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Australian visitor visas in China

The facts

Strong growth

- More than 550 000 visitor visas were granted to Chinese nationals in 2013–14.
 - This is more than double the number of visitors in 2009–10.
- The grant rate for Chinese visitor visa applications was 96 per cent in 2013–14.
 - This is higher than the global grant rate for visitor visas.

Highly competitive processing times

- Australia's visitor visa processing times are the same or better than our key competitors.
 - Seven out of ten applications are finalised in five working days or less.
 - Nine out of ten applications are finalised in ten working days or less.
- For up to date processing times see:
www.china.embassy.gov.au/bjng/DIMA03020104.html

Streamlined application arrangements

- Applicants don't need to attend an interview.
- Documentary requirements have been reduced to make the application process easier and faster.
 - Helpful checklists are available in English and Chinese to assist in preparing applications.
 See:
www.china.embassy.gov.au/bjng/DIMA03020101.html
- Application forms are available in English and Chinese to make it easier for applicants.
- Applicants don't need to submit any original supporting documents.
 - The original of the hukou (family book) is not required to be submitted with an application.
- Applicants don't need to submit translations of documents.

- Applicants lodging in person at an Australian Visa Application Centre (AVAC) don't need to submit their original passport (it can be a 'passport-free' application process).
 - This gives applicants the freedom to travel or apply for other visas while their Australian visa is processed.
- The Australian government does not require a visa holder to have a visa label attached to their passport.

Convenient lodgement options

- AVACs in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou are conveniently located close to public transport with long opening hours to accept visa applications and answer questions.
 - Applicants can lodge applications in person (to take advantage of a 'passport-free' application process) or by mail/courier (the original passport is required).
- Chinese travel agents who are members of Tourism Australia's Key Distribution Partner (KDP) network have access to reduced documentary requirements, faster processing times and longer validity visas for their customers. A list of KDPs can be found at www.tourism.australia.com
- We are currently piloting electronic lodgement of visitor visa applications in China.

A commitment to continuous improvement in visitor visa processing

- 1999:** First English-speaking country to be granted Approved Destination Status by the Chinese Government.
- 2012:** Label-free travel extended to all Chinese visitors.
- 2012-13:** Australian Visa Application Centres opened in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou.
- 2014:** Passport-free visa application process extended to all in person applications in China.
- 2014:** Streamlined arrangements introduced to support Tourism Australia's Key Distribution Partner network.
- 2014:** Electronic lodgement pilot commenced for visitor visa applications in China.



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澳大利亚访客签证中国情况报告

现况

增长强劲

- 2013-14年度, 向中国公民批准下发的访客签证共计超过55万份。
 - 比2009-10年度访客总量的两倍还多。
- 2013-14年度, 中国访客签证申请获批率达96%,
 - 高于全球的访客签证获批率。

办理速度快

- 澳大利亚访客签证办理时间比主要竞争对手只快不慢。
 - 百分之七十的签证申请办理时间不超过五个工作日。
 - 百分之九十的办理时间不超过十个工作日。
- 欲知最新办理时间, 请浏览
www.china.embassy.gov.au/bjngchinese/DIMAcn3214.html

简化申请程序

- 申请人无需面试。
- 已降低文件要求, 申请流程更加方便快捷。
 - 提供中英文核对清单, 协助准备申请材料。
详见:
www.china.embassy.gov.au/bjngchinese/DIMAcn31.html
- 提供中英文申请表, 方便申请人填写。
- 申请人无需提供证明文件原件。
 - 递交申请时, 无需提供户口本原件。
- 申请人无需提供文件的翻译件。

- 亲自前往澳大利亚签证申请中心的申请人, 无需提交护照原件(即“免护照”申请流程)。
 - 申请人可以在澳大利亚签证办理期间, 自由前往其他国家旅行或申请其他签证。
- 澳大利亚政府不要求签证持有人在护照上加贴签证标签。

递交申请简便

- 在北京、上海和广州均设有澳大利亚签证申请中心, 位置便利, 紧邻公共交通, 开放时间长, 方便接收签证申请, 解答申请人疑问。
 - 申请人可亲自递交申请(从而可使用“免护照”申请流程)或通过邮递/快递方式递交(需提供护照原件)。
- 中国旅行社若加入澳大利亚旅游局优选合作伙伴(KDP)网络, 其客户可享受较低的文件要求、更快的办理时间、较长的签证有效期等诸多优势。
KDP名单请浏览www.australia.cn
- 目前, 澳大利亚正在中国试行访客签证申请的电子递交方式。

澳大利亚着力不断改进访客签证办理程序

- 1999年:** 首个获得中国政府批准的中国公民旅游目的地资格的英语国家。
- 2012年:** 所有中国访客均不需加贴签证标签。
- 2012-13年:** 在北京、上海和广州开设澳签证申请中心。
- 2014年:** 所有亲自在中国递交的申请人均可享受免护照签证申请程序。
- 2014年:** 实行简化程序, 支持澳大利亚旅游局优选合作伙伴网络的发展。
- 2014年:** 在中国开始试行访客签证申请的电子递交方式。