

APPENDIX 7

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF BUSINESS VISITOR VISAS

	AUSTRALIA	CANADA	NEW ZEALAND	SINGAPORE	UK	USA
Period of Stay	Business visitor visas are available for a period up to 3 months per stay.	Visitor visas are generally for a period of 6 months.	Business visitor visas are generally up to 3 months. In some instances up to 9 months in an 18-month period.	30 days.	Tourist visitor visas are generally available for a period up to 6 months.	3months with a visa waiver. 6months with a visa.
Application onshore/offshore	All visas must be applied for offshore.	Must be applied for offshore.	Must be applied offshore. Can apply on-shore to re-enter.	Must be applied for offshore.	All visas must be applied for offshore.	Must apply in country of residence.
Application Charge :						
- visa application charges (all in AUD)	Most visa applications are \$60. There is no charge for the Electronic Travel Authority (ETA).	Most visa applications are \$75 or \$150. There is a family rate of \$400.	Short stay business visitor visas are \$55 or \$85.	Most visa applications are \$22.	Visitor visas are \$99 - \$240.	\$80. Also a reciprocity fee is charged for countries with visa issuance fees.
- refundable/non-refundable	The application charge is non-refundable in all cases.	The application charge is non-refundable in all cases.	The application charge is non-refundable in all cases.	Non-refundable in all cases.	The application charge is non-refundable in all cases.	Non-refundable.
Travel Facility	There is facility for single and multiple entry.	There is facility for single and multiple entry.	There is facility for single and multiple entry.	Double entry generally.	Multiple entry.	There is facility for single and multiple entry depending on passport.
	There is no facility to extend existing visa. Able to apply for a different visa onshore.	There is facility to extend existing visa onshore.	There is no facility to have these visa's/ permits extended.	It can be extended.	Can extend to a total of 6 months only.	Can not extend 3 month visa, but can extend 6 month visa onshore.
Visa waiver :						
- availability	An equivalent facility called ETA is available.	Available.	Available.	Available.	Available.	Available.
- number of countries eligible	32 countries.	51 countries.	52 countries.	Not available for 33 countries.	Not available for 111 countries.	30 countries.
- % of total visitors	Approximately 83%.	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	Approximately 33%.

Application Form :						
- Required/not required	Only required for countries not eligible for ETA.	Only required for countries not eligible for visa waiver.	Only required for countries not eligible for visa waiver.	Required for any country not under the visa waiver.	Only required for countries not eligible for visa waiver.	Only required for countries not eligible for visa waiver, and for visas greater than 3 months.
- number of questions	21 questions.	14 questions.	68 questions.	24 questions.	31 questions.	36 questions.
Conditions applicable to visa	No work or study rights. May study informally for up to 3 months.	No work or study rights.	No work rights. Limited study rights.	No work or study rights.	No work rights.	No work or study rights.