

## Subclass 462 - Work and Holiday (Temporary) Visa FACT SHEET

The subclass 462 - Work and Holiday (Temporary) visa allows certain tourists aged between 18 and 30 years old to have an extended holiday in Australia, while supplementing their funds with short-term work. The visa is valid for 12 months and allows multiple entries into and exits from Australia. Visa holders can study for up to four months, and can generally work for up to six months with any one employer (although this may be extended in certain, limited circumstances). There is an annual limit on the number of first Work and Holiday visas granted to each country. The annual limit resets on 1 July each visa program year.

### SUBCLASS 462 - WORK AND HOLIDAY (TEMPORARY) VISA REQUIREMENTS

You must:

- be outside of Australia when you apply for your first Work and Holiday Visa
- at the time of application, be aged between 18 and 30 years old
- meet the relevant health and character criteria
- hold a passport for one of the countries listed in the table below:

Countries Participating with Australia in the Work and Holiday Program				
Argentina	Austria	Brazil	Chile	China*
Czech Republic	Ecuador	Greece	Hungary	Indonesia
India*	Israel	Luxembourg	Malaysia	Mongolia
Papua New Guinea	Peru	Poland	Portugal	San Marino
Singapore	Slovak Republic	Slovenia	Spain	Switzerland
Thailand	Türkiye	Uruguay	U.S.A.	Vietnam*

\* Visa applicants from China, India and Vietnam must first be selected through a pre-visa ballot process for their first subclass 462 - Work and Holiday (Temporary) visa. A nominal ballot participation charge applies. For further information regarding the ballot process, please contact us.

## THE SPECIFIED WORK REQUIREMENT

If you are applying for your **second** Work and Holiday visa, you must also:

- have **completed three calendar months of 'specified work' in Australia** while on your first Work and Holiday visa

To be eligible for a **third** Work and Holiday visa, you must:

- on or after 1 July 2019, **have completed six calendar months of 'specified work' in Australia** while on your second Work and Holiday visa

The period of '*specified work*' means an evidenced period of **paid, full-time equivalent work** over a minimum period of **88 calendar days** (for three months) or **179 calendar days** (for six months). A range of factors will be considered to determine if the work claimed meets the 'specified work' threshold requirements. Please contact us for further information or an eligibility assessment.

'*Specified work*' includes certain types of paid work carried out in the following industries and locations:

### **In Regional and Northern Australia (as defined by post code)**

- plant & animal cultivation
- construction

### **In Northern Australia only (as defined by post code)**

- fishing & pearling
- tree farming & felling
- tourism & hospitality (also includes remote & very remote Australia)

### **Bushfire and Natural Disaster Affected Areas of Australia (as defined by post code)**

- bushfire recovery work undertaken after 31 July 2019 in declared bushfire affected areas (includes voluntary work)
- natural disaster recovery work undertaken after 31 December 2021 in declared flood, cyclone or other severe weather affected areas (includes voluntary work)

### **Anywhere in Australia**

- critical COVID-19 work in healthcare and medical sectors, carried out after 31 January 2020, while holding a subclass 462 - Work and Holiday (Temporary) visa or a subclass 408 AGEE COVID-19 Pandemic event visa

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

The visa application is lodged with the Department of Home Affairs (the DOHA), along with any supporting documents. The main criterion is that you satisfy the requirements listed above. You must also have access to sufficient funds to support yourself during the initial stages of your holiday. In addition, you must meet certain health and character requirements, and may be asked to provide evidence of health and/or travel insurance.

You must enter Australia within 12 months of the date that your visa is granted. You may then work in any job in any location in Australia, provided that you do not work for more than six months with any one employer, unless you have written permission from the DOHA to work more than six months. You must also not study for more than four months.

Your subclass 462 - Work and Holiday (Temporary) visa may be subject to a 'No Further Stay' condition, meaning that you will not be able to apply for any further visas while you are in Australia. Even if your visa is not subject to this condition, you will only be able to apply for a limited range of visas while you are in Australia.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We estimate that it may take several weeks to prepare and lodge your application, with the time taken largely dependent on how promptly you provide us with the necessary supporting information and documents.

The time that it takes the DOHA to process your application is dependent upon its processing time service standards, and may also vary due to a number of other factors, including the complexity of your case, perceived risk factors and processing priorities. Please contact us for current information regarding likely processing timeframes for this type of application.

This Fact Sheet contains **general information only**. We strongly recommend that you seek specific guidance from us that is relevant to your circumstances before taking any further action.

Do you have additional questions regarding the subclass 462 - Work and Holiday (Temporary) visa? Please feel free to contact us by email at [support@dojolegal.com.au](mailto:support@dojolegal.com.au), or by phone on **+61 02 9138 0688** to arrange a paid consultation.

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