

BACKPACKER/ WORKING HOLIDAY VISA INFORMATION



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Our Backpacker and Working Holiday trail is designed to give backpackers basic information before they leave home on Working Holiday Visas and provide information on the various destinations after you arrive along The Legendary Pacific Coast.

Stretching 930kms along the east coast of northern NSW from Sydney to Brisbane, Australia's top tourism drive provides working opportunities so you can slow down and explore some of the best destinations in Australia and live like a local!

WORKING HOLIDAY VISA INFORMATION – BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME

For people from Belgium, Canada, Republic of Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Republic of Ireland, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Taiwan and United Kingdom.

Working-holiday Visa – 417

You should read this information if you are applying for your first or second Working Holiday visa. The main purpose of this visa is to allow you to have an extended holiday while supplementing your funds with short-term work in Australia.

This visa is for people aged 18 to 30 years of age, who are interested in a working holiday of up to 12 months in Australia. Important: You must have turned 18, but not turned 31, at the time of your visa application.

Please visit the Australian Government Immigration & Citizenship website for all details:

<http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/working-holiday/417/>

Phone 131 881 Note: This number is only available if you are phoning from in Australia. If you are outside Australia and wish to make an enquiry please contact the relevant Australian Immigration office overseas.

If you are granted this visa you can:

- enter Australia within 12 months of grant
- stay for up to 12 months
- leave and re-enter Australia any number of times while the visa is valid
- work in Australia for up to six months with each employer
- study for up to four months.

If you hold a second Working Holiday visa, you may return to work for a further six months for an employer with whom you worked on your first Working Holiday visa.

Please visit the Australian Government Immigration site for all details:

<http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/working-holiday/417/eligibility-second.htm>

The Government has a rule that to qualify for a second year visa, you must have completed three months of specified work in a regional Australia. There are specific postcodes that qualify, and specific work (such as agriculture).

Regional Australia Postcode List

There are postcodes on The Legendary Pacific Coast classified as part of regional Australia for specified work. To meet the three month specified work requirement for a second Working Holiday visa, work must be completed in an area whose postcode is included in the list. Specified work completed in areas that does

not fit within the definition of regional Australia cannot be counted towards the requirement.

Note: Not all postcodes in the Hunter Valley fit within the definition of regional Australia. **Along the North Coast of New South Wales on The Legendary Pacific Coast there are certain areas such as the below taken from the postcode list:**

2311 to 2312 – Maitland to Nabiac

2420 to 2490 - Near Maitland up the North Coast to Murwillumbah near the Queensland border.

For people from Argentina, Bangladesh, Chile, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Thailand, Turkey and the USA on holiday and work visas in Australia.

Working-holiday Visa – 462

The Work and Holiday (Subclass 462) visa is for young people aged 18 to 30 who want to travel and work for up to 12 months in Australia from the above countries. This visa allows you to supplement the cost of your holiday through periods of temporary or casual employment. The Work and Holiday visa program is designed to encourage cultural exchange and closer ties between arrangement countries.

Please visit the Australian Government Immigration site for all details:

<http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/working-holiday/462/>

If you come from a country that cannot get a Working Holiday visa you might be eligible for a paid internship in rural or outback Australia. This is for people with passports from the following countries:

South Africa, Namibia, Ukraine, Moldova, Brazil, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Austria, Czech Republic, Poland, Iceland, Greece.

If you have recently graduated from University you might be eligible for a paid working traineeship – degrees covered would be in branches of agriculture, hospitality, tourism and adventure tourism. Please be aware that these visas can take up to three months to be granted. If you are interested please send a CV/ resume to joanna@visitoz.org and visit www.visitoz.org



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