

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/095) PROGRAMME – 2.1 and 2.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Macdonald (L&CA 75) asked:

CHAIR: We all have those stories. As I said to Customs—and I say it to you people because you are part of it—certainly the entry into Australia is remarkably good through the airports and seaports, so that is all credit to you. My 20 minutes has expired, so could you provide me on notice with a list of those countries around the world which do require visas from everyone. I think the United States would be one, but apart from that I would be interested in the list if you could find that out. Perhaps Wikipedia could tell me, but—

Mr Bowles: We will take it on notice because I think our statistics might be a bit more reliable than Wikipedia on that.

Answer:

The department is confident that all sovereign nations have a visa requirement for visiting foreign nationals, however a number do provide exemptions to this requirement for people from a limited number of specified countries.

The department is not aware of any country that exempts all foreign nationals from their visitor visa requirement.

Australia's visitor visa requirements have been designed to facilitate travel for genuine visitors to a significant extent. Our arrangements are consistent with the approach taken by other sovereign nations. Two attachments are provided to demonstrate this consistency:

- Attachment A provides an example of visa free (or equivalent) arrangements across five sovereign nations and the European Union; and
- Attachment B provides a summary of visitor visa requirements for nationals of Papua New Guinea (PNG), the People's Republic of China (PRC) and Australia across a range of foreign countries.

Examples of visa free or equivalent arrangements					
US visa waiver (90 days or less)	EU visa exemption (3 months or less throughout the EU)	Australia ETA & e651 [visa-free equivalent] (3 months or less)	UAE visa on arrival (30 days or less)	New Zealand visa waiver (3 months or less)	PNG visa on arrival (60 days or less)
	Albania				
					American Samoa
Andorra	<i>EU border free area</i>	Andorra	Andorra	Andorra	Andorra
	Argentina			Argentina	Argentina
Australia	Australia		Australia	Australia**	
Austria	<i>EU border free area</i>	Austria	Austria	Austria	Austria
	Bahamas				
				Bahrain	
	Barbados				
Belgium	<i>EU border free area</i>	Belgium	Belgium	Belgium	Belgium
	Bosnia and Herzegovina				
	Brazil			Brazil	Brazil
Brunei	Brunei Darussalam	Brunei Darussalam	Brunei Darussalam	Brunei Darussalam	Brunei Darussalam
	<i>EU border free area</i>	Bulgaria	Bulgaria	Bulgaria	Bulgaria
	Canada	Canada	Canada	Canada	Canada
	Chile			Chile	Chile
	Costa Rica				
	<i>EU border free area</i>	Croatia	Croatia	Croatia	Croatia
	<i>EU border free area</i>	Cyprus	Cyprus	Cyprus	Cyprus
Czech Republic	<i>EU border free area</i>	Czech Republic	Czech Republic	Czech Republic	Czech Republic
Denmark	<i>EU border free area</i>	Denmark	Denmark	Denmark	Denmark

					Ecuador
	El Salvador				
Estonia	<i>EU border free area</i>	Estonia	Estonia	Estonia	Estonia
					Fiji
Finland	<i>EU border free area</i>	Finland	Finland	Finland	Finland
France	<i>EU border free area</i>	France	France	France	France
	FYROM (Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)				
Germany	<i>EU border free area</i>	Germany	Germany	Germany	Germany
Greece	<i>EU border free area</i>	Greece	Greece	Greece	Greece
	Guatemala				
	Honduras				
	Hong Kong SAR	Hong Kong SAR	Hong Kong SAR	Hong Kong SAR	Hong Kong SAR
Hungary	<i>EU border free area</i>	Hungary	Hungary	Hungary	Hungary
Iceland	<i>EU border free area</i>	Iceland	Iceland	Iceland	Iceland
					Indonesia
Ireland	<i>EU border free area</i>	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
	Israel			Israel	Israel
Italy	<i>EU border free area</i>	Italy	Italy	Italy	Italy
Japan	Japan	Japan	Japan	Japan	Japan
					Kiribati
				Kuwait	
Latvia	<i>EU border free area</i>	Latvia	Latvia	Latvia	Latvia
Liechtenstein	<i>EU border free area</i>	Liechtenstein	Liechtenstein	Liechtenstein	Liechtenstein
Lithuania	<i>EU border free area</i>	Lithuania	Lithuania	Lithuania	Lithuania
Luxembourg	<i>EU border free area</i>	Luxembourg	Luxembourg	Luxembourg	Luxembourg

