

## Working in Australia – staying longer than six months with your host family

If you hold a Working Holiday (subclass 417) or Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa, the main purpose of your visit must be for an extended holiday. You can do any kind of work over the course of your 12 months stay in Australia; however, the conditions of your visa limit you to a maximum period of six months of work with any one employer, unless you've been given permission by the Department of Home Affairs to work longer.

### Au Pair

From 21 July 2015, permission to work longer than six months with an employer may be given where a Working Holiday (subclass 417) or Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa holder has been employed as an au pair with a family and is seeking to continue that employment for a further period.

To be considered an au pair, your primary responsibility must be the care of a family's children, rather than any domestic work. The youngest child being cared for should not be older than 12 years of age (that is, primary school age or younger).

To apply for an extension of your placement, you must complete this form and submit as instructed, around 30 days before the end of the 6 months.

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/form-listing/forms/1445.pdf>

As proof of your au pair position we recommend you include:

- 'Letter of Support' from host family (see template below)
- A copy of your signed invitation
- A copy of your Working With Children's Check or Blue Card
- A copy of Police Check from your own country

\*Host family name\*  
\*Host family address\*

To Whom It May Concern:

**RE: \*Au Pair's name\* - Visa Application**

\*Au Pair's name\* has been staying with our family as an au pair since  
\*Months 2017\* It is our intention to continue that arrangement  
should her working holiday visa be extended as she has requested.

We give our full support to her request for an extension.

Yours sincerely,

\*Host family signature\*