## Online lodgement for Visitor Visas (subclass 600) from 23 November 2014

From 23 November 2014, the Australian Government is providing online access to Pakistani passport holders to apply for a Visitor Visa (visa subclass 600).

Some important information about this lodgement channel is listed below -

- Potential applicants are asked to take note that none of the legal or documentary requirements have changed as a result of this ability to lodge through online channels and after lodging online, applicants are required to provide supporting documentation on the attached checklist via their Immiaccount (see below).
- Applications without supporting documents may be decided on the basis of the information provided; this will almost certainly lead to refusal of these applications and the Visa Application Charge will not be refunded.
- Applications with obviously fraudulent information will be refused and these
  applicants may be subject to a minimum three year exclusion period. In
  accordance with DIBP privacy policies this information may be shared with
  other missions.
- Applicants from Pakistan are reminded that they will still be requested to attend an Australian Visa Application Centre to provide their biometrics after lodging the application and that once they choose to lodge online all future document requests must be actioned through their online Immiaccount.
- Almost all applicants need to pay a visa application charge, if you are exempt from this charge you should state this in your reasons for travel very clearly or your application will be invalid and will not be considered.

The online visa lodgement system is available to applicants at their convenience, seven days a week, without the need to send in application forms by mail.

Applications can be made at <a href="www.immi.gov.au">www.immi.gov.au</a> (see: <a href="Online Services">Online Services</a>). To start an application, you will first need to create your own online account, known as ImmiAccount. ImmiAccount lets you create and manage all your online visa applications in one place. You can use your account to:

- lodge and pay for your visa application
- continue a saved application
- attach documents if required, and
- check the progress of your application.

Please note that you will need access to a credit card to pay for an online application. A third party may complete an online application on your behalf with your consent.

If your visa is granted, you will not require a visa label in your passport, as your visa details will be stored electronically. You can check your visa conditions before you travel to Australia using the Visa Entitlement Verification Online (VEVO) system.

See: Visa Entitlement Verification Online (VEVO)

For more information about online visas and which nationalities are eligible to make online applications, **see:** <a href="http://www.immi.gov.au/Services/Pages/apply-for-a-visa.aspx">http://www.immi.gov.au/Services/Pages/apply-for-a-visa.aspx</a>

**Note:** If you do not have access to the internet, you can still make a paper visa application to the Australian Visa Application Centre.