E-3 DS-160 Sample for an Australian Professional

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See how a fictional Australian software engineer answered the DS-160 for an E-3 visa, including the LCA case number and his U.S. employer. One of the shortest paths through the form.

This is a fictional example for educational purposes, not an official or pre-approved application. Your DS-160 answers must reflect your own circumstances. Do not copy the sample answers unless they are independently true for you.

Before you start: information you'll want ready

The form will ask for

- Your passport
- The certified LCA from your U.S. employer, for the case number
- Your U.S. employer's name, work address and phone, and your monthly pay in dollars
- Your earlier U.S. visa, and the dates of your past U.S. stays
- Your current employer's details, your start date and monthly income
- Your earlier jobs, including any in the U.S., with dates and a supervisor's name

Helpful to have nearby

- Your I-94 travel history, for the dates you entered the U.S.
- Your job offer, for the length of your stay and your pay
- Your social media usernames from the last five years
- A recent photo that meets the U.S. visa photo rules

Questions applicants commonly get stuck on

How this fictional applicant answered, why, and what to check for your own form. Answer for your own situation, which may differ.

3.1 *Purpose of Visit*

Purpose of Trip to the U.S.	TREATY TRADER OR INVESTOR (E)
Specify Visa	AUSTRALIAN PROFESSIONAL (E3)
Labor Condition Application (LCA) case number	1234567890

Why The form lists the E-3 under Treaty Trader or Investor (E), so Alex picks that, then Australian Professional (E3). That opens a box for his LCA case number.

For your application Your U.S. employer files the Labor Condition Application with the Department of Labor. Copy the case number exactly as it appears on the certified LCA.

3.2

Have you made specific travel plans?	No
Please provide an explanation of your travel plans.	
Arrival Date	February 11, 2027
Intended length of stay in the U.S.	1
Time period	YEAR(S)

Why Alex has not booked flights yet, so he answers No and gives the date he expects to arrive and a stay of one year.

For your application Base the length of stay on your job offer. If you have not booked flights, the dates you expect are enough.

18.1 *Where Do You Intend to Work?*

Name of Employer	ACME INC
U.S. Street Address (Line 1)	1234 FAKE ST
U.S. Street Address (Line 2)	APT. 567
City	LOS ANGELES
State	CALIFORNIA
ZIP Code (if known)	90001

Phone Number	1234567890
Enter monthly income (in USD)	10000

Why He will work for Acme Inc in Los Angeles, so he gives its address and phone and his monthly pay of 10,000 U.S. dollars.

For your application Give the employer and work address named on your LCA, and your monthly pay in U.S. dollars.

10.1 Primary Occupation	ENGINEERING
Present Employer or School Information	
Present Employer or School Name	HARBOURLIGHT SOFTWARE PTY LTD
Present Employer or School Address	
Street Address (Line 1)	88 EXAMPLE QUAY
Street Address (Line 2)	LEVEL 9
City	SYDNEY
State/Province	NSW
Postal Zone / ZIP Code	2000
Country / Region	AUSTRALIA
Phone Number	0255501234
Start Date	January 17, 2026
Monthly Income in Local Currency (if employed)	12000
Briefly describe your duties	AS A SOFTWARE ENGINEER, I DEVELOP SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS.

Why Alex works in Sydney for Harbourlight Software today, so that is his present job, with his income in Australian dollars. The U.S. job goes on the temporary work page near the end.

For your application Give the job you hold on the day you fill in the form, not the one you are moving to.

11.1 Were you previously employed?	Yes
Employer/Employment Information:	
Employer Name	ACME INC
Employer Address	
Employer Street Address (Line 1)	1234 FAKE ST
Employer Street Address (Line 2)	APT. 567
City/Town	LOS ANGELES
State/Province	CALIFORNIA
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	90001
Country	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Employer Telephone Number	1234567890
Job Title	SOFTWARE ENGINEER
Supervisor's Surname	RIVERA
Supervisor's Given Names	JORDAN
Employment Date From	November 14, 2023
Employment Date To	December 13, 2025
Briefly describe your duties	AS A SOFTWARE ENGINEER ON AN E-3 VISA, I DEVELOPED SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS IN LOS ANGELES.

