

Immigration and citizenship

Subclass 884

Contributory Aged Parent (Temporary) visa

This temporary visa lets the aged 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

AUD33,895

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 <u>Parent visa queue</u> (/_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 Aged Parent (subclass 864) (/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/contributory-aged-parent-864)visa

See all conditions (/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=884)

Check your eligibility (#Eligibility)

Ask a question

You must

- have an eligible child who is a settled Australian citizen, an Australian permanent resident or an eligible New Zealand citizen
- be old enough to receive the Australian aged pension
- be in Australia, but not in immigration clearance, when you apply for this visa and when we make our decision
- 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 $\underline{\text{Who can help with your visa}}$ application (/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview).

Process



About this visa

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Apply for a Contributory Aged Parent (subclass 864) visa

You can apply for the permanent subclass 864 visa as a two-step process by first applying for a Contributory Aged Parent (Temporary) subclass 884 visa. Applying for the subclass 884 visa and then the subclass 864 visa allows you to spread the cost of the visas over a number of years.

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 we grant the visa.

Stay longer

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

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, in 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 <u>health</u> (/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health) and <u>character</u> (/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). There is also an additional charge for each family member who applies with you.

Cost

This visa costs AUD33,895. There is an additional charge for each family member who applies with you.

Pay the first instalment when you apply. Pay the second instalment when we ask you to.

There is also a charge for any family member who applies for the visa with you.

You might also have to pay other costs for each applicant for health checks, police certificates and <u>biometrics</u> (/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/biometrics).

Use the <u>Visa Pricing Estimator (/visas/visa-pricing-estimator?visa=884)</u> to work out what your visa will cost. The estimator does not take into account the second instalment or other costs.

See more about visa fees and charges (/visas/getting-a-visa/fees-and-charges).

Apply from

You must be in Australia, but not in immigration clearance, when you apply and when we make a decision on your application.

Any family members who apply for the visa with you must also be in Australia, but not in immigration clearance, 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 <u>visa processing time guide tool</u> (<u>/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times</u>). 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).

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).

Assessment

We assess applications for this visa in 2 stages:

- 1. Check eligibility and either add the application to the gueue 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) and processing priorities (/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/family-visa-processing-priorities).

Consider another visa

Other Parent visas available include the:

- Contributory Aged Parent visa (subclass 864) (/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/contributory-aged-parent-864) which is a permanent visa but costs more.
- Contributory Aged Parent (Temporary) visa (subclass 884) (/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/contributory-aged-parent-temporary-884), then a permanent Contributory Aged Parent visa (subclass 864) (/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/contributory-aged-parent-864). This 2-step visa process costs more than the subclass 804 visa. It also costs more than applying directly for the Contributory Aged Parent visa (subclass 864), 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) 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).

Your obligations

You and your family members must obey all Australian laws.

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 by an eligible sponsor.

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.

Be this age

You must be old enough to receive the age pension in Australia (https://www.dss.gov.au/seniors/benefits-payments/age-pension).

Must not have a no further stay condition

The visa you currently hold must not have a no further stay condition on it.

See your conditions in VEVO (/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions).

Meet the health requirement

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

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 <u>character requirement (/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character)</u>.

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

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 an Australian Values Statement that confirms you will respect the Australian way of life and obey Australian laws

Meet the balance-of-family test

You must meet the <u>balance-of-family test</u> (/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/aged-parent-804/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 thanchildren living in any other single country

See examples of how the balance-of-family test (/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/aged-parent-804/balance-of-family-test) is applied.

Have paid back your debt to the Australian Government

If you or any member of your family owe the Australian Government money you or they must have paid it back or have a formal arrangement 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).

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).

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 don't have to have a valid passport to apply but you must provide details of your most recent passport. However, 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)
- 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 <u>receive documents</u> (/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/authorised-recipents) 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 <u>can't prove your identity or don't provide true</u> 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 shows 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 (442KB PDF) (/form-listing/forms/40.pdf).

Character documents

We will tell you if and when you need to get a police certificate.

Balance-of-family documents

You will need to provide documents that prove you meet the <u>balance-of-family test</u> (/help-support/glossary#balance-of-family-test), including:

- · proof of your relationship with each of your children
- proof your child or children living permanently in Australia
- if applicable, proof that your child should not be included in the balance-of-family test (for example, their death certificate)

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 <u>Form 956 Appointment of a registered migration agent, legal practitioner or exempt person (308KB PDF) (/form-listing/forms/956.pdf)</u>.

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

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 stay in 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

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

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 must be accredited by the <u>National Accreditation Authority for Translators</u> and Interpreters *(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. This includes:

- non-English documents
- English translations

Keep

Keep a copy of your completed application.

Send

Send us:

- original police certificates, if applicable
- 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 the visa on paper. You must be in Australia, but not in immigration clearance, when the application is submitted and when we make a 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).

Apply on paper

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

Your sponsor must complete:

• Form 40 Sponsorship for migration to Australia (442KB 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/online/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 <u>certified copies</u> (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 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.

Complete Part B of 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 are 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 we need anything further.

Learn more about the <u>Parent visa queue</u> (/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

Tell us if you want to travel outside Australia while we process your application. We need to know because you must be in Australia, but not in immigration clearance, when we make our decision.

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

Learn about visa expiry (/visas/visa-about-to-expire).

Health exams

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

Biometrics

We might ask for <u>biometrics</u> (/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/biometrics) (fingerprints and photo). We will let you know if you need to provide them.

Send more information

If you did not send us all the documents when you applied, send them to the Parent Visa Centre as soon as you can.

We might also ask you to provide more information.

Stay lawful

Make sure you stay lawful by holding a valid visa while we process your application.

When you apply for this visa in Australia, you are likely to be granted a bridging visa. If your current visa expires before we make a decision on your application, the bridging visa will start. You can stay in Australia on the bridging visa while we process your new visa application.

Do not cancel your current visa. If you do, you will:

- be staying in Australia unlawfully
- not be eligible for a bridging visa

Learn more about visa expiry (/visas/visa-about-to-expire).

Pay the second instalment

Pay the second instalment charge when we tell you to.

We will send you an invoice for the instalment after you have met all other requirements for the visa.

You must pay the instalment or we can't grant the visa.

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).

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

Any family members you add to your application after you apply must be in Australia when you add them.

Newborn child

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

Mistakes on your application

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

Complete Form 1023 Notification of incorrect answers (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 your 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

See what to do if your situation changes (/change-in-situation).

Step 5

Visa outcome

You must be in Australia, but not in immigration clearance, 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

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

- In Australia (#haveThisVisa-index-0)
- Leaving Australia (#haveThisVisa-index-1)
- After you leave (#haveThisVisa-index-2)

In Australia

What you must do when you have this visa

You and your family members must and obey all Australian laws.

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).

What you can do on your visa

Check your visa conditions and expiry

See your visa expiry, conditions and work and study entitlements in <u>VEVO (/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions)</u>.

See how long you can stay

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

The visa starts on the date we grant it.

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

Staying longer

You cannot stay in Australia longer by extending this visa. You must apply for a new visa if you want to stay longer. <u>See</u> your options (/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder).

Travelling on your visa

This visa is granted with multiple entries. You can travel outside Australia and return as many times as you want for two years while the visa is valid.

See your visa conditions (/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=884).

Proving you have a visa

To prove you have a visa and show your conditions to someone, use <u>VEVO</u> (/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

You can 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).

After you leave

Proving you have 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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