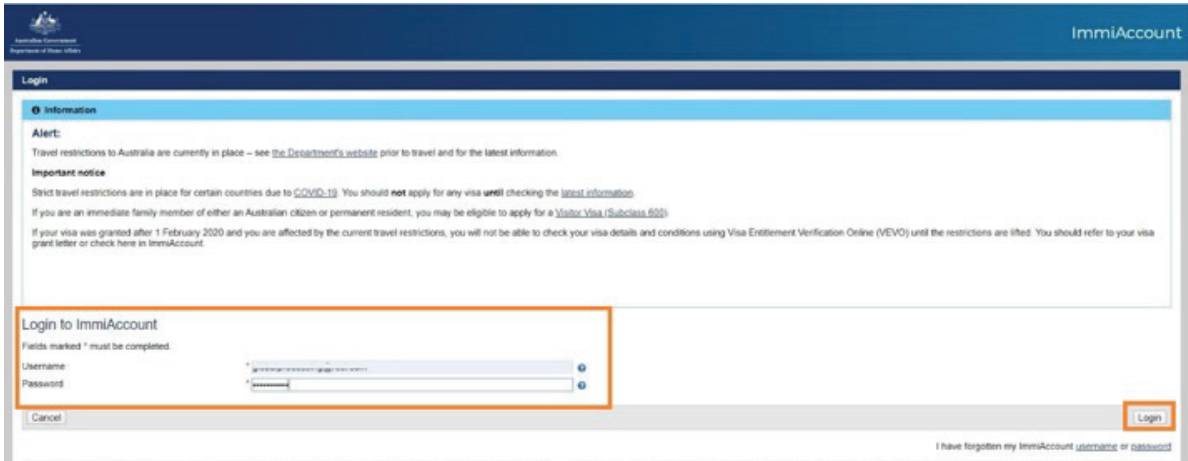
- Select **Individual** when asked **What type of services do you need?**
- Provide your Name, phone numbers, and email address.

After entering your name and contact information, click **Continue**.

