



Customs Guide
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WELCOME TO Australia

We are so excited to have you come to our beautiful country! This booklet is designed to ensure the initial check-in process is as smooth as can be, so please take your time to read over the details we will provide to you.



Pay close attention to what we say, as it may save you up to an hour of unnecessary time at the airport on your first day. After some of your extremely long flights, who really wants to spend any more time at the airport than necessary?

We hope this booklet makes your arrival as easy and stress-free as possible, allowing you to focus on enjoying your time in our beautiful country from the moment you arrive.



WHY IS IT SO STRICT?

BIOSECURITY LAWS



Australia has some of the strictest biosecurity laws in the world. Many food, plant, and animal products must be declared when entering the country and may be inspected, treated, or destroyed to prevent pests, diseases and parasites from entering.

VARROA MITE

A recent example is the Varroa mite, a destructive honey bee parasite first detected in Australia in 2022. Since then, it has spread to several states and caused around \$100 million AUD in losses.



WHY IT MATTERS

Although the exact pathway of the Varroa mite is unknown, its outbreak shows why biosecurity is so important. Australia's unique ecosystems and agriculture are vulnerable to invasive pests and diseases, so expect thorough biosecurity screening when arriving.



We understand you may want to bring food or drinks from home to share, but please avoid bringing them unless medically necessary. Food and drinks often cause the longest delays at the airport and may be confiscated.

Australia is very multicultural, so you'll likely find familiar foods in local supermarkets. You can also take Australian food home if your country allows it. Chocolate, confectionery and biscuits are the main exceptions.



Any dangerous weapons, drugs,
alcohol, laser pointers.

This includes any knives, cooking equipment such as gas stoves and lighters.

Do not bring any vapes, weed or anything which involves using a match or lighter to use.



HIGHLY RECCOMENED NOT TO BRING (AS IT WILL HAVE TO BE DECLARED)

NO FARMING CLOTHES

Due to the existence of foot and mouth disease any farm clothes, shoes or tools will have to declared on arrival or inspected which can take huge amounts of time, please try and avoid bringing any of these items.



NO WOOD OR BAMBOO

If possible, avoid bringing items made from wood or bamboo, such as musical instruments or toys, especially when travelling from Asian countries such as Thailand. If you do bring these items, you must declare them upon arrival. When in doubt, always declare it. Please contact us if you have any questions about these processes.



Tips and Tricks

TIP 1: KEEP YOUR DOCUMENTS READY

Before landing, keep your passport, ID and other required documents somewhere easily accessible. You may also receive a customs declaration form on the plane, so have a pen ready.



TIP 2: STAY TOGETHER

Remain together as a group through each border security checkpoint. Airports can be confusing, so use regular head counts or a number-off system to make sure everyone is accounted for.

TIP 3: BE READY TO MOVE

Keep your documents and belongings organised and easily accessible so you can move through each checkpoint quickly without having to search through your bags.



Incoming passenger card - Australia

PLEASE COMPLETE IN ENGLISH WITH A BLUE OR BLACK PEN

Family/surname _____

Given names _____

Passport number _____

Flight number or name of ship _____

Intended address in Australia _____

State _____

Do you intend to live in Australia for the next 12 months? Yes No

If you are **NOT** an Australian citizen:

Do you have tuberculosis? Yes No

Do you have any criminal conviction/s? Yes No

DECLARATION

The information I have given is true, correct and complete. I understand failure to answer any questions may have serious consequences.

YOUR SIGNATURE _____

Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

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PLEASE X AND ANSWER EVERY QUESTION - IF UNSURE, YES X

- Goods that may be prohibited or subject to restrictions, such as medicines, steroids, illegal pornography, firearms, weapons or illicit drugs? Yes No
- More than 2250ml of alcoholic beverages or 25 cigarettes or 25g of tobacco products? Yes No
- Goods obtained overseas or purchased duty and/or tax free in Australia with a combined total value of more than AUD\$500, including gifts? Yes No
- Goods/samples for business/commercial use? Yes No
- AUD\$10,000 or more in Australian or foreign currency equivalent? Yes No

Note: If a customs or police officer asks, you must report travellers cheques, cheques, money orders or other bearer negotiable instruments of any amount.

- Meat, poultry, fish, seafood, eggs, dairy, fruit, vegetables? Yes No
- Grains, seeds, bulbs, tubers, nuts, plants, parts of plants, traditional medicines or herbs, wooden articles? Yes No
- Animals, parts of animals, animal products including equipment, pet food, eggs, biologicals, specimens, birds, fish, insects, shells, bee products? Yes No
- Soil, items with soil attached or used in freshwater areas e.g. sports/recreational equipment, shoes? Yes No
- Have you been in contact with farms, farm animals, wilderness areas or freshwater streams/lakes etc in the past 30 days? Yes No
- Were you in Africa, South/Central America or the Caribbean in the last 6 days? Yes No

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**WE WILL SEE
YOU THERE!**

Barker college students and staff will meet you at the airport upon your arrival and you will be escorted to Barker where more instructions on the conference will be provided. We are so excited for you to get here.