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1. Australia's universal visa system

- 1.1.1. Australia operates a universal visa system requiring all non-Australian citizens to hold a valid visa for entry into Australia.
- 1.1.2. This means that participants and spectators of the 2026 Commonwealth Games (2026 Games) and the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games (2032 Games) who wish to enter Australia will be required to apply for, and be granted, a visa that is appropriate for the event.

2. How the Department of Home Affairs will support the 2026 and 2032 Games

2.1. Visa support to event organisers for accredited, international participants

- 2.1.1. The Department of Home Affairs (Home Affairs) regularly provides visa support to event organisers of high profile international sporting events that take place in Australia. This includes the upcoming Federation Internationale de Football Association Women's World Cup 2023 being co-hosted by Australia and New Zealand.
- 2.1.2. Home Affairs works in close partnership with event organisers on visa arrangements for accredited, international participants. This includes guidance on appropriate visa products, and the provision of a dedicated point of contact within Home Affairs.
- 2.1.3. The Australian Government is currently finalising the scope of operational support that will be provided to the 2026 Games. This will include any visa support measures to be implemented.
- 2.1.4. Visa support measures will be put in place for the 2032 Games.

2.2. Visa support for international visitors

- 2.2.1. Australia recognises the importance of international visitors to the 2026 and 2032 Games, and the significant impact they will have on the Australian economy.
- 2.2.2. Appropriate visa products will be available for international visitors wanting to spectate at the 2026 and 2032 Games. Home Affairs will also provide targeted information for international visitors, similar to that for the upcoming FIFA Women's World Cup 2023, see: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/news-media/archive/article?itemId=1039>
- 2.2.3. Visa information for international visitors is available on the Home Affairs' website at: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder>
- 2.2.4. As with all high profile international sporting events, Home Affairs will liaise closely with event organisers with regards to visa arrangements.