



(Subclass 143)

Contributory Parent visa

This permanent visa lets a parent of a settled Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident of Australia or eligible New Zealand citizen move to Australia.

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For Applicants

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Overview

Stay

Permanently

Cost

AUD48,365

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

- move to or stay in Australia as a permanent resident
- sponsor eligible family members to come to Australia
- apply for Australian citizenship, if eligible

[See all conditions \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=143\)](#)

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

Ask a question

You must

- have an eligible child who is a settled Australian citizen, Permanent resident or Eligible New Zealand citizen, unless you are applying for the Retirement Pathway
- meet the balance-of-family test, unless you are applying for the Retirement Pathway or hold a subclass 173 visa
- have an Assurance of Support, unless you are applying for the Retirement Pathway
- 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

- stay in Australia indefinitely
- work and study in Australia
- enrol in Australia's public health care scheme, [Medicare](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/medicare) (<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/medicare>)
- sponsor your family members to come to Australia
- travel to and enter Australia for 5 years
- apply for [Australian citizenship](/citizenship/become-a-citizen) (</citizenship/become-a-citizen>), if eligible

Travel to and from Australia for 5 years

You can travel to and from Australia as many times as you want for 5 years from the date we grant this visa. This is as long as the travel facility on this visa remains valid.

If you want to travel after the initial 5-year travel facility:

- you will need to apply for and be granted a [Resident Return \(RRV\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/resident-return-visa-155-157) (</visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/resident-return-visa-155-157>) so that you can re-enter Australia as a permanent resident
- you might also want to consider Australian citizenship. If you become an Australian citizen, you don't require a visa to enter Australia. You will need to apply for an Australian passport and use it to leave and re-enter Australia. See more about eligibility requirements and current processing times for [Australian citizenship](/citizenship/become-a-citizen) (</citizenship/become-a-citizen>)

To see when your travel facility ends, use [VEVO](/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/) (</visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/>).

If you hold a Contributory Parent (Temporary) (subclass 173) visa

You can apply for the subclass 143 visa as a two-step process by first applying for a Contributory Parent (Temporary) (subclass 173) visa. Applying for the subclass 173 visa and then the subclass 143 visa allows you to spread the cost of the visas over a number of years.

You have already met the balance of family test.

Apply for a Parent visa (subclass 143) as a retiree

If you apply for the subclass 143 visa as a retiree you don't have to:

- meet the balance of family test, or
- have a sponsor or an assurance of support

How long you can stay

This is a permanent visa. It lets you stay in Australia indefinitely.

For citizenship purposes, your permanent residency starts on the day:

- we grant the visa if you are in Australia
- you enter Australia on this visa if you are outside Australia

Include family

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

You are required to include details of all your family members, whether they are migrating or not.

Family members who apply for the visa must meet our [health](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health) and [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.

If you apply for this visa as a retiree, you:

- can include your partner when you apply provided they are also a retiree
- can't include your children in your application

Newborn child

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

Cost

This visa costs AUD48,365. There is also 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).

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=143). 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 for the visa with you must also be outside Australia when you apply.

If you are applying as a retiree you must be in Australia, but not in immigration clearance, when you apply. You can be in or outside Australia when we make a decision on your application

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). 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) (<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 include the:

- [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 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.
- [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>) which 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.

Apply as a retiree

You can apply for a Parent visa (subclass 143) as a retiree if:

- on 8 May 2018, you held or had previously held an Investor Retirement (subclass 405) visa or Retirement (subclass 410), and
- you have not held any other substantive visa between between 8 May 2018 and the date you applied for the Parent visa

If you apply for this visa as a retiree:

- you don't need to meet the balance of family test
- you don't need to have an assurance of support
- you don't need a sponsor

Have a sponsor

You must be sponsored by an eligible sponsor 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.

If you apply for this visa as a retiree you don't need a sponsor.

If your sponsor dies

If you hold a Temporary Contributory Parent (subclass 173) visa, you might still be eligible for this visa if your sponsor dies.

See what to do if [your situation changes \(/change-in-situation\)](#).

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 in any other single country

See examples of how the [balance-of-family test \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/contributory-parent-143/balance-of-family-test\)](#) is applied.

If you apply for this visa as a retiree you don't need to meet the balance of family test.

If you hold a Contributory Parent (subclass 173) (Temporary) visa, you have already met the balance of family test.

Have assurance of support

You must be able to obtain an assurance of support.

An assurance of support assures us that you will not have to rely on government assistance after you enter Australia on this visa. The assurance is for you and any family members who come to Australia with you on this visa.

We will let you know when you need to provide the assurance of support.

You must be able to obtain an assurance of support, unless you apply for the visa as a retiree.

If you apply for the visa as a retiree, you do not need an assurance of support.

Learn more about [assurances of support \(https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/assurance-support\)](https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/assurance-support).

Meet the health requirement

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

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 non-migrating 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 \(129KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/1026i.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/1026i.pdf).