	Macao SAR			Macao (SAR)	Macao (SAR)
	Malaysia	Malaysia	Malaysia	Malaysia	Malaysia
					Maldives
Malta	<i>EU border free area</i>	Malta	Malta	Malta	Malta
					Marshall Islands
	Mexico			Mexico	Mexico
					Micronesia
	Moldova				
Monaco	<i>EU border free area</i>	Monaco	Monaco	Monaco	Monaco
	Montenegro				
					Nauru
Netherlands	<i>EU border free area</i>	Netherlands	Netherlands	Netherlands	Netherlands
New Zealand	New Zealand	New Zealand	New Zealand		New Zealand
	Nicaragua				
Norway	<i>EU border free area</i>	Norway	Norway	Norway	Norway
				Oman	
					Palau
					Peru
	Panama				
	Paraguay				
					Philippines
	<i>EU border free area</i>	Poland	Poland	Poland	Poland
Portugal	<i>EU border free area</i>	Portugal	Portugal	Portugal	Portugal
				Qatar	
	<i>EU border free area</i>	Romania	Romania	Romania	Romania
	Saint Kitts and Nevis				

					Samoa
San Marino	<i>EU border free area</i>	San Marino	San Marino	San Marino	San Marino
				Saudi Arabia	
	Serbia				
	Seychelles				
Singapore	Singapore	Singapore	Singapore	Singapore	Singapore
Slovakia	<i>EU border free area</i>	Slovakia	Slovakia	Slovakia	Slovakia
Slovenia	<i>EU border free area</i>	Slovenia	Slovenia	Slovenia	Slovenia
				South Africa	
South Korea	South Korea	South Korea	South Korea	South Korea	South Korea
					Solomon Islands
Spain	<i>EU border free area</i>	Spain	Spain	Spain	Spain
Sweden	<i>EU border free area</i>	Sweden	Sweden	Sweden	Sweden
Switzerland	<i>EU border free area</i>	Switzerland	Switzerland	Switzerland	Switzerland
Taiwan	Taiwan	Taiwan		Taiwan	Taiwan
					Thailand
					Tonga
					Tuvalu
				United Arab Emirates	
United Kingdom*	<i>EU border free area</i>	United Kingdom*	United Kingdom	United Kingdom #	United Kingdom*
	United States of America	United States of America	United States of America	United States of America	United States of America
				Uruguay	Uruguay
	<i>EU border free area</i>	Vatican City.	Vatican City	Vatican City	Vatican City
					Vanuatu
	Venezuela				
37	35	46	46	60	71

EU border free area. No restriction on travel between member (and associate member) states

** Trans-Tasman Travel Arrangement. Visa on arrival, not limited in time.

* UK passport holder only, not British National Overseas passport holders

UK passport holders with right of abode in the United Kingdom only, for a stay of up to six months

Number indicates countries eligible for visa free / waiver / on arrival or equivalent

Attachment B

Comparison of visitor visa requirements for nationals of PNG, PRC and Australia

<i>Country</i>	<i>Visa Required for nationals of</i>		
	<i>Papua New Guinea</i>	<i>China</i>	<i>Australia</i>
Afghanistan	Yes	Yes	Yes
Australia	Yes	Yes	
Bahrain	Yes	On arrival	On arrival
Belgium	Yes	Yes *	No
Brazil	Yes	Yes *	Yes
Canada	Yes	Yes #	No
China	Yes		Yes
Croatia	Yes	Yes *	No
Cuba	Yes	Yes	Yes
Denmark	Yes	Yes *	No
Egypt	On arrival	Yes *	On arrival
Fiji	On arrival	On arrival	On arrival
France	Yes	Yes *	No
French Polynesia	Yes	Yes *	No
Germany	Yes	Yes *	No
Haiti	On arrival	On arrival	On arrival
India	Yes	Yes *	Yes
Indonesia	Yes	Yes	On arrival
Iran	On arrival	On arrival	On arrival
Ireland	Yes	Yes *	No
Israel	On arrival	Yes *	On arrival

Japan	Yes	Yes *	No
Kenya	On arrival	Yes	On arrival
Lebanon	Yes	On arrival	On arrival
Malaysia	On arrival	Yes *	On arrival
Micronesia	No	No	No
Monaco	Yes	Yes *	No
Mozambique	Yes	Yes	On arrival
Myanmar	Yes	Yes	Yes
New Zealand	Yes	Yes *	No
Pakistan	Yes	Yes	Yes
Papua New Guinea		Yes *	Yes
Philippines	On arrival	Yes *	On arrival
Russia	Yes	Yes *	Yes
Samoa	On arrival	On arrival	On arrival
Seychelles	On arrival	On arrival	On arrival
South Africa	Yes	Yes *	No
Sri Lanka	On arrival	On arrival	On arrival
UK	Yes	Yes	No
United Arab Emirates	Yes	Yes #	On arrival
USA	Yes	Yes	No

* visa before travel not required for Hong Kong (SAR China) or Macao (SAR China) passport holders

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