

Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) Requirement

The GTE requirement explicitly addresses whether the individual circumstances of an applicant indicate that their intention is for a temporary stay in Australia. ETA (Subclass 601) and E-visitor (Subclass 651) visa applicants must convince the Department they will return home before the expiry of the visa rather than seeking to remain in Australia any longer.

What is genuineness?

The department has been assessing the genuineness of visa applicants for many years. For example, the department currently successfully assesses visitor visa applicants against the genuine visitor requirement.

A genuineness assessment is generally made by taking into account a number of personal factors relating to an applicant such as their immigration history, circumstances that may encourage the applicant to return to their home country and conditions that might encourage the applicant to remain in Australia.

How will the GTE requirement operate?

To be granted a visitor visa, applicants must satisfy the department that they have a genuine intention to stay in Australia temporarily.

Factors that the department considers as part of the GTE requirement include:

- circumstances in the applicant's home country
- the applicant's potential circumstances in Australia
- the applicant's immigration history
- the applicant's ties to the home country, including financial, business and cultural ties
- any other matter relevant to the applicant's intention to stay temporarily.

Which visas does the GTE requirement apply to?

The GTE requirement applies to a few visa types such as:

- Student visa (Subclass 500)
- TSS visa (Subclass 482)



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- Visitor visa (Subclass 600)
- ETA (Subclass 601)
- E-visitor visa (Subclass 651)

As with previous arrangements, the department may ask an applicant to provide more information or to attend an interview in order to determine whether they meet the criteria for grant of the visa. However, a decision on the visa application may be made solely on the information provided in the application.

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