



Subclass 173

Contributory Parent (Temporary) visa

This temporary visa lets a parent of a settled Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen stay temporarily in Australia.

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For Applicants

For Sponsors

Overview

Stay

2 years

Cost

AUD32,340

Processing times

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

For more information, see [Parent visa queue \(/layouts/15/FIXUPREDIRECT.ASPX?WebId=1057a7be-45e1-4b08-af28-b81c4827a08c&TermSetId=a76074c9-979d-4db3-adcc-34af89495da2&TermId=bd940db8-3aa3-437c-bad9-ae2e43f78ee2\)](#).

With this visa you can

- live in Australia for up to 2 years
- work and study in Australia (you will not receive government support)
- apply for a permanent [Contributory Parent visa \(subclass 143\) \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/contributory-parent-143\) visa](#)

[See all conditions \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=173\)](#)

[Check your eligibility \(#Eligibility\)](#)

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You must

- be sponsored by an eligible child who is a settled Australian citizen, Australian Permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen
- meet the balance-of-family test
- meet all visa conditions and follow Australian law
- not have already applied for or hold a Sponsored Parent (Temporary) (subclass 870) visa when applying for this visa.

Help with your visa

If you are getting help with your visa, before you pay someone, read information on [who can help with your visa application \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview\)](#).

Process



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With this visa you can

- live in Australia for up to 2 years
- work and study in Australia (you will not receive government support)
- enrol in Australia's public health care scheme, [Medicare](https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/medicare) (<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/medicare>)
- apply for a permanent [Contributory Parent visa \(subclass 143\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/contributory-parent-143) (</visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/contributory-parent-143>)

Apply for a Contributory Parent (subclass 143) visa

You can spread the cost of the permanent visa over a number of years by applying in 2 steps:

1. first, apply for the temporary Contributory Parent (Temporary) (subclass 173) visa, then
2. apply for the permanent Contributory Parent (subclass 143) visa

How long you can stay

This is a temporary visa. You can stay in Australia for 2 years.

The visa period starts on the date you enter Australia after you are granted the visa.

The visa is granted with multiple entry. You can travel outside Australia and return as many times as you want within two years.

Stay longer

You can't stay in Australia longer by extending or reapplying for this visa. You can apply for a different visa.

[Explore your visa options \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder).

Include family

You can include members of the family unit in your application when you apply.

You will be required to include details of all your family members, whether they are migrating or not, when you fill out the application form.

If you have a partner, include their details in your application even if they are not applying for the visa with you.

Family members who apply for the visa must meet our [health \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health) and [character \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character) requirements. Family members who are not coming to Australia might also have to meet our health and character requirements.

Newborn child

Find out what to do if [your child is born after you apply \(/change-in-situation/had-a-baby\)](/change-in-situation/had-a-baby).

Cost

This visa costs AUD32,340. There is an additional charge for each family member who applies with you.

You pay for this visa in 2 parts called instalments.

Pay the first instalment when you apply. Pay the second instalment when we ask you to. See more about [visa fees and charges \(/visas/getting-a-visa/fees-and-charges\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/fees-and-charges).

You might also have to pay other costs for health checks, police certificates and [biometrics](#).

To work out what your visa will cost use the [Visa Pricing Estimator \(/visas/visa-pricing-estimator?visa=173\)](/visas/visa-pricing-estimator?visa=173). The estimator does not take into account the other costs.

Apply from

You can be in or outside Australia when you apply for the visa.

If you apply in Australia, any family members who apply with you must also be in Australia, but not in immigration clearance, when you apply. If you apply outside Australia, any family members who apply with you must also be outside Australia when you apply.

If you apply for this visa in Australia while on a temporary visa with a no further stay condition, your application will be invalid, unless you apply for a waiver of this condition.

Processing times

The demand for these visas is greater than the number of places available each year. As a result, processing times for these applications can be lengthy.

For an indication of processing times for this visa, use the [visa processing time guide tool \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times\)](/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.