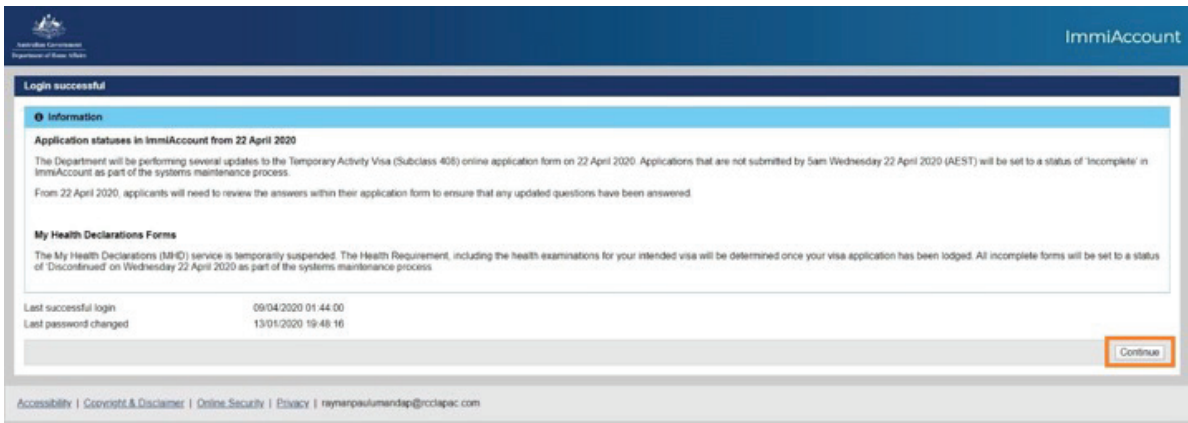




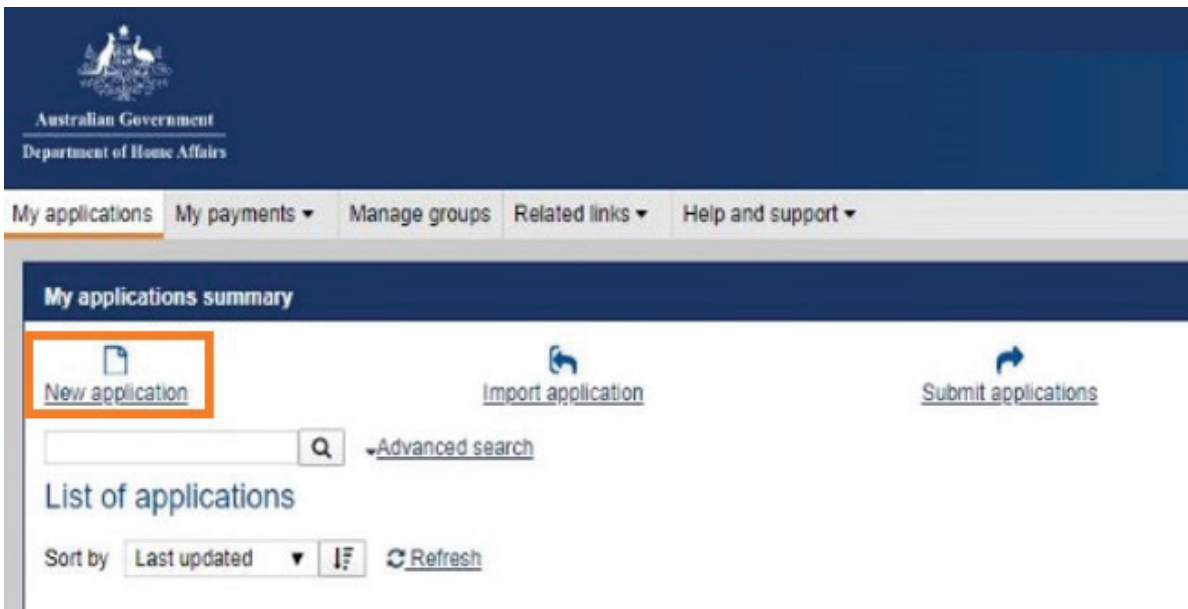
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STEP After creating your ImmiAccount, log into the homepage.
Enter your **Username** and **Password** then click **Login**.



After logging in, click **Continue**.



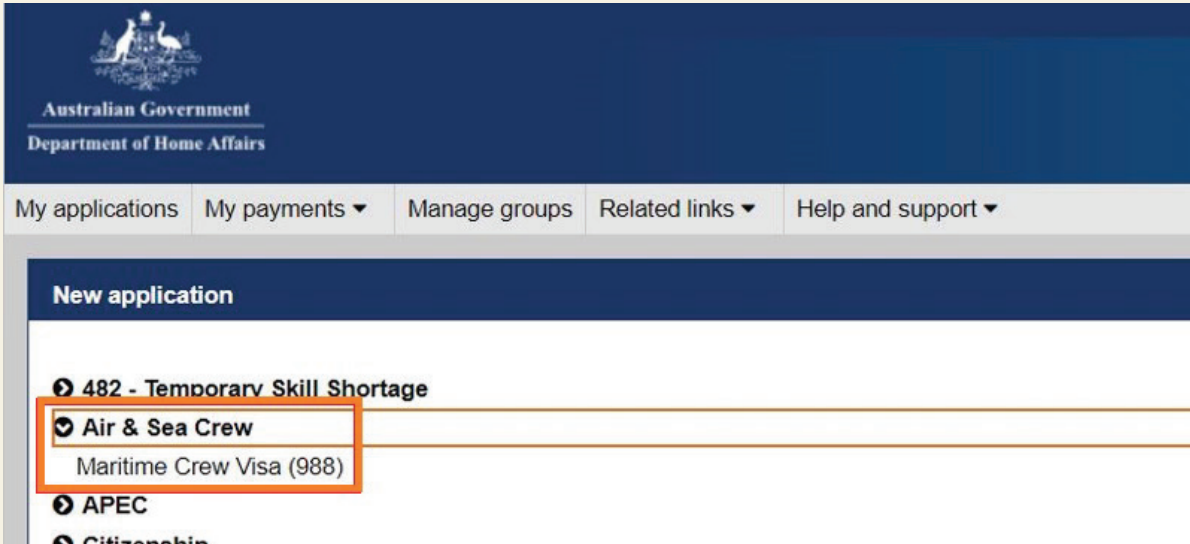
Click **New Application**.





