

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE
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AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM
ON “WORKING HOLIDAY” ARRANGEMENTS

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The Government of Australia

and

The Government of the Kingdom of Belgium

Hereafter referred to as “the Parties”,

Interested in strengthening co-operative relations between their two countries and

Desiring to promote improved mutual understanding by allowing their young nationals to appreciate the culture and way of life of the other country by taking holidays during which they would have the possibility of working in order to augment the financial resources at their disposal,

Are in agreement on the following measures:

ARTICLE I

1. This Agreement applies to young nationals of each of the two countries desiring to remain in the territory of the other country for the purpose of holidaying while nonetheless having the possibility of working in order to augment the financial resources at their disposal.
2. Individuals wishing to take advantage of the measures of this Agreement must fulfil the following conditions:
 - a. have the intention of entering the other country for the principal reason of holidaying there, with the possibility of working only in an accessory capacity;
 - b. be between 18 and 30 years of age at the time of the introduction of their request;
 - c. be the holder of a valid passport;
 - d. have a valid return ticket or else have sufficient resources to purchase such a ticket;
 - e. have sufficient financial resources, as determined by the Parties, to provide for their needs for the duration of their stay in the other country;
 - f. not have previously benefited from this Agreement;
 - g. not be suffering from an illness or infirmity that might pose a risk to health, order, or public security;
 - h. produce, as required, official documentary evidence of good character as determined by the Parties.
3. Additional administrative matters pertaining to this Agreement will be set out in an Exchange of Letters between the Parties.

ARTICLE 2

1. Each Party will, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, grant an appropriate authorisation to a national of the other Party who meets the criteria set out in Article 1, to enter its territory for the purposes of a working holiday.
2. The authorisation granted by Australia will allow the holder to work and reside temporarily in Australia for a period of no more than twelve months, and shall allow for multiple entry into Australia during that twelve month period.
3. The authorisation granted by Belgium will allow the holder, following the completion of registration requirements at the relevant Commune Administration, to reside temporarily in Belgium for a period of no more than twelve months, and shall allow for multiple entry into Belgium during that twelve month period.
4. Australian nationals staying in Belgium under this Agreement shall be exempt from the obligation to obtain a work permit to exercise an activity as a salaried worker.

ARTICLE 3

1. The nationals of each of the two countries that stay in the other country under this Agreement shall be treated in the same manner as nationals of the host country with regard to the application of the laws and regulations of the latter.
2. In the event that they exercise an activity, the relevant host country conditions of work and remuneration, safety and hygiene shall be applicable to them.
3. The nationals of each country that stay in the other country under this Agreement, as well as their employers, will conform to the applicable regulations in the host country relating to social security.
4. Nationals of each of the two countries that stay in the other country under this Agreement will comply with the respective laws and regulations of Australia and Belgium and not engage in employment contrary to the purpose of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 4

Nationals of each of the two countries that stay within the territory of the other under this Agreement may not prolong their stay beyond 12 months.

ARTICLE 5

Each of the Parties can, at any time and in accordance with its laws and regulations, take measures to expel or refuse entry to any person considered undesirable,

notwithstanding the fact that the said person may have been authorised to enter its territory under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 6

Each of the Parties can, at any time, ask the other Party, via diplomatic channels, to review the application of this Agreement. Such a review will in any case be conducted two years after the date this Agreement enters into force.

ARTICLE 7

Each Party can temporarily suspend application of this Agreement in whole or in part. This suspension, as well as the date upon which it takes effect, shall be notified to the other Party via diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 8

This Agreement is concluded for an indeterminate period. It can be terminated by either of the Parties with three months written notice to the other Party via diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 9

This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the third month after the date on which the last of the two Parties has notified the other in writing that its domestic requirements for the entry into force of this Agreement have been complied with.

In acceptance of which, the undersigned, duly authorised to this effect, have signed this Agreement.

Signed at Canberra on the Twentieth day of November, Two thousand and two, in duplicate, in English, in French and in Dutch, each text being equally valid.

For the Government
of Australia

For the Government
of the Kingdom of Belgium

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