



Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2011 Airport Crew Visa Information Sheet

International commercial aircraft

Australia's usual facilitative airline crew immigration arrangements apply for commercial airline crew, including positioning crew, during CHOGM 2011 in Perth.

Crew operating commercial flights into Australia should be registered with a Crew Travel Authority (CTA), except for holders of Australian or New Zealand passports.

Document requirements

After registering with a CTA, crew members are still required to hold the appropriate registration documentation to help processing on arrival. The document requirements will vary depending on the position a crew member holds.

Operational crew

Operational crew (entering as a crew member and departing as crew or a passenger) must hold:

- a valid passport
- an Airline Identity Card
- for freight only—should be issued with a CTA registration and be listed on the General Declaration Form signed on behalf of the air carrier.

See: <http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/air-sea/air.htm>

Positioning crew

Positioning crew (entering as a passenger and departing as a member of the crew within five days) must hold:

- a valid passport
- a letter from the employer certifying that the person is an aircrew member, setting out the purpose of travel and the arrangements for the person to leave Australia.

See: <http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/air-sea/air.htm>

Military crew

Military crew of certain Armed Forces¹ who are travelling on duty and holding Movement Orders and military identification are taken to automatically hold a label-free special purpose visa (SPV) for travel and entry to Australia. Military crew of other Armed Forces are not eligible for an SPV and must apply for a visa prior to travelling to Australia.

See: <http://www.immi.gov.au/managing-australias-borders/border-security/travel/documents/>

Other crew

Airline crew who are not employed by and operating a commercial airline, for example, state employees operating a state (or private) aircraft, will need to apply for a visa in advance of travel.

Persons holding ETA eligible passports should apply for an ETA (Business Entrant) (Short Validity) (subclass 977). Persons holding eVisitor eligible passports should apply for eVisitor (subclass 651). All other passport holders should apply for a Business (Short Stay) (subclass 456) visa.

See: <http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/business/business-visit-visa-options.htm>

The department also provides a CHOGM 2011 visa information sheet.

See: http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/business/_pdf/chogm-2011.pdf

The information relating to visa options contained in this fact sheet is current as at 15 September 2011.

¹ Members of the Armed Forces of the following countries (who are travelling on duty and holding Movement Orders) are taken to hold a Special Purpose visa: Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Fiji, Grenada, Jamaica, Malaysia, Mauritius, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Solomon Islands, St Kitts & Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent & the Grenadines, Thailand, Tonga, Tuvalu, United Kingdom, USA.