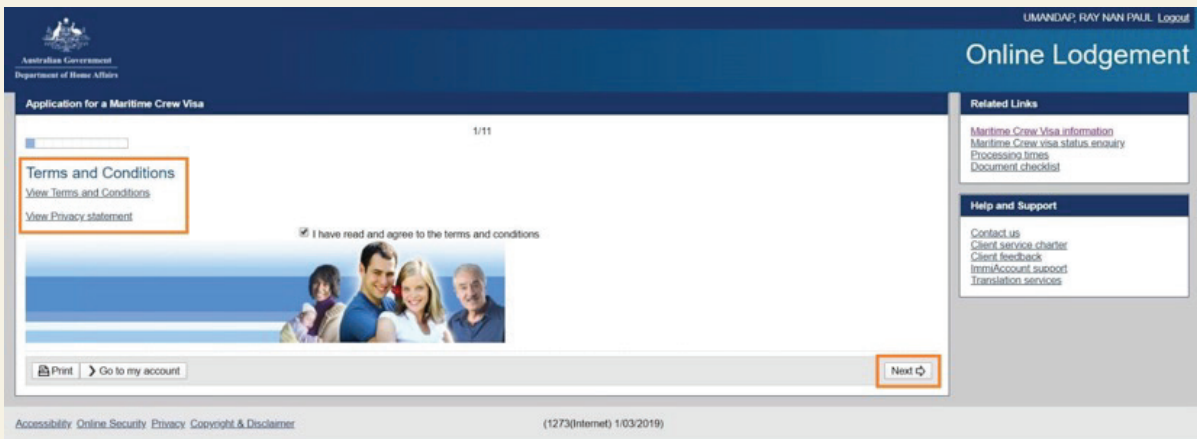
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Click **Air & Sea Crew** and then select **Maritime Crew Visa (988)**.



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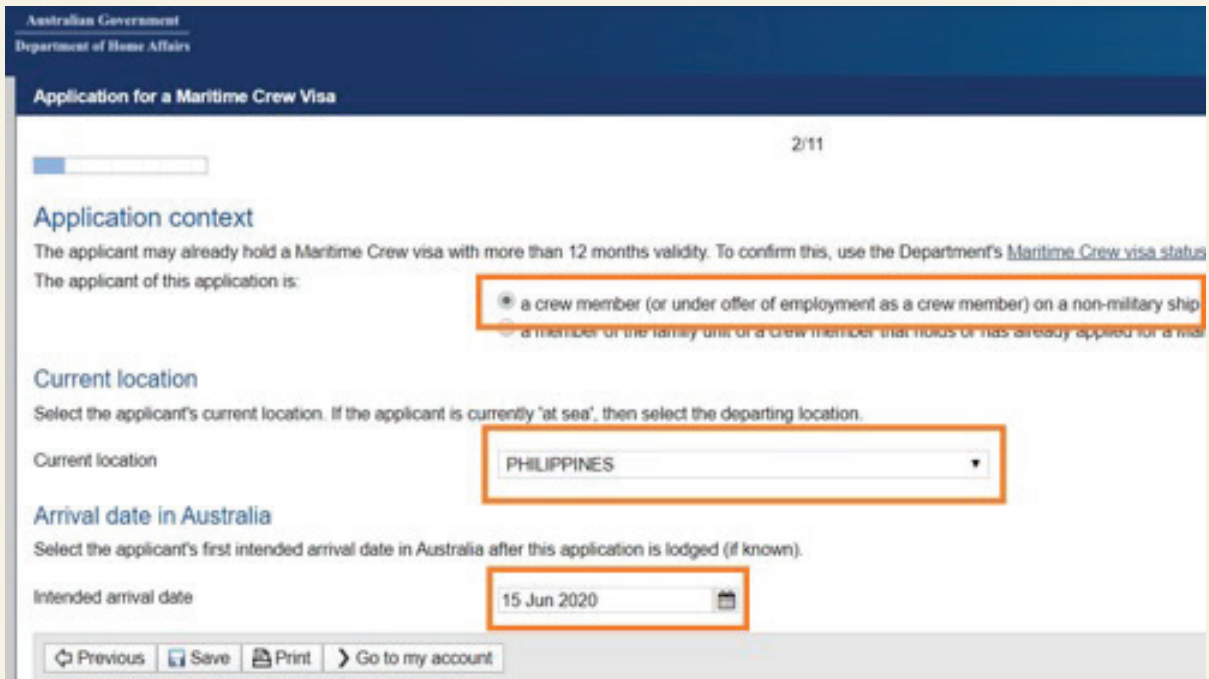
Review the **Terms and Conditions** then click **Next**.



