



Australian High Commission
Immigration Section
25 Napier Road
Singapore 258507

Foreign Domestic Worker checklist

No scheme for employment of domestic workers in Australia

Australia does not have a scheme for the employment of domestic workers from other countries. Australia's laws do not permit domestic workers to work in Australia on a Tourist visa.

Who can get a visa?

The High Commission will consider applications from domestic workers travelling with their employer (or members of their employers' immediate families, who live at the same address) on a short visit to Australia. They must have been employed, by that employer, for a minimum of 4 months. They must be travelling on the same itinerary, for a short holiday. If successful, applicants are granted a Tourist visa. The length of stay is up to four weeks per visit, compelling reasons are needed to consider a longer stay. Usually only 2 visits in any 12 month period will be considered and generally only one domestic maid for each employer/family will be considered.

How to apply

Original documents must be submitted with an application. Where a copy is requested a photocopy of that document (in addition to the original) must be submitted with your application. Our service standard for processing the application is 5 working days.

- Form 48R (See: www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/48r.pdf)
- Application fee: **S\$140** (cash, cheque or credit card (Visa and MasterCard only). Note: NETS is not available. Please allow 5 working days for cheque clearance)
- One (1) passport sized photo (please attach to the form)
- Signed employer's undertaking (undertaking is attached to this checklist)
- Copy of domestic worker's original work permit and the personal identification page(s) of the passport (that is: name, date of birth, passport validity and signature page)
- Copy of the personal identification page(s) of the employer's passport (that is: name, date of birth, passport validity and signature page)
- If your employer is an Australian citizen or permanent resident, a letter from the employer stating that you're holidaying in Australia and returning to Singapore to work
- Confirmed flight itinerary for all persons travelling (not ticket – we recommend you do not purchase a ticket before the application has been decided)
- Written statement from employer confirming that their domestic worker is travelling together with family on holiday, full details of employer and family members who are travelling, details of proposed holiday (or activity) in Australia and accommodation details for duration of stay (hotel, resort, serviced accommodation or specified private arrangements)
- Compelling reasons must be provided in writing if reason for visit is other than to accompany employer (and family) on a short holiday

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(Design date: 01/10)

Employer's Undertaking

I, _____, the employer, understand that the Australian Government may grant my domestic worker, _____, a visa to travel to Australia on the condition that they:

- are only travelling to Australia with me as part of their ongoing employment in Singapore; and
- will depart Australia before the expiry of their visa.

I undertake to meet all costs associated with my domestic worker's visit to Australia, including all medical and hospital costs incurred in Australia, and all repatriation costs.

I also understand that failure to abide by this undertaking may adversely affect future visa applications I may lodge and future undertakings I make regarding visa applications for Australia.

Signature of employer named on Domestic worker's work permit	Date