Why He worked for Acme Inc in Los Angeles on an earlier E-3 for about two years, so he lists that job with his supervisor's name.

For your application List earlier jobs in the U.S. as well as at home. Old payslips or a reference letter have the dates and addresses.

5.1 Have you ever been in the U.S.?	Yes
Details on your visit	
Provide information on your last U.S. visit:	

Date Arrived	*Length of stay in the U.S.*	*Time period*
December 13, 2024	1	YEAR(S)
November 14, 2023	1	YEAR(S)

	Do you or did you ever hold a U.S. Driver's License?	No

Why He lived in the U.S. while he worked there, so he lists both of his arrivals with a stay of a year each.
For your application Give each arrival separately with how long you stayed. Your I-94 travel history on the CBP website lists your entry dates.

5.2	Have you ever been issued a U.S. Visa?	Yes
	Previous U.S. Visa	
	Date Last Visa Was Issued	October 15, 2023
	Visa Number	S4815162
	Are you applying for the same type of visa?	Yes
	Are you applying in the same country or location where the visa above was issued, and is this country or location your place of principal of residence?	Yes
	Have you been ten-printed?	Yes
	Has your U.S. Visa ever been lost or stolen?	No
	Has your U.S. Visa ever been cancelled or revoked?	No

Why His earlier visa was also an E-3, and he applies again in Australia, where he lives, so he answers Yes to the same type and to the same-country question.
For your application The visa number is printed in red on the visa in your passport. Answer the same-country question Yes only if you apply where that visa was issued and you live there.

Common questions about this example

Why is the E-3 under treaty trader or investor?
The DS-160 groups the E-3 with the other E visas. Choose Treaty Trader or Investor (E), and Australian Professional (E3) appears in the next list, as in this example.

Where do I find the LCA case number?
On the Labor Condition Application your U.S. employer filed with the Department of Labor, once it is certified. Ask your employer for a copy before you start the form.

Do I need a USCIS petition or an I-797 for an E-3?
Not when you apply at a U.S. embassy or consulate abroad. The E-3 rests on a certified LCA and a job offer, so the temporary work page asks only about your employer, with no receipt number.

Do I need a new DS-160 for a second E-3?
Yes. Each visa application needs its own DS-160, even for the same type of visa. Alex's earlier E-3 goes in the previous U.S. travel section, as in this example.
Official source travel.state.gov

The completed DS-160, question by question

1 Personal Information - Part 1

1.1	Surname	TAYLOR
1.2	Given Names	ALEX
1.3	Full Name in Native Alphabet	*Does Not Apply/Technology Not Available*
1.4	Have you ever used other names (i.e., maiden, religious, professional, alias, etc.)?	No
1.5	Do you have a telecode that represents your name?	No
1.6	Sex	MALE

1.7	Marital Status	SINGLE
1.8	Date of Birth	November 20, 1996
1.9	City of Birth	SYDNEY
1.10	State/Province of Birth	NSW
1.11	Country/Region of Birth	AUSTRALIA

2 Personal Information - Part 2

2.1	Country/Region of Origin (Nationality)	AUSTRALIA
2.2	Do you hold or have you held any nationality other than the one indicated above on nationality?	No
2.3	Are you a permanent resident of a country/region other than your country/region of origin (nationality) indicated above?	No
2.4	National Identification Number	*Does Not Apply*
2.5	U.S. Social Security Number	*Does Not Apply*
2.6	U.S. Taxpayer ID Number	*Does Not Apply*

