



Joint 20th IFHIMA Congress & 40th National Conference 2023
30 October 2023 – 1 November
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

We are delighted to assist with your registration to attend the Joint 20th IFHIMA Congress & 40th National Conference 2023 and have compiled the below information which should be helpful to guide you through this visa application process. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact a member of the Organising Team using the details provided below.

Visa options:

Participants, attendees and speakers that ***will not be working, performing or otherwise be paid to contribute at the event*** may be eligible to apply for the following visa options:

Eligibility for an eVisitor visa and ETA will be determined by the country of passport that the applicant holds.

- **Visitor (subclass 600)(Business stream) visa.** For more information see: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600/business-visitor-stream>
- **Electronic Travel Authority – ETA (subclass 601).** For eligible passport holders and more information see: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/electronic-travel-authority-601>
- **eVisitor (subclass 651)(Business Stream) visa.** For eligible passport holders and more information see: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/evisitor-651>

Speakers, Event Organiser and other contributor ***that will be working, or otherwise be paid to contribute at the event*** may be eligible to apply for one of the following visa options:

- **Temporary Activity (subclass 408)(Invited Participant) visa (*where there is an inviting Australian organisation*).** For more information see: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-activity-408/invited-for-other-social-and-cultural-activity>

*Please note that a the letter of support from an Australian organisation is a legislative requirement for the **Temporary Activity (subclass 408)(Invited Participant) visa**.*

- **Temporary Work (subclass 400)(Short Stay Specialist) visa (*where there is no inviting Australian organisation*).** For more information see: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-work-400>

NB: These are the visa options available presently but the Department reserves the right to change regulations.

Biometrics:

Visa applicants outside of Australia will need to provide biometrics when they apply for a visa that is part of the Australian biometrics program, or where they are from a country, or located in a country at time of application that is part of the Australian biometrics program.

For information regarding Australia's biometric program including visas and countries that are part of the program, please see: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/biometrics>

Visa Application Process and Processing Times:

Visa applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis, and actual processing times can vary due to individual circumstances including:

- whether the applicant has lodged a complete application, including all necessary supporting documents and paid associated visa application charges
- how promptly the applicant responds to any requests for additional information
- how long it takes to perform required checks on the supporting information provided
- how long it takes to receive information from external agencies, particularly in relation to health, character, and national security requirements
- when the application is lodged taking the current global visa processing times into account

Processing times are impacted each month by cases that are complex, changes to volume of applications and changes to Ministerial Directions. More information about visa processing times please see: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/overview>. For this reason, we would advise that visa applications be lodged at least 4 to 6 weeks prior to a person's intended date of travel.

Visitor (subclass 600) Business visa applicants should include as much information as possible to support their visa applications (see: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600/business-visitor-stream#HowTo>). In addition, visa applicants should include the following information:

- evidence of any international travel outside of their own country (for example, copies of visas and passport pages containing entry and departure stamps)
- information and evidence of attendance at similar events of this type/nature.

Please feel free to contact the Joint 20th IFHIMA Congress & 40th National Conference 2023 team via the details provided below if you need any further assistance or to discuss the service in more detail

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