If applying for a visa from outside Australia, see [Can I go to Australia \(/entering-and-leaving-australia/entering-australia/can-i-go-to-australia/re-entry-ban\)](/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 \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview\)](/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 \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values) book
- sign an [Australian Values Statement \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values) that confirms you will respect the Australian way of life and obey Australian laws

Have health insurance

If you apply for this visa as a retiree, you must maintain adequate health insurance until you are granted a Parent visa. Your insurance should cover you for medically necessary treatment, including transport.

See a guide to what we consider [adequate health insurance \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health/adequate-health-insurance\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health/adequate-health-insurance).

Learn more about [health insurance for overseas visitors \(https://www.privatehealth.gov.au/health_insurance/overseas/index.htm\)](https://www.privatehealth.gov.au/health_insurance/overseas/index.htm).

Reciprocal healthcare agreements

Some countries have a reciprocal healthcare agreement with Australia. Find out more from Services Australia about [reciprocal healthcare agreements](https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/enablers/rhca-medical-care-visitors-australia) (<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/enablers/rhca-medical-care-visitors-australia>).

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-recipient) (</help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/authorised-recipient>) on your behalf relating to your visa matter.

If you have an existing Parent visa application

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

If you applied for a Contributory Parent (Temporary) visa (subclass 173) or a Contributory Aged Parent (Temporary) visa (subclass 884) you need to complete:

- Part C of [Form 47PT Application for migration to Australia by a Contributory Parent \(Temporary\) or Contributory Aged Parent \(Temporary\) \(601KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/47pt.pdf\)](#) visa holder

If you applied for a Parent visa (subclass 103) or Aged Parent visa (subclass 804), you need to complete:

- Part B of [Form 47PA Application for a parent to migrate to Australia \(693KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/47pa.pdf\)](#)

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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.

Contributory Parent (subclass 173) visa holders

You won't need to provide us with some of the documents we usually ask for if:

- you hold a subclass 173 visa, or
- your subclass 173 visa ended in the 28 days immediately before you apply for this visa

You will still need to provide documents:

- to let us know you are getting help with your application
- if there has been a change in your situation since we granted you the 173 visa

Changes in your situation we need evidence of include:

- your family member is no longer a dependent
- your partnership relationship has changed
- you have had a baby
- your contact details have changed
- you have a new passport
- you want to nominate a new sponsor
- your sponsor has died

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 current 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, unless you are applying as a retiree.

Your sponsor must complete [Form 40 Sponsorship for migration to Australia \(442KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/40.pdf\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/parent-103/balance-of-family-test).

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)

You do not need to meet the balance of family test if you are applying as a retiree.

If you hold a Contributory Parent (subclass 173) visa, you have already met the balance of family test.

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).

Assurance of Support documents

Provide us with an [assurance of support](#)

(<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/assurance-support>) when we ask for it.

You don't need to provide an assurance of support if you are applying as a retiree.

Tell us you are getting help

To nominate someone to:

- receive your correspondence, use [Form 956A Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient \(301KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/956a.pdf\)](#)
- provide immigration assistance, use [Form 956 Appointment of a registered migration agent, legal practitioner or exempt person \(308KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/956.pdf\)](#).

Send written notification or your forms with your paper application.

Dependants under 18 documents

For every dependent 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

If you are applying as a retiree you can't include your children, or your partner's children, in your application.

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 \(276KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/1229.pdf\)](#)
- 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 be included in your visa application as a dependent child, your child 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

If you are applying as a retiree you can't include your children, or your partner's children, in your application.

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 \(307KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/47a.pdf\)](#)
- 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 documents 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

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 as a 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 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)

If you are applying as a retiree you must be in Australia, but not in immigration clearance, when you submit your application. You can be in or outside Australia when we make our decision.

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

If your subclass 173 visa is current or has ended within the last 28 days, complete in English [Form 47PT Application for migration to Australia by a Contributory Parent \(Temporary\) or Contributory Aged Parent \(Temporary\) visa holder \(601KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/47pt.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/47pt.pdf).

If you do not hold (or have never held) a subclass 173 visa, you must complete:

- [Form 47PA Application for a parent to migrate to Australia \(693KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/47pa.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/47pa.pdf).

Your sponsor will need to complete:

- [Form 40 Sponsorship for migration to Australia \(442KB PDF\)](#) ([/form-listing/forms/40.pdf](#))

Complete the forms 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](#)).

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>). 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 applying for this visa.

Use Part C of [Form 47PT Application for migration to Australia by a Contributory Parent \(Temporary\) or Contributory Aged Parent \(Temporary\) visa holder](#) ([/form-listing/forms/47pt.pdf](#))

Use Part B of [Form 47PA Application for a parent to migrate to Australia \(693KB PDF\)](#) ([/form-listing/forms/47pa.pdf](#))

Send your application by post or courier to the [Perth office in Western Australia](#) ([/help-support/contact-us/offices-and-locations](#)) – attention Parent Visa Centre, as per the address on [Form 47PT](#) or [Form 47PA Application for a parent to migrate to Australia \(693KB PDF\)](#) ([/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.