Your application might take longer to process if:

- you do not fill it in correctly
- you do not include all of the documents we need or we need more information from you and/or
- your information takes a long time to verify.

We cannot process your application if you do not pay the correct visa application charge. We will notify you if this is the case and if necessary return your application.

The Reports on Migration Programs (<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-statistics/statistics/visa-statistics/live/migration-program>) have further information on Migration Program outcomes against planning for each migration program year.

Applications for this visa are subject to [capping and queueing \(/help-support/glossary\)](/help-support/glossary).

Learn more about the [Parent visa queue \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/family-visa-processing-priorities/parent-visas-queue-release-dates\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/family-visa-processing-priorities/parent-visas-queue-release-dates) and [processing priorities \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/family-visa-processing-priorities\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/family-visa-processing-priorities).

Assessment

We assess applications for this visa in 2 stages:

1. Check eligibility and either add the application to the queue or refuse it.
2. Continue assessing the application when a place becomes available and make a decision.

Do not arrange to stay permanently in Australia until your visa is granted. We will let you know in writing if we grant you the visa.

Learn more about the [Parent visa queue \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/family-visa-processing-priorities/parent-visas-queue-release-dates\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/family-visa-processing-priorities/parent-visas-queue-release-dates) and [processing priorities \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/family-visa-processing-priorities\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/family-visa-processing-priorities).

Consider another visa

Other Parent visas available are:

- [Contributory Parent visa \(subclass 143\) \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/contributory-parent-143\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/contributory-parent-143). This is a permanent visa and costs more
- [Contributory Parent \(Temporary\) visa \(subclass 173\) \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/contributory-parent-temporary-173\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/contributory-parent-temporary-173), then a permanent [Contributory Parent visa \(subclass 143\) \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/contributory-parent-143\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/contributory-parent-143). This is a 2-step visa process and costs more than the subclass 103 visa. It also costs more than applying directly for the Contributory Parent visa (subclass 143), but the cost is spread across the 2 visas over a longer period and
- [Sponsored Parent \(Temporary\) visa \(subclass 870\) \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/sponsored-parent-temporary-870\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/sponsored-parent-temporary-870). This is a temporary visa allowing parents to visit their children in Australia for up to three or five years at a time and a cumulative maximum 10 year period.

You can view all visa options on our [Visa list page \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing).

Assessment

We assess applications for this visa in 2 stages.

1. Check eligibility and either add the application to the queue or refuse it.
2. Continue assessing the application when a place becomes available and make a decision.

Don't arrange to move to Australia until we grant the visa. We will let you know in writing if we grant you the visa.

Learn more about the [Parent visa queue \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/family-visa-processing-priorities/parent-visas-queue-release-dates\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/family-visa-processing-priorities/parent-visas-queue-release-dates) and [processing priorities \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/family-visa-processing-priorities\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/family-visa-processing-priorities).

Your obligations

You must enter Australia before the date specified in your grant letter. The first entry date is generally set at 12 months from the date of visa grant.

You and your family members must meet all visa conditions and obey Australian laws.

See what conditions might be attached to this visa on our [visa conditions page \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=103\)](/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=103).

Visa label

We will digitally link your visa to your passport. You will not get a label in your passport.

Eligibility

Not have this visa

You cannot apply for this visa if you have already applied for or hold a Sponsored Parent (Temporary) (subclass 870) visa.

Have a sponsor

You must be sponsored for this visa.

Usually you would be sponsored by an eligible child. If your child is under 18, you can be sponsored by an eligible relative or community organisation.

We must approve the sponsorship.

Meet the balance-of-family test

You must meet the balance-of-family test. You meet the balance of family test if:

- at least half of your children and step-children are eligible children, or
- there are more eligible children living in Australia than any other single country

See examples of how the [balance-of-family test \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/contributory-parent-temporary-173/balance-of-family-test\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/contributory-parent-temporary-173/balance-of-family-test) is applied.

Meet the health requirement

You and any family members who apply for the visa with you must meet our [health requirement \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health).

