



WELCOME TO AUSTRALIA!

Before you travel to this exciting destination, it is **very important** that you have all the required visas and that you notify your ship of your arrival information as detailed in this document. Also, take a moment to learn about items you are not allowed to bring with you to avoid expensive fines.



Flying into Australia in to join a ship:

In addition to the MCV, anyone flying into Australia also needs an entry visa for Australia. This should only be applied once the MCV has already been obtained. There are a few different types of entry visa, which depend on the nationality of the applicant, and whether they are just transiting or are entering for a vacation in advance, etc. Below are the most used, if in doubt, please refer to the website or contact your local Australian Consulate.

Electronic Travel Authority (ETA)

Information available at <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/electronic-travel-authority-601>

- Designed for people who are outside Australia and want to visit for tourism or business purposes.
- Allows the holder to travel to Australia and stay for up to three months on each visit within the validity of the visa.
- Usually valid 12 months from the date of issue.
- Available online and must be applied for before travel/before entry into Australia.
- Is an electronically stored authority for travel to Australia, you will not receive a stamp or label in your passport.
- Is linked to the passport number that is used in the application, and the holder must use the same passport to travel to Australia. (Also expires with the passport, if the passport expires within 12 months)
- You will need a valid credit card (American Express, Diners Club, JCB, Mastercard or Visa). Cost is AU\$20.

Nationalities that can apply for an ETA online:

Brunei, Canada, Hong Kong (SAR), Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, United States of America

eVisitor Visa

Information available at: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/evisitor-651>

- Apply online. If you are granted an eVisitor visa you do not get a visa in your passport. Instead, you will be sent notification of the grant by email (TRN). Visa is free of charge.
- To start, go to <https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login>
- You can return to the site to continue an application underway, or to check the progress of an application.
- Save your TRN (Transaction Reference Number) Print and retain this number for entry into Australia.

Nationalities that can apply for eVisitor Visa online:

Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Republic of San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Vatican City.

Transit Visa (771)

Information available at: www.immi.gov.au/visitors/transit/771/

For people who wish to transit through Australia (even you fly out on the same aircraft and from the same airport at which you arrived, or if you stay in the transit lounge and do not leave the airport).

For people travelling to Australia to join a vessel as crew

- This visa is free of charge. **Avoid websites that charge a fee.**
- Allows you to enter and remain in Australia for up to 72 hours
- Must apply for this visa outside Australia, must also be outside Australia when the visa is granted
- If you are asked to provide an 'OK to Board' letter, you need to use the Contact Us Tool on MyRCL for assistance. Please click this link to learn how:

<https://rclcrewtravel.com/images/CrewGuide/ContactUsTool-080822.mp4>

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- If you chose to instead apply for a Tourist Visa, which costs AUD\$115, this will NOT be reimbursable.
- If you are applying for Transit Visa, please ensure to start your application process a minimum of 35 days before travel.



Australian Maritime Crew Visa (MCV)

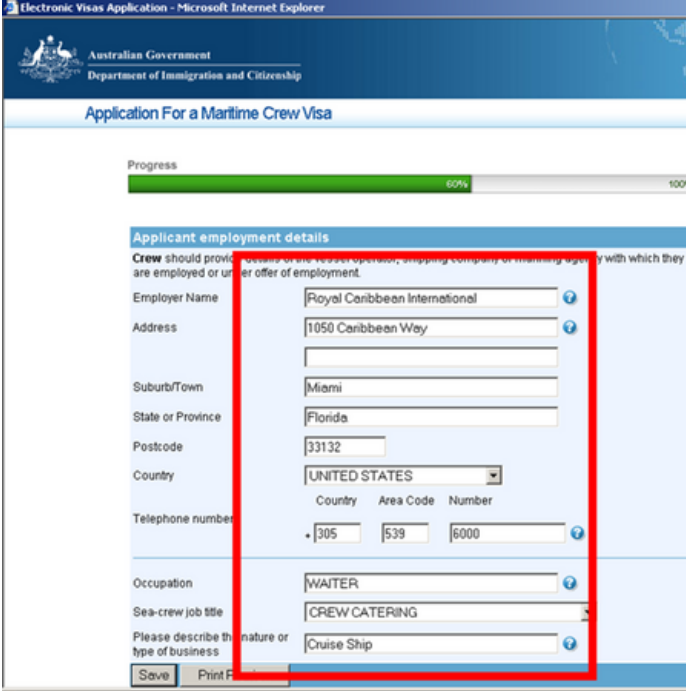
Information available at:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/maritime-crew-988>

