



Subclass 403

Temporary Work (International Relations) visa

A temporary visa to work in specific circumstances that improve Australia's international relations.

Basic Eligibility

Each stream has specific eligibility requirements.

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Government Agreement stream

(<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-work-403/government-agreement>)

This visa stream allows a person to work in Australia under the terms and conditions of a bilateral agreement between the Australian Government and a government of another country.

Stay

You can stay until the time we specify in your visa grant notice, which may be up to 2 years.

Cost

From AUD355.00

Processing Time

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

- ✔ Be employed or engaged under the terms and conditions of a bilateral agreement between Australia and another country
- ✔ Stay in Australia for up to 2 years
- ✔ Apply for the visa in or outside Australia

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Foreign Government Agency stream

(<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-work-403/foreign-government-agency>)

This visa stream lets you come to Australia for specific activities. You could work in Australia employed by a foreign government as a foreign language teacher or as a representative of a foreign government agency.

Stay

You can stay until the time we specify in your visa grant notice, which may be up to 4 years.

Cost

From AUD355.00

Processing Time

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- ✔ You can represent a foreign government and will not be given an official status in Australia by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)
- ✔ You can be employed as a foreign language teacher by a foreign government in an Australian school
- ✔ You can apply for the visa in or outside Australia, but not from immigration clearance

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Domestic Worker (Diplomatic or Consular) stream

(<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-work-403/domestic-worker>)

This visa stream lets a person aged 18 years or older do temporary full-time domestic work in Australia in the household of someone who holds a Diplomatic (Temporary) visa (subclass 995).

Stay

Your first visa is usually valid for a stay of up to 12 months.

A further visa is usually valid for the length of your employer's posting to Australia.
You can stay until the time we specify in your visa grant notice.

Cost

From AUD355.00

Processing Time

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- ✔ You can do full-time domestic work in the household of someone who holds a Diplomatic (Temporary) visa (subclass 995)
- ✔ You can work in Australia in line with Australian employment conditions for the time your employer is posted to Australia
- ✔ You must be outside Australia the first time you apply

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Privileges and Immunities stream

(<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-work-403/privileges-immunities>)

This visa stream lets you come to Australia if you have, or expect to have, privileges and immunities under relevant legislation. You can stay in Australia on this visa while you are working as an international representative.

Stay

You can stay for the time we specify in your visa grant letter. This is usually the time you are an international representative with the support of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

Cost

Free

Processing Time

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

- ✔ You can stay in Australia while you are working as an international representative

- ✔ Your position must have, or expect to have, privileges and immunities under relevant legislation
- ✔ You need a letter of support from the DFAT

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Pacific Australia Labour Mobility stream

(<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-work-403/pacific-australia-labour-mobility-stream>)

This visa stream lets you come to Australia to participate in the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme.

Stay

You can stay until the time we specify in your visa grant notice, which may be up to 4 years.

Cost

From AUD335.00

Processing Time

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

- ✔ be a citizen and resident of a specified Pacific Island country (<https://www.palmscheme.gov.au/countries>)
- ✔ be sponsored by a Temporary Activities Sponsor, approved by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) to participate in the program
- ✔ be employed in a contract of short term (seasonal) work for up to 9 months
- ✔ be employed in a contract of long term (non-seasonal) work for up to 4 years

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