We might also ask that other non-migrating family members meet the requirement.

Meet the character requirement

You and any family members who apply for the visa with you must meet our [character requirement \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character).

We might also ask that other family members meet the requirement.

Have paid back your debt to the Australian Government

If you or any family members owe the Australian Government money, you or they must have paid it back or have an approved arrangement in place to pay it back.

Not have had a visa cancelled or a previous application refused

We will consider your immigration history when we make a decision on your application, which means you might not be eligible for this visa if you have had a visa cancelled or refused.

In some circumstances you may still apply for a permanent visa if you have had a visa cancelled or an application refused, see [Limitations on applications in Australia \(/form-listing/forms/1026i.pdf\)](#).

If applying for a visa from outside Australia, see [Can I go to Australia \(/entering-and-leaving-australia/entering-australia/can-i-go-to-australia/re-entry-ban\)](#).

If you want immigration assistance, see [Who can help with your visa application \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview\)](#).

Sign the Australian Values Statement

If you are 18 years of age or older, you must:

- have read, or had explained to you, the Life in Australia book
 - sign the [Australian Values Statement \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values\)](#) to confirm you will respect the Australian way of life and obey Australian laws.
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Best interests of the child

We will not grant this visa if it is not in the best interests of an applicant under 18.

Meet all these criteria? Check how to apply in our [step by step \(#HowTo\)](#) guide.

Step by step



Step 1

Before you apply

Check your passport. If you need help with your application, get someone to act on your behalf.

Check your passport

You and anyone who applies with you must have valid passports before we grant the visa.

We will only grant the visa if you have a valid passport.

Get help with your application

Only some people can help you with your application. If you appoint someone to give you immigration assistance they must be:

- a [registered migration agent](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/using-a-migration-agent) (</help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/using-a-migration-agent>)
- a [legal practitioner](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/using-a-legal-practitioner) (</help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/using-a-legal-practitioner>), OR
- an [exempt person](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/exempt-person) (</help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/exempt-person>).

You can appoint anyone to [receive documents](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/authorised-recipients) (</help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/authorised-recipients>) on your behalf relating to your visa matter.

Step 2

Gather your documents

Gather all your documents, including for any partner or dependants who might be applying with you. You will also need your sponsor documents.

Provide accurate documents

Provide accurate information. See what happens if you can't [prove your identity or don't provide true information](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/providing-accurate-information) (</help-support/meeting-our-requirements/providing-accurate-information>).

Identity documents

We need proof of your identity. If you cannot prove your identity:

- we will refuse your visa application
- we might not grant you another visa for 10 years
- we might not grant any family members you listed on your application a visa for 10 years

Provide the pages of your passport showing your photo, personal details, and passport issue and expiry dates.

Also provide:

- a national identity card, if you have one
- proof of change of name

Documents that prove a change of name include:

- a marriage or divorce certificate
- change of name documents from an Australian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, or the relevant overseas authority
- documents that show other names you have been known by

Sponsor documents

Your application must be sponsored by an eligible sponsor.

Your sponsor must complete [Form 40 Sponsorship for migration to Australia \(/form-listing/forms/40.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/40.pdf).

Balance-of-family documents

Show us that you meet the [balance-of-family test \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/parent-103/balance-of-family-test\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/parent-103/balance-of-family-test) by giving us:

- evidence of how you are related to each child
- evidence of each child's country of permanent residence
- evidence that your child should not be included in the balance-of-family test (for example, their death certificate)

Character documents

We might ask you for character documents, including police certificates. Don't arrange a police check until we ask you to.

Learn more about [police certificates \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character).

Tell us you are getting help

To nominate someone to:

- receive your correspondence, use [Form 956A Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient \(/form-listing/forms/956a.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/956a.pdf)
- provide immigration assistance, use [Form 956 Appointment of a registered migration agent, legal practitioner or exempt person \(/form-listing/forms/956.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/956.pdf).

Send written notification or your forms with your paper application.

