



E3 VISA FACT SHEET

The E3 visa is a little known, but wonderful, visa for both candidates and employers alike. It's fast, cheap and easy to apply for. Here's a quick fact sheet to help you understand how it works.

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Eligibility



Must be Australian



Must have a degree



Must have a job offer from a US employer

Rights



Visa is valid for 2 years



No limits on how many times you can renew



Can sponsor dependents and your spouse can work

Process



Total filing fees



Full process takes about 2 weeks



In 2015, there were only 6,127 applicants for the 10,500 visas available

Restrictions



Can only work for employers you have an E3 with



Must intend to leave when the visa expires



Visa must be granted outside USA

Sources

Eligibility

- Nationality, degree and job offer requirements are all referenced on the USCIS website: <https://www.uscis.gov/working-united-states/temporary-workers/e-3-certain-specialty-occupation-professionals-australia>

Rights

- Permissions to live and work in America for two years on this visa, the number of renewals allowed, and the ability to sponsor dependents are all discuss by the USCIS here: <https://www.uscis.gov/working-united-states/temporary-workers/e-3-certain-specialty-occupation-professionals-australia>

Process

- The processing fee is specified by the State Department here: <https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/fees/fees-visa-services.html>
- At time of publication there's no visa reciprocity fee for Australians, you can check those here: <https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/fees/reciprocity-by-country/AS.html>
- Processing time: There are no official guidelines for processing times because officials don't want to give information that could be outdated or inaccurate in some cases. E3. The 1-2 week time span comes from here: <https://visacoach.org/2013/05/09/e-3-visa-how-long-does-the-process-take/>
- The fact that only 58% of the available visas even get applied for is astonishing considering how good the conditions are. The number of 6,127 was estimated using the number of success ful applicants in 2015, 5,527 as reported here: <https://travel.state.gov/content/dam/visas/Statistics/AnnualReports/FY2015AnnualReport/FY15AnnualReport-TableXVIB.pdf> and using the 2014 rejected visa rate of 9.8% as reported here: <http://www.afr.com/news/policy/immigration/us-toughens-up-on-australian-work-visas-20150721-gihlg1>

Restrictions

- Whilst you can technically work for multiple employers you must have a separate E3 visa with each of them. In practice that's difficult to achieve but there's nothing, legally, to prevent you from doing it so long as each visa is valid and you meet the eligibility criteria. More insight here: <https://visacoach.org/2013/08/03/multiple-employers-on-your-h-1b-or-e-3-visa/>
- The USCIS notes that this is a non-immigration visa here: <https://www.uscis.gov/working-united-states/temporary-workers/e-3-certain-specialty-occupation-professionals-australia>
- The USCIS's page on the E3 visa specifies that you must apply at a US consulate or embassy. These all exist outside of America only. <https://www.uscis.gov/working-united-states/temporary-workers/e-3-certain-specialty-occupation-professionals-australia>