3 Purpose of Visa

3.1	*Purpose of Visit*	
	Purpose of Trip to the U.S.	TREATY TRADER OR INVESTOR (E)
	Specify Visa	AUSTRALIAN PROFESSIONAL (E3)
	Labor Condition Application (LCA) case number	1234567890
3.2	Have you made specific travel plans?	No
	Please provide an explanation of your travel plans.	
	Arrival Date	February 11, 2027
	Intended length of stay in the U.S.	1
	Time period	YEAR(S)
3.3	*Address where you will stay in the U.S.*	
	Address Line 1	1234 FAKE ST
	Address Line 2	APT. 567
	City	LOS ANGELES
	State	CALIFORNIA
	Zip Code	90001
	Person/Entity Paying for Your Trip	SELF

4 Travel Companions

4.1	Are there other persons traveling with you?	No

5 Previous U.S. Travel History

5.1	Have you ever been in the U.S.?	Yes
	Details on your visit	
	Provide information on your last U.S. visit:	

Date Arrived	*Length of stay in the U.S.*	*Time period*
December 13, 2024	1	YEAR(S)
November 14, 2023	1	YEAR(S)

	Do you or did you ever hold a U.S. Driver's License?	No
5.2	Have you ever been issued a U.S. Visa?	Yes
	Previous U.S. Visa	
	Date Last Visa Was Issued	October 15, 2023
	Visa Number	S4815162
	Are you applying for the same type of visa?	Yes
	Are you applying in the same country or location where the visa above was issued, and is this country or location your place of principal of residence?	Yes
	Have you been ten-printed?	Yes
	Has your U.S. Visa ever been lost or stolen?	No
	Has your U.S. Visa ever been cancelled or revoked?	No
5.3	Have you ever been refused a U.S. Visa, or been refused admission to the United States, or withdrawn your application for admission at the port of entry?	No
5.4	Have you ever been denied travel authorization by the Department of Homeland Security through the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA)?	No
5.5	Has anyone ever filed an immigrant petition on your behalf with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services?	No

6 Address and Phone Details

6.1	*Home Address*	
	Street Address (Line 1)	1234 FAKE ST
	Street Address (Line 2)	APT. 567
	City	SYDNEY
	State/Province	*Does not apply*
	Postal Zone/ZIP Code	*Does not apply*
	Country/Region	AUSTRALIA
6.2	Is your Mailing Address the same as your Home Address?	Yes
6.3	*Phone*	
	Primary Phone Number	1234567890
	Secondary Phone Number	*Does not apply*
	Work Phone Number	*Does not apply*
6.4	Have you used any other phone numbers in the last five years?	No
6.5	Email Address	EXAMPLE@GMAIL.COM
6.6	Have you used any other email addresses in the last five years?	No
6.7	*Social Media*	

Social Media Provider/Platform	*Link to Social Media Profile*
FACEBOOK	https://facebook.com/example.applicant

6.8	Do you wish to provide information about your presence on any other websites or applications you have used within the last five years to create or share content (photos, videos, status updates, etc.)?	No

7 Passport Information

7.1	Passport/Travel Document Type	REGULAR
7.2	Passport/Travel Document Number	123456789
7.3	Passport Book Number	*Does not apply*
7.4	Country/Authority that Issued Passport/ Travel Document	AUSTRALIA
7.5	*Where was the Passport/Travel Document Issued?*	
	City	SYDNEY
	State/Province *If shown on passport	NSW
	Country/Region	AUSTRALIA
	Issuance Date	November 14, 2021
	Expiration Date	November 12, 2031
7.6	Have you ever lost a passport or had one stolen?	No

8 US Contact Information

8.1	*Contact Person or Organization in the United States*	
	Contact Person	*Do Not Know*
	Organization Name	
	Organization Name	ACME INC
8.2	Relationship To You	EMPLOYER
8.3	*Address and Phone Number of Point of Contact*	
	U.S. Street Address (Line 1)	1234 FAKE ST
	U.S. Street Address (Line 2)	APT. 567
	City	LOS ANGELES
	State	CALIFORNIA
	ZIP Code (if known)	90001
	Phone Number	1234567890
	Email Address	*Does not apply*

