



(Subclass 445)

Dependent Child visa

This visa allows a child to stay in Australia temporarily while we process their parent's permanent Partner visa application.

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For Applicants

For Sponsors

Overview

Stay

Temporarily, until we have decided the permanent visa application of the parent of the child.

Cost

From AUD3,055.00

Processing times

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

With this visa the child can

- move to or stay in Australia until we decide their parent's permanent partner visa application
- travel to and from Australia
- work and study in Australia

[See all conditions \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=445\)](/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=445)

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

The child must

- be a dependent child of the visa-holding parent
- be sponsored by the nominator or sponsor of the visa-holding parent.

Ask a question

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 \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview\)](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview).

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With this visa the child can

- move to or stay in Australia until we decide on their parent's permanent Partner visa application
- travel to and from Australia
- work and study in Australia

Once the child has been granted this visa, they must apply to be added to their parent's permanent Partner visa application.

When an application to add the child to their parent's permanent Partner visa application has been submitted, the child can enrol in Australia's public healthcare scheme, [Medicare \(http://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/medicare\)](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/medicare).

How long the child can stay

This is a temporary visa. It starts on the date we grant the visa.

The child can stay until we decide their parent's permanent Partner visa application or their parent withdraws their permanent Partner visa application.

Stay longer

The child can't stay in Australia longer by extending this visa. [Explore your visa options \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder).

Include other children

Each of the child's siblings must apply for this visa separately.

The child's dependent children can be included on their application when they apply or at any time before we decide the application.

Dependent children of the child who apply for the visa must meet our [health requirement \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health).

Family members who are not coming to Australia might also have to meet our health requirement.

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

The visa costs AUD3,055.00 for the main applicant.

There is also a charge for each dependent child who applies for the visa with the main applicant.

There might also be other costs for health checks, police certificates and biometrics.

To work out what the visa will cost, use the [Visa Pricing Estimator \(/visas/visa-pricing-estimator?visa=445\)](/visas/visa-pricing-estimator?visa=445). The estimator does not take into account the other costs.

Apply from

The child can be in or outside Australia when the visa application is submitted.

Processing times

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

The application can take longer to process if:

- it is not filled in correctly
- it does not include all the documents we need, or we need more information
- it takes us time to verify the information

We can't process the application if the correct visa application charge isn't paid. We will advise if this is the case and if necessary return the application.

The child's obligations

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

The child and any of their family members who are granted the visa 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).

Once the child has been granted this visa, they must apply to be added to their parent's permanent Partner visa application.

Travel

The child can travel to and from Australia as often as they wish while the visa is valid.

Time spent outside Australia does not extend the visa.

Visa label

We will digitally link the visa to the child's passport. They will not get a label in their passport.

Eligibility

Be dependent on a parent who holds a certain visa

The child must be dependent on a parent who holds a:

- [Partner \(Provisional\) visa \(subclass 309\) \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/partner-offshore/provisional-309\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/partner-offshore/provisional-309)
- [Partner visa \(subclass 820\) \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/partner-onshore/temporary-820\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/partner-onshore/temporary-820)
- Dependent Child visa (subclass 445)

The child must apply to be added to their parent's permanent Partner visa application when they have been granted this 445 visa.

If the child is in Australia, they can't hold another visa that has a 'No further stay' condition.

Citizenship by Descent

The child may apply for [Australian citizenship by descent \(/citizenship/become-a-citizen/by-descent\)](/citizenship/become-a-citizen/by-descent) instead of a visa to travel to Australia, if:

- the child was born outside Australia
- one of their parents was an Australian citizen at the time of their child's birth.

Have a sponsor

The child must be sponsored by the same person who sponsored or nominated their parent's permanent Partner visa application.

The sponsorship must be approved by us.

The sponsorship may not be approved if the sponsor or their partner has been charged or convicted of offences involving children.

Learn more about [measures for the protection of children \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/dependent-child-445/measures-for-the-protection-of-children\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/dependent-child-445/measures-for-the-protection-of-children).

Be this age

The child must be either:

- under 18 years
- over 18 years and financially dependent on the parent who has the temporary Partner or Dependent Child visa

Meet the health requirement

The child and any of their dependent children who apply for the visa with them must meet our [health requirement \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health).

Family members who are not coming to Australia with the child might also have to meet our health requirement.

Meet the character requirement

If the child is aged 16 years and over they must meet our [character requirement \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character).

We might also ask that other dependent children who apply for the visa meet the requirement.

Sign the Australian values statement

If the child is 18 years of age or older, they must:

- have read, or had explained to them, the [Life in Australia booklet \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values)
- sign an [Australian Values Statement \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values) that confirms they will respect the Australian way of life and obey Australian laws

Have paid back debt to the Australian Government

If the child owes the Australian Government money you must have it paid it back or have a formal arrangement to pay it back.