Dependants under 18 documents

For every dependant under 18 years old who is applying with you, provide:

- identity documents
- proof of your relationship with them, like a birth or marriage certificate
- character documents, if applicable

Parental responsibility documents

You must get consent for any applicant under 18 years of age to migrate to Australia from anyone who:

- has a legal right to decide where the child lives and
- is not coming to Australia with the child

They must complete either:

- [Form 1229 Consent form to grant an Australian visa to a child under the age of 18 years \(/form-listing/forms/1229.pdf\)](#)
- a statutory declaration giving their consent for the child to visit Australia on this visa

Alternatively, you can show us:

- an Australian court order that allows your child to migrate to Australia, or
- that the laws of your home country allow them to migrate

Include:

- an identity document that shows the signature and photo of the person who completed the form or declaration, such as a passport or driver's licence
- adoption papers or other court documents if applicable

Dependants over 18 documents

To include your child who is over 18 years age in your visa application, they must be:

- under 18 years, or
- over 18 years of age but not yet turned 23, and dependent on you or your partner, or
- over 23 years of age, unable to earn a living to support themselves due to physical or cognitive limitations and dependent on you or your partner

For every dependant 18 years old or older who is applying with you, provide:

- identity documents
- documents about their other relationships, if applicable
- character documents
- proof of dependency

If your child is likely to turn 23 while your application is being processed, you will need to provide evidence they are dependent on you due to disability.

Provide:

- identity documents
- documents about their other relationships, if applicable
- character documents

Proof of dependency

You need to prove that this person is dependent on you. Provide:

- a completed [Form 47a - Details of a child or other dependent family member aged 18 years or over \(/form-listing/forms/47a.pdf\)](#)
- proof of your relationship with the dependent such as a birth certificate or adoption papers

You must also prove this person has been financially dependent on you for at least 12 months before you apply. You could provide:

- proof they live with you
- their tax records
- proof they are currently studying

Partner documents

For partners, provide identity and relationship documents.

Provide:

- identity documents
- character documents
- documents about other relationships, if applicable

Provide either:

- your current marriage certificate or
- enough documents to prove you have been in a de facto relationship with your partner for at least 12 months before you apply

Documents that prove your de facto relationship include:

- joint bank account statements
 - billing accounts in joint names
 - joint leases or mortgages
 - documents that show you have lived at the same address as your partner
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Photographs

Provide 4 recent photos (45mm x 35mm) of anyone included in the application.

Photographs must be:

- 45mm x 35mm
- less than 6 months old
- good quality colour. We don't accept laser copies
- a full-face view of your head and shoulders
- taken against a plain light-coloured background

You can wear untinted prescription glasses. If you wear a head covering for religious reasons, you can show only your face.

Prepare your documents

Translate

Have all non-English documents translated into English.

Translators in Australia should be accredited by the [National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters](http://www.naati.com.au/) (<http://www.naati.com.au/>).

Translators outside Australia do not have to be accredited. But on each translation, they must include their:

- full name
- address and telephone number
- qualifications and experience in the language they are translating

These details must be in English.

Certify

Do not certify police certificates. You need to send us the originals.

Have all other documents certified copy. This includes:

- non-English documents
- English translations

Keep

Keep a copy of your completed application.

Send

Send us:

- original police certificates
- certified copies of all other documents
- as much relevant information as possible to help us make a decision on your application
- each document only once, even if you are using to show more than one thing
- all documents with your application, if you can

Step 3

Apply for the visa

You must apply for this visa on paper. You can apply from in, (but not in immigration clearance) or outside Australia when you submit your application.

Learn more about where you can be when we make a decision on your application by reading the "Visa Outcome" section on this web page. (Below)

You cannot apply for this visa if you have already applied for or hold a Sponsored Parent (Temporary) (subclass 870) visa.

Provide accurate information

Provide accurate information. See what happens [if you can't prove your identity or don't provide true information \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/providing-accurate-information\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/providing-accurate-information).

Apply on paper

Complete [Form 47PA Application for a parent to migrate to Australia \(/form-listing/forms/47pa.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/47pa.pdf).

