



Travelling without a visa label

Frequently asked questions for visa holders

Do I need a visa label?

You do not need a visa label when you travel to Australia.

The Australian Government does not require a person holding a valid Australian visa to have a label in their passport to travel to, enter or remain in Australia.

Governments of other countries may require you to have a visa label to transit through or to depart their country. You should check with the relevant government authorities to confirm their exit or transit requirements. The Australian Government cannot advise on other countries' requirements.

How will visas be checked at the airport without a label?

When you check-in to fly to Australia, airline staff will electronically confirm that you have a valid visa to travel to Australia before you board the plane.

Is there any document I can carry to show evidence of my visa without a label?

Every year millions of people travel to Australia without a visa label. It is advised that you carry your visa grant notice for your own reference.

How do I check my visa status and entitlements?

In Australia, VEVO (Visa Entitlement Verification Online) is a secure and free internet service available all day, everyday. It allows you to check your visa details online and provides more information about your visa conditions and entitlements than a label. You will be able to confirm your visa type, visa grant and expiry dates, period of stay, visa grant number, entries allowed and any conditions that apply to your visa.

Using VEVO is a secure and effective method to confirm the current status of your visa. For more information, visit www.immi.gov.au/e_visa/evo.htm.

Can organisations access VEVO to check my status and entitlements?

With your permission, employers, labour hire companies, roads and traffic authorities, education institutions and banks can check your visa status and entitlements online. Other government agencies, such as Medicare and Centrelink, can also check your visa status. These organisations do not need to see a visa label, they can check your visa status and entitlements online.

Does an Australian employer need to see a label?

No. With your permission, Australian employers can access VEVO to check your visa status, including if you have the right to work in Australia.

To view your visa status, Australian employers need to register to use VEVO. Information for employers can be found on the department's website at www.immi.gov.au/e_visa/evo.htm.