



WWOOFTM Australia 
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Visa Information

To WWOOF, and be considered an eligible visa holder you must hold one of the following visas. If you have applied for the visa but it has not yet been granted, you are not an eligible visa holder.

- Subclass 417 – Working Holiday visa
- Subclass 462 – Work and Holiday visa
- Subclass 500 – Student visa

You must arrange your entry visa to Australia *before* you join WWOOF. WWOOF is not responsible for any problems you may experience upon entering the country.

Memberships will not be refunded if you cannot obtain an entry visa. WWOOF Pty Ltd and WWOOF hosts cannot assist with travel costs or visa applications or letters of invitation, so please do not ask.

The Australian Department of Home Affairs has information about visas, these are some visas that allow WWOOFing:

- [Working Holiday Visa \(417\)](#)
- [Working Holiday Visa \(462\)](#)
- [Visitor Visa - Tourist Stream \(subclass 600\)](#) *see note below
- [Student Visa](#)

For all of the above visas, please see Department of Home Affairs Website for conditions.

If you need to speak with someone Contact Department of Human Affairs call 131 881 (Monday to Friday 9am-5pm)

WWOOFing (Volunteering) Is allowed on ALL Working Holiday Visas

***Visitor Visas (Tourist)**

On Visitor (Tourist) Visas any work must be genuinely voluntary and must be work that would not otherwise be undertaken by an Australian resident and **MUST** be done for a Not-For-Profit entity, such as a NON-Commercial/Small Farms.

If you are entering Australia on a Tourist visa it is essential that you have Tourist style accommodation booked for your first few days, and have plans for tourist activities, WWOOFing must not be the main reason for your visit to Australia.

WWOOFers on Tourist visas who pre-arrange to stay on Commercial Farms can be refused entry to Australia as their visa conditions do not permit work. If you do pre-arrange any WWOOF Host visits, ensure they are NON-Commercial/Small Farms

WWOOF has a large number of NON-Commercial/Small Farms in the program to choose from and our list search offers a filter to search for these farms.

Home Affairs states on Visitor Visas - Tourist stream (as of January 2024)

You can:

- Visit family or friends
- Be here as a tourist, for a cruise or for any purpose except business or medical treatment.
- Study or train for up to 3 months in total on this visa. If your main reason for travelling to Australia is study, a [Student Visa](#) might be more appropriate.
- Do Volunteer Work - Volunteering is not considered work by Home Affairs, who define volunteering as follows:
 - is unpaid (you can be provided with meals, accommodation or out-of-pocket living expenses)
 - would not otherwise be done by an Australian for pay
 - is short term
 - is incidental to your visit to Australia
 - is done for a not-for-profit organisation
 - benefits the community

[Check visa details and conditions](#)

The Visitor visa does not offer the wide scope of options that are available to those who are holders of Working Holiday or Work and Holiday Visa which both permit paid work as well as volunteer work.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Home Affairs can change what activities are allowed on visas, it is important to confirm with Home Affairs that the type of visa you apply for does allow volunteering in exchange for food and accommodation. WWOOF does NOT have any influence over Home Affairs, and WWOOF is not advised if they change the Rules.