Every crew member (except Australians, and New Zealand citizens who need an SCV Visa) sailing on a ship in Australian waters must have a valid MCV Visa, obtained prior to entry into Australia, and valid the entire time sailing in Australia, or longer. This also applies to any supernumerary, vendor, contractor, lecturer, guest entertainer, even shoreside employees visiting on business; all of whom must be on the crew list.

- Visa applicants must be outside Australia at the time of applying for an MCV
- MCV is free of charge. **Avoid websites that charge a fee.**
- MCV is only valid for travel to Australia by sea as ships' crew; it does not allow travel to Australia by air. Crew need to obtain another visa for air travel, such as a Transit visa or an Electronic Travel Authority.
- MCV allows multiple entries to Australia by sea during the three (3) year validity
- An MCV only permits work associated with the duties performed as crew with the vessel.
- Once you have applied, or if you think you still have a valid MCV from a prior visit, you may check your status by logging onto the website to see if your visa is valid.

- Once the MCV visa has been approved, a TRN (Transaction Reference Number) will be advised. Print this out and carry this together with your passport.
- When applying for an MCV, when asked for your Employment details enter the company details as seen on this photo (also enter your own position details as applicable)



Applying for an Australian MCV? Please refer to the link below to access a step-by-step guide:

https://rcclcrewtravel.com/images/CrewGuide/MCVApplicationGuide_092922.pdf

New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (Crew ETA)

Information available at: <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/assist-migrants-and-students/other-industry-partners/airlines-cruise-shipping/crew-of-planes-and-cruise-ships>

The Crew ETA is required for all working and positioning crew members, regardless of nationality, unless they are Australia or New Zealand citizens or already hold a different New Zealand visa that allows you to work as crew.

Royal Caribbean Group will request this visa for you, please make sure you have a copy of your valid passport and your SIRB (if applicable), uploaded to C-TRAC.

You will receive two emails from the New Zealand government, one when we start your application and one when the visa is issued. The visa is electronically linked to your passport, you will not receive a copy.

Since 1 October 2019, it has been mandatory for cruise passengers and crew to hold a valid NZeTA or Crew ETA visa before travelling to New Zealand. This includes passengers/crew from visa required countries, so long as the passenger is travelling to New Zealand on the cruise ship, and they do not already hold a valid visa. A passenger from a visa required country who is joining a cruise in New Zealand must hold the appropriate visa.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS – PRIOR TO SIGN ON

- Make sure all necessary visa(s) are secured.
- Email your TRN to your ships so they can reconfirm validity of the visa prior to your arrival. Email the TRN to the addresses below.
 - Ovation of the Seas: ov_crewadminmanager@rccl.com
 - Quantum of the Seas: qn_crewadminmanager@rccl.com
 - Brilliance of the Seas: br_crewadminmanager@rccl.com
 - Celebrity Edge: eg_crewadministrator@celebrity.com
- Include a scan of your passport. If you have renewed or extended your passport while at home, include the new information in the email.
- The ship will also need your entry flight details, if your travel was not arranged by the Company Crew Travel department.

Don't Get Fined! Read this before you pack or click here.

The Australian government is very strict when it comes to items that visitors can bring into the country. Travelers who don't follow their guidelines may be subject to expensive fines.

In addition to weapons and illegal substances, there are several items such as fake designer goods, specific food items and pirated DVDs that are prohibited.

- To avoid being fined, [click here](#) to review a complete list of items that are not allowed or need to be declared.
- If you need to declare items, [click here](#) to learn how.