

**High Commission of India
Canberra**

Important Information

Medical Visas for Surrogacy

The High Commission of India in Canberra and its Consulates in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth have been receiving applications for Medical Visa from Australian passport holders for commissioning surrogacy in India. In view of the abuse of this provision in several cases, the Government of India has reviewed the position with effect from July 15, 2015. The position is as follows:

2. Neither the High Commission nor the Consulates in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth will issue any new medical visas for surrogacy unless the Australian Government / the Australian High Commission in New Delhi start issuing a modified letter that is in accordance with requirements of India's Bureau of Immigration and confirms inter alia:

(a) Surrogacy is recognized and legal under Federal Law and also the laws of the relevant State in which the applicant resides.

(b) The new born child / Children will receive passport / travel documents from the Australian Government to enable travel to Australia.

(c) The applicants meet the domestic and federal regulations pertaining in the respective states of Australia and have fulfilled the criteria required for surrogacy.