9 Family Information

9.1	*Father's Full Name and Date of Birth*	
	Surnames	TAYLOR
	Given Names	MICHAEL
	Date of Birth	November 27, 1968
	Is your father in the U.S.?	No
9.2	*Mother's Full Name and Date of Birth*	
	Surnames	TAYLOR
	Given Names	SUSAN
	Date of Birth	November 27, 1970
	Is your mother in the U.S.?	No
9.3	Do you have any immediate relatives, not including parents, in the United States?	No

Do you have any other relatives in the United States?	No

10 Current Occupation

10.1 Primary Occupation	ENGINEERING
Present Employer or School Information	
Present Employer or School Name	HARBOURLIGHT SOFTWARE PTY LTD
Present Employer or School Address	
Street Address (Line 1)	88 EXAMPLE QUAY
Street Address (Line 2)	LEVEL 9
City	SYDNEY
State/Province	NSW
Postal Zone / ZIP Code	2000
Country / Region	AUSTRALIA
Phone Number	0255501234
Start Date	January 17, 2026
Monthly Income in Local Currency (if employed)	12000
Briefly describe your duties	AS A SOFTWARE ENGINEER, I DEVELOP SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS.

11 Previous Occupation

11.1 Were you previously employed?	Yes
Employer/Employment Information:	
Employer Name	ACME INC
Employer Address	
Employer Street Address (Line 1)	1234 FAKE ST
Employer Street Address (Line 2)	APT. 567
City/Town	LOS ANGELES
State/Province	CALIFORNIA
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	90001
Country	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Employer Telephone Number	1234567890
Job Title	SOFTWARE ENGINEER
Supervisor's Surname	RIVERA
Supervisor's Given Names	JORDAN
Employment Date From	November 14, 2023
Employment Date To	December 13, 2025
Briefly describe your duties	AS A SOFTWARE ENGINEER ON AN E-3 VISA, I DEVELOPED SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS IN LOS ANGELES.
11.2 Have you attended any educational institutions at a secondary level or above?	Yes
Provide the following information on the educational institution(s) you have attended.	
Name of Institution	UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
Address	
Street Address (Line 1)	HIGH ST
Street Address (Line 2)	*Not answered*
City	KENSINGTON
State/Province	NSW
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	2052
Country	AUSTRALIA
Course of Study	COMPUTER SCIENCE

Date of Attendance From	November 16, 2014
Date of Attendance To	November 15, 2018

12 Additional Occupation Details

12.1	Do you belong to a clan or tribe?	No
12.2	*Provide a List of Languages You Speak*	

Language Name
ENGLISH

12.3	Have you traveled to any countries/ regions within the last five years? *Provide a List of Countries/Regions Visited*	Yes

Country/Region
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

12.4	Have you belonged to, contributed to, or worked for any professional, social, or charitable organization?	No
12.5	Do you have any specialized skills or training, such as firearms, explosives, nuclear, biological, or chemical experience?	No
12.6	Have you ever served in the military?	No
12.7	Have you ever served in, been a member of, or been involved with a paramilitary unit, vigilante unit, rebel group, guerrilla group, or insurgent organization?	No

13 Security Background - Part 1

13.1	Do you have a communicable disease of public health significance? (Communicable diseases of public significance include chancroid, gonorrhea, granuloma inguinale, infectious leprosy, lymphogranuloma venereum, infectious stage syphilis, active tuberculosis, and other diseases as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.)	No
13.2	Do you have a mental or physical disorder that poses or is likely to pose a threat to the safety or welfare of yourself or others?	No
13.3	Are you or have you ever been a drug abuser or addict?	No

14 Security Background - Part 2

14.1	Have you ever been arrested or convicted for any offense or crime, even though subject of a pardon, amnesty, or other similar action?	No

