# - VISA Requirements for all APRSAF-17 Delegates -

The Australian Department of Immigration has advised that under Australia's universal visa system, all APRSAF-17 delegates visiting Australia from overseas must have a valid visa to travel to and enter Australia.

Visa applicants must demonstrate that they meet all the legislative requirements for an Australian visa. It is extremely important for international participants to lodge their applications at least 6 to 8 WEEKS BEFORE their intended date of travel. This will ensure sufficient time for processing the applications and permits any problems that may arise to be sorted out. Some countries will find this application process quicker than others, depending on which visa they are eligible to apply for.

Please note that these VISA requirements are extremely important to all APRSAF-17 delegates to ensure their attendance.

The factsheet (<a href="http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/\_pdf/general-events.pdf">http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/\_pdf/general-events.pdf</a>) provides background information in relation to visa options for business events within Australia. Please also refer to the following link for further visa information: <a href="http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/business/business-visit-visa-options.htm">http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/business/business-visit-visa-options.htm</a>

Further information of eligible countries is below:

### **VISA Options:**

#### ETA eligible countries

Passport holders from Electronic Authority Travel (ETA) countries (listed below) are able to apply for a visa online to travel to and enter Australia.

(Charge amount: Nil \* A service charge of \$20 applies)

- \* Brunei
- \* Canada
- \* Hong Kong (SAR)
- \* Japan

- \* Malaysia
- \* Singapore
- \* South Korea
- \* Taiwan
- \* United States of America

Please refer to <a href="http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/business/956-977/">http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/business/956-977/</a> for further visa information.

#### eVisitor eligible countries

EU passport holders are able to apply individually online for authorisation to travel to and enter Australia. Please refer to <a href="http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/tourist/evisitor/">http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/tourist/evisitor/</a> for further visa information.

(Charge Amount: Nil)

#### **APEC Business Travel Card**

Individual members of APEC participating countries are able to apply online for an APEC Business Travel Card. Please refer to:

http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/business/apec/

There are 17 Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) economies currently participating in the APEC Business Travel Card scheme:

(Charge Amount: \$200)

- \* Brunei Darussalam
- \* Chile
- \* Hong Kong (China)
- \* Indonesia
- \* Japan
- \* Republic of Korea
- \* New Zealand
- Papua New Guinea
- \* People's Republic of China

- \* The Philippines
- \* Malaysia
- \* Peru
- \* Singapore
- \* Chinese Taipei
- \* Thailand
- \* Vietnam
- \* Australia

Note: Delegates from countries on both of the above-mentioned lists (ETA countries and APEC participating countries) are recommended to apply for ETA if they need a visa exclusively for APRSAF-17.

## Paper-based applications

All other passport holders need to submit a paper-based application for a Business (Short Stay) visa (subclass 456). Please refer to:

http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/business/456/

(Charge Amount: \$105)

#### **Point of Contact**

Any participant who requires an invitation letter in order to obtain a visa, please contact:

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In your request please supply the following information:

- Full name as it appears on their passport;
- Passport number; and
- Date of birth