Have consent to travel to Australia

We will only grant this visa to a child younger than 18 years if either:

- the child has the written consent of everyone who can legally decide where they live, or
- the laws of the child's home country allow them to leave their home country, or
- it is consistent with any [Australian child order](#)

(<https://www.ag.gov.au/FamiliesAndMarriage/Families/InternationalFamilyLaw/Pages/Registrationofoverseaschildorders.aspx>) about the child

Best interests of the child

We might 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 the child's passport is valid. Tell us if someone is acting on the child's behalf.

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

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

Step 2

Gather your documents

Complete the forms and get the photos, documents and translations you need.

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

Provide the pages of the child's current passport showing their photo, personal details, and passport issue and expiry dates.

Also provide:

- a national identity card, if the child has one
- proof of change of name

Documents that prove a change of name include:

- 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
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Photographs

Provide 4 recent passport-size photos (45mm x 35mm) of the child and of any other dependent child included in the application.

Photographs must be:

- passport-size (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

The child can wear untinted prescription glasses. If the child wears a head covering for religious reasons, they can show only their face.

Character documents

Children over 16 years must provide a police certificate from every country they have spent 12 months or more in the last 10 years since turning 16.

We only accept National Police Certificates applied for under *Code 33 – Immigration/Citizenship*. The Australian Federal Police (<https://www.afp.gov.au/what-we-do/services/criminal-records/national-police-checks>) issue these certificates. We don't accept standard disclosure certificates or certificates issued by Australian state or territory police.

For immigration purposes, police certificates are valid for 12 months from the issue date.

If anyone included in the application served in the armed forces of any country, they must provide military service records or discharge papers.

Children over 16 years must complete and provide [Form 80 Personal particulars for assessment including character assessment \(596KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/80.pdf\)](#).

Child's relationship to the parent

Provide evidence the child is related to the parent, such as:

- a birth certificate
- a marriage certificate
- an adoption certificate
- a family status certificate or family book, if officially issued and maintained

Financial documents

If the child is over 18 when the application is made, provide evidence they are dependent on their parent who holds the temporary Partner or Dependent Child visa for basic needs such as food, shelter and clothing, and how long this support has been provided. Evidence could include:

- bank statements
- money transfers
- rent receipts

Dependants under 18 documents

For every dependent under 18 years old who is applying with the child, provide:

- identity documents
- proof of their relationship with the applicant, like a birth 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.

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 stay Australia on this visa

Include an identity document with the signature and photo of the person who completed the form or declaration, such as a:

- passport
- driver's licence

Alternatively, you can show us:

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

Applicants over 18 with disability

Provide evidence from a qualified medical practitioner that the applicant has a total or partial loss of mental or body function that stops them from working.

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.

Prepare your documents

Translate

Have all non-English documents translated into English.

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

Provide each supporting document as a certified copy. This includes:

- non-English documents
- English translations

Photographs of the applicant and any of their dependent children included in the application must also be certified.

Keep

Keep a copy of the completed application.

Send

Send us:

- certified copies of all documents
- as much information as possible to help us decide the application
- each document only once, even if you are using to show more than one thing
- all documents with the application, if you can

Step 3

Apply for the visa

You must apply for this visa on paper.

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 the following form.

[Form 918 Application for a subclass 445 \(temporary\) visa by a dependent child \(453KB PDF\) \(462KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/918.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/918.pdf)

Send it by post or by courier to the Child and Other Family Processing Centre in Perth. You must include correct prepaid postage.

You must pay the application charge before you post your application. 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).

We will not process your application until you pay the application charge. Your application should also include:

- proof you have paid the application charge, and
- all relevant supporting documents.

You must complete the forms in English.

If you submit your application at any other office or in any other way, it will not be valid. We will not consider invalid applications further. You cannot submit applications for this visa in person.

By post:

Department of Home Affairs
Child and Other Family Processing Centre
Locked Bag 7
NORTHBRIDGE WA 6865
AUSTRALIA

OR

By courier:

Department of Home Affairs
Child and Other Family Processing Centre
Wellington Central
836 Wellington Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005
AUSTRALIA

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.

Step 4

After you apply

We will tell you when we have received the application and documents. See what you can and must do after you apply.

Status updates

We can't provide updates on the progress of the application within [global visa processing times](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times) (</visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times>). We will tell you if we need anything further.

Travel

If you applied while the child was onshore, and the child wants to travel overseas during visa processing, they need a valid visa to return to Australia.

Learn about [visa expiry](/visas/visa-about-to-expire) (</visas/visa-about-to-expire>).

