



Here at The Permaculture Research Institute (PRI) we have a number of international students. As a result we have compiled a brief summary of applicable visas to assist in your travels. Please note that PRI is not a registered training organization and therefore a student visa does not apply.

### **Before travelling to Australia**

With the exception of New Zealand citizens travelling on New Zealand passports, all foreign nationals must obtain a visa before travelling to Australia. (New Zealand citizens are issued with a visa on arrival in Australia.)

Visas are available from Australian visa offices such as Australian Embassies, High Commissions and Consulates. They are also available from travel agents and airlines in certain countries.

### **Types of visas**

The type of visa you will need depends on how long you wish to stay in Australia and what you want to do during your stay.

**Electronic Travel Authority (ETA)** - an ETA is an electronically stored authority to travel to Australia for a short stay.

ETAs are generally available to passport holders from 31 countries in Europe, Asia and North America, through participating airlines and travel agents. The Australian Government does not charge external service providers to offer this service to travellers.

ETAs are available for tourism and business purposes. Tourist ETAs are free of any Government charge, but credit card payments are required for long validity business entry ETAs.

For more information, see the [ETA](#) website.

**Tourist visas** are normally valid for 12 months, during which time you may make as many visits as you like for up to 3 months stay at a time.

It is possible to obtain tourist visas which allow you to stay for more than 3

months at a time, or which are valid for travel longer than 12 months.

Note that a fee is charged for tourist visas.

### **Visa fees**

For information on visa fees, please visit the [Australian Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs](#) website.

### **Useful links**

[Australian Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs](#)

[ETA](#)

[National Visas – Australian Visas made easy](#)

[Australia.gov.au](#)

### **Invitation Letters**

Some nationalities may require an Invitation Letter in support of their Visa Application or for their own countries Immigration Policies. If this is your case please contact us and we will happily forward you one in support of your participation.

*\*This information was correct at time of publishing – applicants are responsible for confirming current visa conditions with the Australian Department of Immigration, Multicultural Affairs*