



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Japanese workers applying for Working Holiday Makers (subclass 417) visa

### What can a Working Holiday visa holder do in Australia?

The Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa will allow participants to engage in cultural exchange and tourism. In addition, the visa allows the holder to:

- stay in Australia for 12 months from their date of first arrival
- work for the 12 month duration of their stay and
- study for up to four months.

### What are the visa's eligibility requirements?

General eligibility requirements for Working Holiday visa applicants are:

- hold a valid Japanese passport
- be at least 18 but have not turned 31 years of age at the time an application is lodged
- will not be with a dependent child while in Australia
- have enough money for support while on a working holiday (about AUD5,000)
- have enough money to buy a return or onward travel ticket at the end of their stay in Australia
- have not previously entered Australia on a Work and Holiday visa (subclass 462)
- meet character and health requirements and
- be a genuine visitor.

Further information can be found on the Department of Home Affairs website at [Working Holiday \(subclass 417\) visa](#).

### How much money should I have?

You must have enough money to:

- support yourself while you are in Australia
- leave Australia at the end of your stay

This is usually about AUD5,000 for your initial stay, plus the fare to where you are going after leaving Australia.

### Who can help with my application?

Only certain people can help you with your visa application. We call this help 'immigration assistance'.

### What is immigration assistance?

Immigration assistance is when a person uses knowledge of, or experience in, migration procedures to assist with visa applications or other visa matters by:

- preparing, or helping to prepare a visa application or other document

- advising about a visa application or visa matter
- representing in, or preparing for, proceedings before a court or review authority in relation to a visa matter.

If you appoint someone to give you immigration assistance, they must be:

- a [registered migration agent](#)
- a [legal practitioner](#), or
- an [exempt person](#).

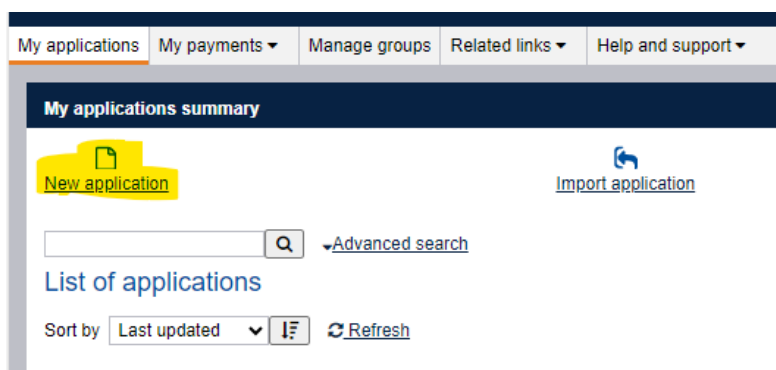
If you appoint a representative to provide you with immigration assistance and lodge a visa application on your behalf, you must be aware of the information and documentation your representative submits with your application.

Be aware of [fake migration agents](#). In Australia, migration agents need to be registered with the [Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority](#).

### Can I lodge my own application?

Yes, you do not need to engage a migration agent to apply for a Working Holiday visa.

You can lodge your own application for a Working Holiday subclass 417 visa through your ImmiAccount by accessing the online 417 application form under the 'New Application' link on the main landing page.



### What kind of work can a Working Holiday visa holder do?

Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa holders are not required to work at all, but are allowed to work for the entire duration of their stay in Australia, in any location, industry and role they choose, including tourism and hospitality and agriculture.

It is important to know the [specified work and conditions](#) that apply on your visa. You can check your visa conditions with [VEVO](#).

All workers in Australia have the same rights and protections at work, regardless of citizenship or visa status. The [Fair Work Ombudsman](#) (FWO) is an independent statutory agency that monitors, investigates and enforces compliance with Australia's workplace laws.

### How can I find work in Australia?

You can find work available across Australia the same way you would find other job vacancies. This includes employment pages in newspapers, the internet, social media, and job placement service providers. Vacancies can also be found on the Australian Government's [Workforce Australia jobs board](#).

## What may happen if I provide false or incorrect information with my visa application?

As a visa applicant, you must prove your identity and provide true information with your application.

We might refuse your visa application if:

- you did not comply with visa conditions
- you did not meet our [character requirements](#)
- you provided false information on your visa application.

If you are in Australia or immigration clearance, we will usually notify you of our intention to consider cancelling your visa. We will give you the opportunity to put forward reasons why we should not cancel your visa.

You can read more on how you can meet our requirements by [providing accurate information](#).

## What would happen to me if my visa is cancelled

Cancellation of your visa might bar you from making further visa applications to Australia. It may prevent you from being granted certain visas to travel to, enter or stay in Australia.

If you are in Australia [without a valid visa](#), you could face [serious consequences](#) including immigration detention and removal from Australia.

If your visa has expired, you need to apply for a [Bridging visa E \(BVE\)](#) immediately in order to become lawful. A BVE is a short-term visa that lets you remain lawful while you make arrangements to leave Australia.

You can read more about the reasons [why we may cancel your visa](#) before you submit your application.

## How can I make sure the information provided in my application form is correct?

You are responsible for giving accurate information in your application.

You can also appoint a [registered migration agent](#), a [legal practitioner](#), or an [exempt person](#) to provide you with [immigration assistance](#) and lodge a visa application on your behalf, you must be aware of the information and documentation your representative submits with your application.

## What happens if I cannot find a job in Australia?

You can use your money to support yourself while you make arrangements to leave Australia.

Some criminals in Australia and around the world use scams to promise work or permanent residency in Australia as a way to exploit people and steal money.

It is important you understand your rights and your employer's obligations to make sure you protect yourself from [work visa scams](#). You can visit our website to read more about [visa scams and what you need to know](#).

## Do I need to speak English to find a job in Australia?

The Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa does not require Japanese applicants to demonstrate they have a functional level of English in order to be granted a visa. However, we recommend that your English language level is sufficient for you to function in Australian culture and society.