Health exams

We will tell you when to arrange the child's [health examinations](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health) (</help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health>).

Biometrics

We might ask for [biometrics](#). We will tell you if you need to provide them.

Send more information

If you did not include all necessary documents when you applied, provide them as soon as you can.

We might also ask you for more information.

If the application was lodged **on or after 1 April 2020**:

- you can provide further necessary documents (that you did not provide with the application) to the Child and Other Family Processing Centre in Perth using the [Child and orphan relative visa processing centre form](/help-support/departamental-forms/online-forms/child-and-orphan-relative-visa-processing-centre-form) (</help-support/departamental-forms/online-forms/child-and-orphan-relative-visa-processing-centre-form>).

If you lodged the application **before April 2020**:

- you can provide further necessary documents (that you did not provide with the application) to the processing office using the [Child and orphan relative visa processing centre form](/help-support/departamental-forms/online-forms/child-and-orphan-relative-visa-processing-centre-form) (</help-support/departamental-forms/online-forms/child-and-orphan-relative-visa-processing-centre-form>). You can also use the method advised in the acknowledgement letter.

Stay lawful

If the child was in Australia when the application was submitted, make sure they stay lawful by holding a valid visa while we process it.

When a child applies for this visa in Australia, they are granted a bridging visa. If their current visa expires before we decide their application, the bridging visa will start. The child can stay in Australia on the bridging visa while we process their new visa application.

Learn more about [visa expiry](/visas/visa-about-to-expire) (</visas/visa-about-to-expire>).

Add family members

You can add the dependent children of the child to the application at any time before we decide the application.

Newborn children

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.

Complete [Form 1023 Notification of incorrect answers](/form-listing/forms/1023.pdf) (168KB 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](#))
- provide immigration advice - complete [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 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](#)).

Tell us if things change

Things you need to let us know about include:

- changes to the child's phone number, email, address or passport
- changes to the child's relationship status
- the birth of a child
- you want to withdraw the application

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

Step 5

Visa outcome

The child can be inside or outside Australia when we make our decision.

We will tell you our decision in writing. Keep a copy of the decision

If we grant the visa, we will tell you:

- the visa grant number
- the date the visa starts
- any visa conditions

If we refuse the visa, we will tell you:

- why we refused the visa
- whether there is a right to a review of the decision

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



When you have this visa

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Coming to Australia

Before the child travels

Check travel documents

The child must have:

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

Arrive before first entry arrival date

The child must enter Australia before the date specified in their grant letter.

If the child's visa is still valid and the date specified in their visa grant letter has passed or will pass before they can travel to Australia, they must ensure that:

- they plan to travel to Australia within the next 12 months
- they submit the [travel facilitation letter request form](#) (*/help-support/departmental-forms/online-forms/travel-facilitation-letter-request-form*).

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

We will not issue a travel facilitation letter unless there is less than 3 months remaining on the child's 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)*).

Using the SmartGate

We have an automated process that uses facial recognition technology and your ePassport. Children aged 16 or over might be able to leave the airport using [SmartGate](https://www.abf.gov.au/smartgates) (<https://www.abf.gov.au/smartgates>).

In Australia

What you must do when you have this visa

The child and any of their family members who are granted the visa 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>).

Once granted this visa, the child must apply for the same permanent Partner visa as their parent. Use [Form 1002 Application by a subclass 445 dependent child for a permanent partner visa \(279KB PDF\)](#) (</form-listing/forms/1002.pdf>).

Send the completed Form 1002 by post or courier to the office processing the permanent Partner visa of the child's parent.

Submit the form before we decide the permanent Partner visa application of the child's parent. This ensures the child remains lawful in Australia.

Tell us if things change

Things you need to let us know about include:

- changes to the child's passport
- the birth of a child
- changes of name

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

What you can do on your visa

Check your visa conditions and expiry

See the child's visa expiry, conditions and work and study entitlements in [VEVO](#) (</visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions>).

See how long you can stay

This is a temporary visa. The child can stay until we decide their parent's permanent Partner visa application.

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

Travelling on your visa

The child can travel outside Australia and return as many times as you want while the visa is valid.

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.

Work and study

The child might be able to work or study in Australia from the date we grant this visa. If the child works they are protected by Australian workplace law. [See their workplace rights and entitlements \(https://www.fairwork.gov.au/how-we-will-help/templates-and-guides/fact-sheets/rights-and-obligations/visa-holders-and-migrant-workers-workplace-rights-and-entitlements\)](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).

Bringing a family member

You can't add a dependant after we have decided the application.

To find a visa for a family member, [explore visa options \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder\)](#).

Leaving Australia

Before you leave

Check your travel documents

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

At the border

Leaving the airport faster

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

Prove the child has been to Australia

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.

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