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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
AUSTRALIA**

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No. 5578. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND AUSTRALIA RELATING TO NON-IMMIGRANT VISA PROCEDURES. CANBERRA, 13 MARCH, 1 JUNE AND 19 AUGUST 1959

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*The American Embassy to the Australian Department of External Affairs*

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 149

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Department of External Affairs and has the honor to inform the Department that in furtherance of a Proclamation by the President of the United States of America declaring 1960 as Visit the United States of America Year, the Embassy has been instructed to convey to the Government of Australia the United States Government's wish to relax non-immigrant visa requirements to the extent permitted by law.

The Governments of the United States of America and of the Commonwealth of Australia have already so liberalized their respective non-immigrant visa policies that in only a few categories is there any difference between the maximum liberalization permitted by United States law and the actual regulations applying to Australian citizens, which are based on the treatment accorded corresponding United States applicants for Australian visas. The United States Government believes that the regulations applying to these remaining categories could be liberalized to the mutual advantage of both countries.

Specifically these categories, as described under United States regulations, comprise :

	<i>Present Permitted Validity of Visa</i>	<i>Maximum validity permitted by law</i>
Attendants, servants, or personal employees of Ambassadors, public ministers, diplomatic or consular officers or of other foreign government officials or employees and of members of their families	12 months for multiple entries	24 months for multiple entries

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 19 August 1959 by the exchange of the said notes.

	<i>Present Permitted Validity of Visa</i>	<i>Maximum validity permitted by law</i>
Principal resident representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, his staff, and members of immediate family	12 months for multiple entries	24 months for multiple entries
Other representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization and members of immediate family	12 months for multiple entries	24 months for multiple entries
International organization officer, employee of international organization officer, or employee of above two categories and members of immediate family	12 months multiple entries	24 months multiple entries
Attendant, servant or personal employee of above three categories and members of immediate family	12 months multiple entries	24 months multiple entries

The Embassy would appreciate an early expression of the views of the Australian Government on this question.

The American Embassy  
Canberra, March 13, 1959

## II

### *The Australian Department of External Affairs to the American Embassy*

1531/75

The Department of External Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the Embassy's Note No. 149 of 13th March, 1959, concerning the relaxation of non-immigrant visa requirements.

The Australian authorities have no objection to the suggested liberalisation of the reciprocal visa arrangements with the U.S.A. The Department wishes to advise that Australian visa-issuing officers overseas have been instructed to give effect to the proposed changes.

Canberra, A.C.T.  
1st June, 1959

## III

*The American Embassy to the Australian Department of External Affairs*

## EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 20

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Department of External Affairs and has the honor to refer to the Embassy's Note No. 149 dated March 13, 1959 and the Department's reply No. 1531/75 dated June 1, 1959 on the subject of relaxation of non-immigrant visa requirements.

The Embassy notes with gratification the acceptance of the Australian Government of the proposal for relaxation of non-immigrant visa requirements and wishes to advise the Department that American visa-issuing officers overseas are being informed of the revised schedule of periods of validity of such visas issued to bearers of Australian passports. This schedule will henceforth correspond to the period of maximum validity permitted by United States law, as described in the Embassy's earlier note under reference.

The American Embassy  
Canberra, August 19, 1959

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