Current visa holders

If you applied in Australia, you were granted a bridging visa when you lodged your application if:

- you held a Contributory Parent (Temporary) visa (subclass 173)

- you held a Tourist visa (subclass 676) or Visitor visa (subclass 600) granted through ministerial intervention
- you are a family member of a Contributory Parent (Temporary) visa (subclass 173) holder

The bridging visa will come into effect only if your current visa expires. A bridging visa lets you stay in Australia while your subclass 143 visa application is processed.

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 \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/family-visa-processing-priorities/parent-visas-queue-release-dates\)](#) and [processing priorities \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/family-visa-processing-priorities\)](#).

Travel

If you applied in Australia

If you hold a visa that lets you be in Australia when we make a decision on your visa application, you do not have to tell us if you want to travel outside Australia.

If you leave Australia, make sure you have a valid visa to return.

Learn about [visa expiry \(/visas/visa-about-to-expire\)](#).

If you applied outside Australia

Do not make arrangements to move to Australia permanently until we let you know, in writing, that we have granted you the visa.

Health exams

You must have health exams if you don't hold a Contributory Parent (Temporary) visa (subclass 173).

You might need to have health exams if:

- you hold a Contributory Parent (Temporary) visa (subclass 173)

- your subclass 173 visa ended in the 28 days immediately before you apply for this subclass 143 visa
- your subclass 173 visa ended more than 28 days before you apply for this visa but you can show compassionate and compelling reasons to still hold the visa

The doctor will send us your health documents. Don't arrange health exams until we ask you to.

Learn more about [health exams \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health\)](/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.

Stay lawful

If you are in Australia and 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. Learn about [visa expiry \(/visas/visa-about-to-expire\)](/visas/visa-about-to-expire).

Pay the second instalment

You must pay the second instalment (/visas/getting-a-visa/fees-and-charges) 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.

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 \(481KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/1436.pdf\)](/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 the 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).

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 \(168KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/1023.pdf\)](/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 \(301KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/956a.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/956a.pdf)
- provide immigration advice - complete [Form 956 Appointment of a registered migration agent, legal practitioner or exempt person \(308KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/956.pdf\)](/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 after you have applied include:

- changes to your phone number, address or passport
- changes to your marital or de facto status
- the birth of a child
- you want to withdraw your application

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

Step 5

Visa outcome

If you applied as a retiree, or you hold or held a Contributory Parent (Temporary) visa (subclass 173), or a substituted Visitor visa (subclass 600) before lodging your application, you must be outside Australia when we make a decision on your application.

If you did not apply as a retiree, 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:

- 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 \(/help-support/departmental-forms/online-forms/travel-facilitation-letter-request-form\)](/help-support/departmental-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

See what to do if [your situation changes \(/change-in-situation\)](/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

This is a permanent visa. It lets you stay in Australia indefinitely as a permanent resident.

For citizenship purposes, your permanent residency starts on the day:

- we grant the visa if you are in Australia

- you enter Australia on this visa if you are outside Australia

Access Australian Government benefits

As a newly arrived resident you might have to wait to access certain Australian Government payments and benefits.

Learn more about newly arrived residents' waiting periods from [Services Australia](#)

(<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/enablers/newly-arrived-residents-waiting-period>).

Travelling on your visa

You can travel to and from Australia as many times as you want for 5 years from the date we grant this visa. This is as long as the travel facility on this visa remains valid.

If you want to travel after the initial 5-year travel facility:

- you will need to apply for and be granted a [Resident Return \(RRV\)](#) (</visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/resident-return-visa-155-157>) so that you can re-enter Australia as a permanent resident
- you might also want to consider Australian citizenship. If you become an Australian citizen, you don't require a visa to enter Australia. You will need to apply for an Australian passport and use it to leave and re-enter Australia. See more about eligibility requirements and current processing times for [Australian citizenship](#) (</citizenship/become-a-citizen>)

To see when your travel facility ends, use [VEVO](#) (</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/>).

Request your international movement records (<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/request-movement-records>) to get proof of your travel in and out of Australia.

Working

With this visa you become a permanent resident. This means you can work and study. 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/factsheets/rights-and-obligations/visa-holders-and-migrant-workers-workplace-rights-and-entitlements>).

Becoming an Australian citizen

After a certain time, you might be eligible for Australian citizenship. Find out more about [becoming a citizen](#) (</citizenship/become-a-citizen>).

For citizenship purposes, become a permanent resident at a particular time:

- when you enter Australia on this visa, or
- if you have been in Australia before and held a permanent visa immediately before last leaving Australia, when we grant this visa

Leaving Australia

Before you leave

Check your travel documents

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

Ensure your visa is still valid

See what to do if your [visa has expired or is about to expire \(/visas/visa-about-to-expire\)](#).

At the border

Departures SmartGate (all visas)

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).

After you leave

International Movement Record

[Request your international movement records \(https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/request-movement-records\)](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/request-movement-records) to get proof of your travel in and out of Australia.

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