



DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FORUM

Australia High-Level Symposium

LOGISTICS NOTE – Preliminary information

14-15 May 2012, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Brisbane, Australia

VISAS FOR AUSTRALIA

Most overseas visitors need a valid visa before they can travel to Australia. Travelers should arrange their visa well ahead of time (at least four weeks before leaving their home country) to ensure entry into Australia is smooth.

Introductory information on Australian visas is available at: <http://www.immi.gov.au/visawizard/>.

CUSTOMS AND QUARANTINE

The duty-free allowance in Australia is A\$900 (US\$720) or, for those under 18, A\$450 (US\$360). Anyone over 18 can bring in up to 250 cigarettes or 250 grams of cigars or other tobacco products, 2.25 liters (41 fluid oz.) of alcohol, and "dutiable goods" to the value of A\$900 (US\$720), or A\$450 (US\$360) if you are under 18.

You need not declare cash in any currency or other currency instruments, such as traveller's checks, under a value of A\$10,000 (US\$8,000).

Firearms in Australia are strictly controlled. Contact the nearest Australian diplomatic post for advice on importing a handgun.

Australia's distance from the rest of the world protects it from a number of diseases. To keep things this way, our quarantine process is extremely strict. Almost all bags are X-rayed, many are searched, and trained dogs sniff luggage. Visitors may not bring any food, flowers or other prohibited items (visitors will be given a list) into Australia. Amnesty trash bins are available before you reach the immigration counters in airport arrivals halls for items such as fruit.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Registration for the Australian High-Level Symposium for the 2012 Development Cooperation Forum is via an online registration portal found at <http://wired.ivvy.com/event/UNDC12/>.

Please complete this registration information as accurately as possible, paying particular attention to the correct spelling of names (participants' names should be identical to those on their passports).

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation has been reserved for invited delegates at the Sofitel Brisbane Central Hotel. Delegates will be able to access further details about accommodation through the [online registration portal](#).

FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional information on visas, customs, registration and further information on the venue, climate, money, health and safety, and cultural practices in Australia can be found on the [online registration portal](#).

An updated logistics note will be sent to you closer to the meeting date.