

**The Intern Group**

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## Australia Internship Visa Options

Unless you are an Australian / New Zealand citizen or are on a student visa to Australia, the visa you will apply for is the Special Program Visa (416). International students holding valid Australian student visas are also eligible for the internships. New Zealand passport holders do not need to pre-apply for a visa in order to intern in Australia.

You will not initiate the process to apply for your visa until your internship placement is fully confirmed but until then, please start preparing all the necessary documents. The Intern Melbourne team will be able to assist you if you have any queries but the process is fairly simple and straightforward.

## Special Program Visa (416)

### How to Apply

- Once your internship has been confirmed by the Australia team, complete the application form. Please remember to complete Part I of the form 'Options for receiving written communications' (Page 15) and Form 956 to enable us to process the visa on your behalf. Post the 2 forms and documents required to our Australia office.

### Documents Required

- Visa application fee
- Copy of your qualifications and/or curriculum vitae
- Certified copy of evidence of adequate health insurance during stay in Australia (eg. a health insurance certification letter, health insurance schedule or a Medicare card)
- Certified copy of the identity page (showing photo and personal details) of your passport
- A passport size photograph
- Certified copy of full birth certificate
- Evidence of financial capacity to support your stay in Australia (eg. bank statements or a letter from your financial institution stating your financial position)
- We will submit a letter of sponsorship on your behalf

### Cost

- The current visa fee is approximately AUD350

### Approval Timeframe

- Approximately 1 month

## Eligibility

- You must be at least 18 years old
- You must demonstrate an upper intermediate level of English
- You should be able to demonstrate that you have adequate means of support to cover all expenses associated with your stay in Australia, including the ability to pay for return air fares to your home country. Acceptable evidence include:
  - bank statements
  - a letter from your financial institution stating your financial position
  - a guarantee of financial support from a family member who can demonstrate that they have adequate funds to support you
- You must hold adequate health insurance cover for the entire time you are in Australia

## Visa Rules

- If you are outside Australia when you apply, you must be outside Australia when the visa is granted
- If you are in Australia when you apply, you must be in Australia when the visa is granted
- This visa is valid for the duration of the internship with a maximum length of six months
- You cannot receive payment for the internship
- You will not be allowed to participate in paid work, e.g. part time job
- You must depart Australia when your internship ends
- You can only receive one Special Program visa (416) in your lifetime

## Student Visa

Students holding valid Australian student visas can intern up to 40 hours a fortnight while their course is in session (excluding any internship undertaken as a registered component of their course of study or training) and they can intern full time during scheduled course breaks.

## New Zealand Passport Holders

New Zealand passport holders are granted an electronic Special Category visa (SCV) upon arrival in Australia, which allow them to intern in Australia indefinitely.