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Provide the following information:

- **Application context:** select a crew member on a non-military ship
- **Current location:** your country
- **Arrival date in Australia:** click the calendar icon and enter your sign-on date





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Enter your Passport details correctly.

- Australia visa grant number: select **No**
- National identity card: select **No**

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Applicant

Passport details
Enter the following details as they appear in the applicant's personal passport.

Family name	<input type="text" value="XXXXXXXX"/>
Given names	<input type="text" value="XXXXXXXX"/>
Sex	<input type="radio"/> Female <input checked="" type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Other
Date of birth	<input type="text" value="DD-MM-YYYY"/>
Passport number	<input type="text" value="XXXXXXXXXX"/>
Country of passport	<input type="text" value="PHILIPPINES - PHL"/>
Nationality of passport holder	<input type="text" value="PHILIPPINES - PHL"/>
Date of issue	<input type="text" value="20 Oct 2016"/>
Date of expiry	<input type="text" value="19 Oct 2021"/>
Place of issue / issuing authority	<input type="text" value="DFA NCR CENTRAL"/>

It is strongly recommended that the passport be valid for at least six months.

Australian visa grant number
Does this applicant have an Australian visa grant number from a previous visa application?
 Yes No

National identity card
Does this applicant have a national identity card?
 Yes No

You will be asked to review your passport details. Doublecheck the information, tick **Yes** once done, then click **Next**.

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Critical data confirmation
All information provided is important to the processing of this application.
Confirm that the following information is correct and that it is in the correct fields.

Family name	XXXXXXXX
Given names	XXXXXXXX
Sex	Male
Date of birth	DD-MM-YYYY
Country of birth	PHILIPPINES
Passport number	XXXXXXXXXX
Country of passport	PHILIPPINES - PHL

Is the above information correct?
 Yes No

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Enter your Contact details (these include your address, phone numbers, and email address) correctly then click **Next**.

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In Authorised recipient, select **No** when asked if you are authorizing another person to receive the application updates. Make sure the correct email address was entered.



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Enter your **Education** information then click **Next**.

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Education
Give details of the highest recognised qualification obtained by the applicant that relates to a 'Seafarer'.

Highest recognised qualification obtained: Bachelor Degree in Science, Business or Technology

Course name: HOTEL AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT

Institution name: [Empty]

Country of institution: PHILIPPINES

Date from: 03 Jun 2002

Date to: 31 Mar 2008

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Enter your **Employment** and **Occupation** information.

Employment:

- **Employer name:** Royal Caribbean Group
- **Country:** UNITED STATES
- **Address:** 1050 Caribbean Way
- **Suburb/Town:** Miami
- **State or Province:** FLORIDA
- **Postal code:** 33132-2096

Occupation: SEAMAN

Sea crew job title: select your title if available in the options

Other sea crew job title: enter your shipboard role/job title

Nature or type of business: cruise line

Employment/Contact reference number (if known): enter your Employee ID

In **Add details > Employment status**, click **Add**.

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Employment

Current employment
Give details of the vessel operator, shipping company or manning agency with which the applicant is employed or under offer of employment.

Employer name: RCCL CREW MANAGEMENT INC

Country: PHILIPPINES

Address: rcm ground floor five ecom center
harbor drive mall of asia complex

Suburb / Town: [Empty]

State or Province: NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

Postal code: 1300

Occupation

Occupation: COMMIS - 2

Sea crew job title: Other (specify)

Other sea crew job title: CRUISELINE

Nature or type of business: CRUISELINE

Employment / Contract reference number (if known): [Empty]

Employment history
Give details of the applicant's employment and unemployment history in the last 2 years.

