



Appendix E - Visa processing times: Australian Embassy, Cairo¹

Visa subclass	Number finalised 2004/5	Processing Times (Days)				Service Standard
		25% processed	Median	75% processed	90% processed	
Visitors						
456 Business (Short Stay)	604	8	12	18	28	0.5 month
676 Tourist (Short Stay)	1,377	7	11	17	30	0.5 month
679 Sponsored Family Visitor	113	16	28	50	104	1 month
686 Tourist (Long Stay)	358	5	12	22	43	1 month
Students						
570 Independent ELICOS Sector	96	48	75	95	130	Egyptian nationals: 1 week
571 Schools Sector	2	71	88	104	104	
572 Vocational Education and Training	94	40	73	101	129	Others: 2 months
573 Higher Education Sector	25	23	71	85	109	

In those cases where standard processing times were exceeded, the reasons generally related to issues outside of the post's control, including where:

- investigation of bona fides was required in those caseloads where fraud is prevalent;

¹ DIMIA, *Submission No. 17*, p. 11.

- applicants were required to undergo medical and/or x-ray examinations - especially among the over 70s age group;
- applicants were subject to exclusion periods;
- applicants did not provide relevant documentation - migration legislation provides for a 70 day response period to invitations to provide further information; and
- there was a requirement for character/security checking.