



Fact sheet - Novel coronavirus - Information for visa holders and applicants

I am a visa holder in Australia, my visa is about to expire and I cannot return to China. Can I stay in Australia?

If you wish to remain in Australia beyond the expiry date of your current visa, you must apply for a further visa.

Information on staying in Australia beyond your current visa expiry date can be found at:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/visa-about-to-expire/stay-longer>

When should I apply for another visa to remain in Australia?

Applications should be made before your current visa expires. In this case a bridging visa will be granted which will keep you lawful in Australia until a decision is made on your application.

Information on bridging visas can be found at:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/bridging-visa-a-010>

I am a visa holder in Australia and my visa has condition 8558 (Non Resident cannot stay for more than 12 months in any 18 month period) and I have already been in Australia for nearly 12 months in the last 18 months? Do I need to apply for a new visa in order to remain?

If you currently hold a visa which includes condition 8558, and you wish to remain in Australia for more than 12 months in any 18 month period, you will need to apply for a further visa in order to avoid breaching this condition.

Information on how to apply for a further visitor visa (tourist stream) while in Australia can be found at

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600/tourist-stream-onshore#aboutVisa-index-1>

I am a visa holder in Australia and my current visa has the 'No Further Stay' condition attached? Can I stay in Australia?

If your current visa includes a 'No Further Stay' condition (includes 8503, 8534 and 8535), you are unable to make a valid application for most other visas while you are in Australia. If you wish to remain in Australia beyond your visa's expiry date, a request to waive this condition must be made. Information on how to request a waiver can be found at <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/waivers-and-permissions/no-further-stay-waiver>

We recommend that you not make a request for a 'No Further Stay' waiver if your current visa still has more than two month's validity remaining.

I am currently overseas and will not be able to enter Australia before my visa ceases. What do I need to do to travel to Australia?

Prospective visitors must check Australian Government travel advice before making any travel plans.

If you are outside Australia and are unable to enter before your visa's validity ceases, you will need to apply for a new visa if you wish to travel to Australia. It is not possible to extend the validity period of a visa.

I am a Chinese national and I want to apply for a visa at an Australian Visa Application Centre

Prospective visitors must check Australian Government travel advice before applying.

Most Australian visas can be lodged online. Use our visa finder to check online lodgement availability for your visa type. <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder>

In light of the current Coronavirus alert, Australian Visa Application Centres (AVAC) in China are temporarily closed. You should check the AVAC website for updates at: <https://www.vfsglobal.cn/Australia/China/English/index.html>