**Tax File Number**

A tax file number (TFN) is your personal unique reference number in the tax and super (retirement fund) systems in Australia.

A TFN is a very important part of your records and does not change even if you change your name or move interstate.

It is not compulsory to have a TFN but without one you pay more tax and you won’t be able to lodge your tax returns electronically.

**Apply for a TFN**

You can apply for a TFN online if you meet three conditions:

1. You are a foreign passport holder, permanent migrant or temporary visitor
2. You are already in Australia
3. Your visa is one with work rights (which includes the Working Holiday visa)

To apply online you must have a valid passport or relevant travel documents.

You can apply online here: <http://iar.ato.gov.au/>

Within 28 days of lodgement, the Australian Tax Office will send you your TFN to the nominated address.

If you need more information, visit the nearest Tax Office shopfront site or phone **13 28 61**.

**Further Information**

<https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Tax-file-number/>

[https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Tax-file-number/In-detail/How-to-use-the-online-TFN-registration-(Permanent-migrants-and-temporary-visitors)/](https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Tax-file-number/In-detail/How-to-use-the-online-TFN-registration-%28Permanent-migrants-and-temporary-visitors%29/)