Your sponsor must also complete:

[Form 40 Sponsorship for migration to Australia \(/form-listing/forms/40.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/40.pdf).

Complete the form in English.

You must pay the first instalment when you apply. For payment options see [how to pay \(/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/on-paper/how-to-pay\)](/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/on-paper/how-to-pay).

You can't submit applications for this visa in person. Send your application by post or courier to the Parent Visa Processing Centre in Perth at the address on the form. Include all required documents, forms and evidence of payment of application charge with your application.

If any of the above steps are incomplete, your application may be invalid. We do not process invalid applications. We will notify you if this is the case, and if requested, return your application.

Do not send original documents with your application, only send [certified copies \(https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/on-paper/certified-copy\)](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/on-paper/certified-copy). Keep a copy of your completed application for your own records, including any supporting documents.

If you have an existing Parent visa application

If you have applied for a different Parent visa but we have not made a decision on that application, you must withdraw that application at the same time that you apply for this visa.

Also complete Part B of [Form 47PA Application for a parent to migrate to Australia \(/form-listing/forms/47pa.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/47pa.pdf).

Step 4

After you apply

We will let you know when we have received your application and documents. There may be other things you need to know and might have to do.

Status updates

We can't provide updates on your application's progress within normal processing times. We will let you know if you need to provide anything further.

Learn more about the [Parent visa queue \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/family-visa-processing-priorities/parent-visas-queue-release-dates\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/family-visa-processing-priorities/parent-visas-queue-release-dates) and [processing priorities \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/family-visa-processing-priorities\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/family-visa-processing-priorities).

Travel

Do not arrange to travel to Australia until we let you know, in writing, that we have granted you the visa.

Health exams

We will let you know if you need [health examinations \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health)

Biometrics

We might ask for biometrics (fingerprints and photo). We will let you know if you need to provide them.

Send more information

Send any documents you did not provide with your application to the Parent Visa Centre in Perth.

We might also ask you to provide more information.

Pay the second instalment

You must pay the [second instalment \(/visas/getting-a-visa/fees-and-charges/current-visa-pricing/live#content-index-7\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/fees-and-charges/current-visa-pricing/live#content-index-7) before we will grant the visa. We will send you an invoice when it is due. If you do not pay the invoice, we will refuse your application.

Mistakes on your application

Let us know as soon as you can if you made a mistake on your application.

Complete [Form 1023 Notification of incorrect answers \(/form-listing/forms/1023.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/1023.pdf).

Help with your application

Let us know if you no longer want someone to:

- receive your correspondence - complete [Form 956A Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient \(/form-listing/forms/956a.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/956a.pdf)
- provide immigration advice - complete [Form 956 Appointment of a registered migration agent, legal practitioner or exempt person \(/form-listing/forms/956.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/956.pdf).

Send written notification or your forms to the office you submitted your application.

For more information see [Who can help you with your application \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview\)](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview).

Tell us if things change

Things you need to let us know about include:

- changes to your phone number, email, address or passport
- changes to your relationship status

See how to tell us if [your situation changes \(/change-in-situation\)](/change-in-situation).

Stay lawful

If your current temporary visa is about to expire, you should make sure you stay lawful by holding a valid visa while we process your application.

Add family members

You might be able to add family members to your application before we make a decision.

Complete and send us [Form 1436 Adding an additional applicant after lodgement \(/form-listing/forms/1436.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/1436.pdf).

You will also need to provide evidence of your relationship and the family member's passport.

If you applied in Australia, any family member you add to your application must also be in Australia when you add them. If you applied outside Australia, any family members you add to your application must also be outside Australia when you add them.

Newborn child

Find out what to do if [your child is born after you apply \(/change-in-situation/had-a-baby\)](/change-in-situation/had-a-baby).

Step 5

Visa outcome

You must be outside Australia when we make a decision on your application.

We will let you know our decision in writing.