14.2	Have you ever violated, or engaged in a conspiracy to violate, any law relating to controlled substances?	No
14.3	Are you coming to the United States to engage in prostitution or unlawful commercialized vice or have you been engaged in prostitution or procuring prostitutes within the past 10 years?	No
14.4	Have you ever been involved in, or do you seek to engage in, money laundering?	No
14.5	Have you ever committed or conspired to commit a human trafficking offense in the United States or outside the United States?	No
14.6	Have you ever knowingly aided, abetted, assisted or colluded with an individual who has committed, or conspired to commit a severe human trafficking offense in the United States or outside the United States?	No
14.7	Are you the spouse, son, or daughter of an individual who has committed or conspired to commit a human trafficking offense in the United States or outside the United States and have you within the last five years, knowingly benefited from the trafficking activities?	No

15 Security Background - Part 3

15.1	Do you seek to engage in espionage, sabotage, export control violations, or any other illegal activity while in the United States?	No
15.2	Do you seek to engage in terrorist activities while in the United States or have you ever engaged in terrorist activities?	No
15.3	Have you ever or do you intend to provide financial assistance or other support to terrorists or terrorist organizations?	No
15.4	Are you a member or representative of a terrorist organization?	No
15.5	Are you the spouse, son, or daughter of an individual who has engaged in terrorist activity, including providing financial assistance or other support to terrorists or terrorist organizations, in the last five years?	No
15.6	Have you ever ordered, incited, committed, assisted, or otherwise participated in genocide?	No

15.7	Have you ever committed, ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in torture?	No
15.8	Have you committed, ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in extrajudicial killings, political killings, or other acts of violence?	No
15.9	Have you ever engaged in the recruitment or the use of child soldiers?	No
15.10	Have you, while serving as a government official, been responsible for or directly carried out, at any time, particularly severe violations of religious freedom?	No
15.11	Have you ever been directly involved in the establishment or enforcement of population controls forcing a woman to undergo an abortion against her free choice or a man or a woman to undergo sterilization against his or her free will?	No
15.12	Have you ever been directly involved in the coercive transplantation of human organs or bodily tissue?	No

16 Security Background - Part 4

16.1	Have you ever been the subject of a removal or deportation hearing?	No
16.2	Have you ever sought to obtain or assist others to obtain a visa, entry into the United States, or any other United States immigration benefit by fraud or willful misrepresentation or other unlawful means?	No
16.3	Have you failed to attend a hearing on removability or inadmissibility within the last five years?	No
16.4	Have you ever been unlawfully present, overstayed the amount of time granted by an immigration official or otherwise violated the terms of a U.S. visa?	No
16.5	Have you ever been removed or deported from any country?	No

17 Security Background - Part 5

17.1	Have you ever withheld custody of a U.S. citizen child outside the United States from a person granted legal custody by a U.S. court?	No
17.2	Have you voted in the United States in violation of any law or regulation?	No
17.3	Have you ever renounced United States citizenship for the purposes of avoiding taxation?	No

17.4	Are you a former exchange visitor (J) who has not yet fulfilled the two-year foreign residence requirement?	No
17.5	Have you attended a public elementary school on student (F) status or a public secondary school after November 30, 1996 without reimbursing the school?	No

18 Temporary Visa Information

18.1 *Where Do You Intend to Work?*

Name of Employer	ACME INC
U.S. Street Address (Line 1)	1234 FAKE ST
U.S. Street Address (Line 2)	APT. 567
City	LOS ANGELES
State	CALIFORNIA
ZIP Code (if known)	90001
Phone Number	1234567890
Enter monthly income (in USD)	10000

19 Preparer of Application

19.1	Did anyone assist you in filling out this application?	No

Ready to fill in your own?

Answer the questions in plain language and save as you go. DS160.io then fills in your DS-160 on the official site for you. Filing is free for individuals.

Start my DS-160 for free
www.ds160.io/individuals

Preparing DS-160s for clients? See DS160.io for immigration firms
www.ds160.io/immigration-firms