



(Subclasses 820 and 801)

Partner visa (apply in Australia)

Allows the partner or spouse of an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen to live in Australia.

You apply for the temporary and the permanent partner visas together.

Basic Eligibility

In most circumstances, you must be the spouse (married) or de facto partner of an:

- Australian citizen
- Australian permanent resident or
- eligible New Zealand citizen

Subclass 820

Partner visa (Temporary)

(<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/partner-onshore/temporary-820>)

This visa lets the de facto partner or spouse of an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen live in Australia temporarily. Getting this visa is the first step towards a permanent Partner visa (subclass 801).

- ✔ This is a temporary visa
- ✔ This leads directly to the permanent Partner visa
- ✔ You must be in Australia when you apply

Stay

Temporarily until your permanent Partner visa (subclass 801) application is finalised or you withdraw your application.

[Ask a question](#)

Cost

From AUD8,850.00 for most applicants. From AUD1,475 for Prospective Marriage visa (subclass 300) holders.

Processing Time

For an indication of processing times for this visa, use the [visa processing time guide tool \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times\)](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times). This will show the processing times for recently decided applications. It is a guide only and not specific to your application.

To convey a realistic processing time for on-hand and new applications, processing time data does not include applications previously impacted by Ministerial Direction 80. Applicants impacted by this now superseded Ministerial Direction have been individually contacted and their applications are now being processed.

Subclass 801

Partner visa (Permanent)

(<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/partner-onshore/permanent-801>)

This visa lets the de facto partner or spouse of an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen live in Australia permanently. It is usually only for people who currently hold a temporary Partner visa (subclass 820).

- ✔ This is a permanent visa
- ✔ You must hold a temporary Partner visa (subclass 820) ([/_layouts/15/FIXUPREDIRECT.ASPX?WebId=1057a7be-45e1-4b08-af28-b81c4827a08c&TermSetId=a76074c9-979d-4db3-adcc-34af89495da2&TermId=c3acc3ae-6b80-4a13-80d0-19b2b0b1e1a6](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/_layouts/15/FIXUPREDIRECT.ASPX?WebId=1057a7be-45e1-4b08-af28-b81c4827a08c&TermSetId=a76074c9-979d-4db3-adcc-34af89495da2&TermId=c3acc3ae-6b80-4a13-80d0-19b2b0b1e1a6))

Stay

Permanently.

Cost

You paid for this visa when you made your combined application for the temporary and permanent partner visas.

Processing Time

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The processing time for a permanent Partner visa starts from the date of eligibility. This is 2 years after you applied for the combined temporary and permanent partner visas.

We update processing times regularly. We assess all applications on a case by case basis. Complex cases may take longer to process. You should use published processing times as a guideline only. You cannot influence these timeframes.

Your application can take longer to process if:

- you do not fill it in correctly
- you don't include all required documents or we need more information from you
- it takes time to verify your information.

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