Add details

Employment status Date from Date to

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Enter your **Employment history**.

- **Employment history:** select Employed
- **Employment details:**
 - **If you are a new hire**, enter employment details from your previous work/company.
 - **If you are a returning crew member**, enter your shipboard employment details:

Position: your shipboard role

Country: your country

Description of duties: enter your shipboard role

Date from: enter start date of your employment

Date to: enter current date

After entering the required information, click **Confirm**.

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Employment history
Employment status: Employed

Employment details
Position: COMMS-2
Employer name: ROCL CREW MANAGEMENT INC
Country: PHILIPPINES
Description of duties: COMMS-2
Date from: 23 Mar 2017
Date to: 05 Mar 2020

Cancel Confirm

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In **Visa history**, answer all the questions with **No** then click **Next**.

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Visa history

Has the applicant held or does the applicant currently hold a visa to Australia or any other country?
 Yes No

Has the applicant ever been in Australia or any other country and not complied with visa conditions or departed outside their authorised period of stay?
 Yes No

Has the applicant ever had a visa for Australia or any other country refused or cancelled?
 Yes No

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In **Declarations**, answer all the questions with **YES** then click **Next**.

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In **Attach Documents**, you need to submit your passport and Letter of Employment (LOE) or Seaman's Book.

Travel Document Bio-data

- **Document Type:** select Passport
- **Choose File:** upload a copy of the biometrics page of your passport
- Click **Attach** to submit the copy of your passport.

Crew Member Qualification

- **Document Type:** select **Employment Contract** if you are submitting your LOE; select **Other** if you are submitting your Seaman's Book (if you have one)
- **Description:** enter Letter of Employment or Seaman's Book
- **Choose File:** upload a copy of your LOE or a copy of the biometrics page of your Seaman's Book
- Click **Attach** to submit the copy of your LOE or Seaman's Book.



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Click **Submit Now**.

Submit Application

This application is now ready to submit. You can submit it now or return to your account and submit it at a later date.

Your application will not be processed until after it is submitted.

Verify Email

The email address below was specified as the address for all communication about this application:

@gmail.com

This address has not been verified by the email account holder.

You can request a [new verification email](#).

[Submit Now](#)

No payment is required, just click **Next**.

Payment confirmation

Your application has been submitted. No payment is required. Your Reference Number is 9017044365. [Print Tax Invoice](#)

[Next](#)

To view your MCV application, click **View application**.

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- Attach documents

Application home

Application status: Submitted

Applicants

Important information

This application has been successfully submitted to the department.

Application history

Type	Date	Action
Application submitted	25 Apr 2020	View application
Application fee paid	25 Apr 2020	View details

You can also click on the **My applications** tab on the ImmiAccount homepage.

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Reference No	EGQPRZCITP	Last updated	25 Apr 2020
Type	Maritime Crew Visa (885)(post March 2019)	Date submitted	25 Apr 2020
Estimated Processing Time	3 days to 7 days		