If we grant you the visa, we will let you know:

- your visa grant number
- the date your visa starts
- your visa conditions.

We recommend you keep a copy of our decision.

If we refuse your visa we will let you know in writing. We will tell you:

- why we refused the visa
- whether you have a right to a review of the decision.

We will not refund the application fee if we refuse your application.

When you have this visa

- Coming to Australia (*#haveThisVisa-index-0*)
- In Australia (*#haveThisVisa-index-1*)
- Leaving Australia (*#haveThisVisa-index-2*)

Coming to Australia

Before you travel

Check your travel documents

You must have:

- a valid visa to enter Australia
- a valid passport or other travel document.

Arrive before first entry arrival date

You must enter Australia before the date specified in your grant letter.

If your visa is still valid and the date specified in your visa grant letter has passed or will pass before you can travel to Australia, you must ensure that:

- you plan to travel to Australia within the next 12 months
- you submit the [travel facilitation letter request form \(/help-support/departamental-forms/online-forms/travel-facilitation-letter-request-form\)](/help-support/departamental-forms/online-forms/travel-facilitation-letter-request-form).

We may then send you a travel facilitation letter. This will state that we allow you to enter Australia after the first entry arrival date on your visa.

We will not issue a travel facilitation letter unless there is less than 3 months remaining on your first entry arrival date.

At the border

Complete an Incoming Passenger Card

All people arriving into Australia must complete the [Incoming Passenger Card \(https://www.abf.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/crossing-the-border/at-the-border/incoming-passenger-card-\(ipc\)\)](https://www.abf.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/crossing-the-border/at-the-border/incoming-passenger-card-(ipc)).

Use the SmartGate

We have an automated process that uses facial recognition technology and your ePassport. You might be able to leave the airport faster if you use [SmartGate \(https://www.abf.gov.au/smartgates\)](https://www.abf.gov.au/smartgates).

In Australia

What you must do when you have this visa

You and your family members must meet all visa conditions and obey Australian laws.

You can check visa details and conditions in [VEVO \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/check-conditions-online\)](/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/check-conditions-online).

Tell us if things change

Things you might need to let us know about include:

- changes to your phone number, email, address or passport
- changes to your relationship status
- the birth of a child

See how to let us know if there is a [change in your situation \(/change-in-situation\)](/change-in-situation).

What you can do on your visa

Check your visa conditions and expiry

See your visa expiry, conditions and work and study entitlements in [VEVO \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions\)](/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions).

See how long you can stay

You can stay in Australia for 2 years.

To see when you must leave, use [VEVO \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions\)](#).

Staying longer

If you want to stay in Australia permanently, you can apply for a [Contributory Parent visa \(subclass 143\) \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/contributory-parent-143\)](#) before your subclass 173 visa expires. In exceptional circumstances we might allow you to apply for the subclass 143 visa after this. Contact the Parent Visa Centre at the Perth office in Western Australia at the address on the application form or by [email \(/mailto:parents@homeaffairs.gov.au\)](mailto:parents@homeaffairs.gov.au).

Travelling on your visa

You can travel outside Australia and return as many times as you want while this visa is valid.

See your visa conditions [\(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions\)](#).

Proving you have a visa

To prove you have a visa and show your conditions to someone, use [VEVO \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions\)](#).

You can request your international movement records by completing [Form 1359 - Request for international movement records \(/form-listing/forms/1359.pdf\)](#).

Working

This visa enables you to work in Australia. You are protected by Australian workplace law. [See your workplace rights and entitlements \(/https://www.fairwork.gov.au/how-we-will-help/templates-and-guides/fact-sheets/rights-and-obligations/visa-holders-and-migrant-workers-workplace-rights-and-entitlements\)](#).

Leaving Australia

Before you leave

Check your travel documents

You must have a valid passport or other travel document to leave Australia.

At the border

Departures SmartGate

We have an automated process that uses facial recognition technology and your ePassport. You might be able to leave the airport faster if you use [SmartGate \(/https://www.abf.gov.au/smartgates\)](#).

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