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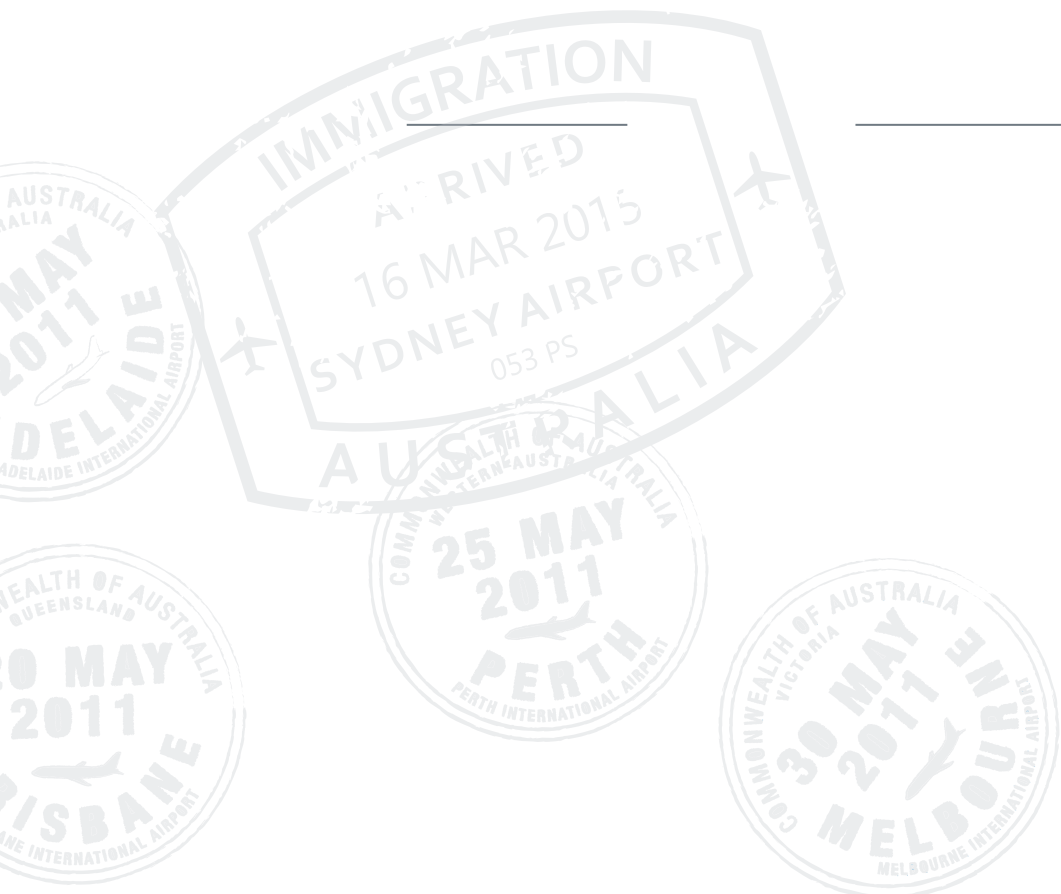
Visa Processing and Outcome

- Estimated visa processing time is 3-7 business days (in special cases, it may take a month or longer) .
- Once approved, your MCV will be sent to the email you registered in your application.
- Please upload a copy of the MCV grant notification page in CTRAC or the Assignment Confirmation Tool (ACT) on your MyRCL account.
- The MCV is digitally linked to your passport – you will not get a physical label/stamp on your passport page.
- Sample MCV grant notification:

<https://rclcrewtravel.com/images/rcm-philippines/visa/MCVGrantNotification.pdf>

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Do I need to pay for the application of Maritime Crew Visa?
No, MCV application is free of charge.
2. Does applying for Australian MCV require personal appearance?
No, MCV application is done online.
3. Do I need to have an active assignment to be able to apply for an MCV?
Yes, because when you apply, you need to enter your date of arrival in Australia.





How to check the status of your MCV

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Go to <https://online.immi.gov.au/evo/mcv?actionType=query>.
In **Please choose document type**, select **Passport**.

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Please complete the following details to view your Maritime Crew Visa status.
Fields marked * must be completed.

Document type

Clear

Please choose a document type
Please choose a document type
Passport
Title de voyage

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Enter your passport details then click **Submit**.

MCV online status enquiry

Please complete the following details to view your Maritime Crew Visa status.
Fields marked * must be completed.

Document type: Passport

Date of birth: [input field]

Document number: [input field]

Country of document: [input field]

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Clear Submit

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You will see the status of your MCV.

If already approved, **MCV Held** will be marked **YES** and you will see the expiration date of your visa.

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MCV details

Information

The status of your Maritime Crew visa is displayed below. If you believe these details are not correct, please contact the Department.

New enquiry

Current date and time: Tuesday April 28, 2020 2

Family name: [input field]

Given name(s): [input field]

MCV Held	YES
Visa expiry date	25 April 2023
Lawful until date	25 April 2023
MCV Application in progress	NO

New enquiry

If your MCV has not yet been processed you will see

MCV Held: NO

MCV Application in progress: YES