

#### Immigration and citizenship

#### Subclass 476

# Skilled-Recognised Graduate visa

This visa allows recent engineering graduates to live, work or study in Australia for up to 18 months. You must have completed a degree or higher qualification from a specified institution within the past 2 years, and be under 31 years of age.

### Overview

#### Stay

Usually up to 18 months

#### Cost

From AUD465.00

#### **Processing times**

For an indication of processing times for this visa, use the <u>visa processing time guide tool</u> (/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 you can

work and study

See all conditions (/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=476)

Check your eligibility (#Eligibility)

#### You must

- be under 31 years of age
- have completed an engineering degree at a specified educational institution (/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-recognition-graduate-476#Eligibility) in the past 2 years
- not have previously been the primary visa holder of a subclass 476 or 485 visa

#### Help with your visa

Ask a question

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).

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# With this visa you can

• Travel, work and study in Australia

## How long can you stay

This is a temporary visa. You can usually stay in Australia for 18 months.

# Stay longer

You can't stay in Australia longer by extending this visa, as you can't be granted another Skilled - Recognised Graduate visa. You will need to apply for another visa. Explore your visa options (/visas/getting-a-visa-visa-finder).

# Include family

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

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.

You can add your children to the application until a decision on your application is made. You can't add any other member of the family unit to your application during that period.

### Subsequent entrants

If we grant you the visa, your family members might be able to apply to join you in Australia later as a <u>subsequent</u> entrant.

Family members applying for this visa as subsequent entrants must <u>apply online in ImmiAccount (/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online)</u>.

### Cost

The visa costs AUD465.00 for the main applicant.

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

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 <u>Visa Pricing Estimator</u> (*/visas/visa-pricing-estimator*). The estimator does not take into account the other costs.

# **Apply from**

You (and family members included in your application) can be inside or outside Australia when you apply for this visa. If you are in Australia, you will not be eligible for a Bridging visa to remain in Australia while we process your application.

If you meet the visa grant requirements, you (and any included family members) must be outside of Australia for us to grant your visa.

# **Processing times**

For an indication of processing times for this visa, use the <u>visa processing time guide tool</u> (/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 can take longer to process if:

- you do not fill it in correctly
- you do not include all the documents we need or we need more information from you
- it takes us time to verify your information

We can't process your application if you do not pay the correct visa application charge. We will notify you if this is the case.

# Your obligations

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

See which conditions will and might be attached to this visa (/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=476).

### **Travel**

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

The time you spend outside Australia does not extend the visa.

### Visa label

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

# Eligibility

### **COVID-19 concessions**

Skilled-Recognised Graduate (subclass 476) visa holders affected by COVID-19 international travel restrictions may be eligible for a visa extension.

This will allow eligible Skilled-Recognised Graduate visa holders to enter or remain in Australia until 14 April 2024.

To be eligible for a visa extension you must:

- currently hold or have held a Skilled-Recognised Graduate (subclass 476) visa granted before 14 December 2021 and expiring on or after 1 February 2020
- have been outside Australia at any time between 1 February 2020 and 14 December 2021 while holding a Skilled-Recognised Graduate visa
- not have had your visa cancelled.

If you currently hold a Bridging visa and you are granted a visa extension, the Skilled-Recognised Graduate visa will come into effect.

If you have made an application for another substantive visa you may wish to consider whether you want to continue with that application. If you do not want to continue with your application you have 28 days to <u>withdraw</u> (/change-in-situation/withdraw-visa-application).

If you were granted a substantive visa **before** your Skilled-Recognised Graduate visa extension was granted the Skilled-Recognised Graduate visa will remain out of effect until the substantive visa ceases.

If the substantive visa ceases before 14 April 2024 the Skilled-Recognised Graduate visa will come into effect for the remaining period.

If you are granted a substantive visa **after** your Skilled-Recognised Graduate visa is extended this will cease the Skilled-Recognised Graduate visa permanently.

You can check your visa status using <u>VEVO (/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/check-conditions-online/visa-holders)</u>\*

**Note:** Your Skilled-Recognised Graduate visa will not show in VEVO if you hold another substantive visa granted before 5 April 2022.

For any other enquiries please contact our Global Service Centre - Telephone (homeaffairs.gov.au) (https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/contact-us/telephone). Alternatively, If you would like to provide feedback you can contact our Global Feedback Unit - Compliments, complaints and suggestions (homeaffairs.gov.au) (https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-and-support/departmental-forms/online-forms/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions).

# Have engineering qualifications from a specified educational institution

When you apply, you must have completed an engineering course for which you were awarded a degree or higher qualification in the last 2 years. This could be a:

- · bachelors degree
- · masters degree
- · doctoral degree
- · postgraduate diploma

This qualification must be in an engineering discipline, such as:

- civil engineering
- structural engineering
- · chemical engineering
- environmental engineering
- · electrical and electronics engineering
- · mechanical, production and plant engineering
- · mining and material engineering

#### **Educational institutions**

You must have completed your engineering qualification at a specified educational institution. Any institution offering an Engineering qualification **accredited** under the <u>Washington Accord</u> (http://www.ieagreements.org/accords/washington/) is a specified institution.

If you studied at an institution or college that is only **affiliated** with a Washington Accord specified institution, you would not satisfy this requirement.

Signatory countries to the Washington Accord may accredit programs outside of their national or territorial boundaries. However, only programs accredited within their respective national or territorial boundaries \*are recognised by the Accord.

Note\* There may be exceptions to this. Where the course is offered outside a signatory country's jurisdiction by an institution whose home campus is in the signatory country; applicants should provide evidence via their institution that this arrangement is recognised by the Accord.

We will also accept an engineering degree (or higher qualification) from:

- Argentina Catholic University of Argentina
- Brazil Federal University of Minas Gerais
- Chile Universidad Catolica del Norte
- Chile Catholic University of Chile
- Chile University of Chile
- Chile University of Concepcion
- Finland HUT, Helsinki
- · Germany RWTH, Aachen

- Germany Technical University of Berlin
- Germany Technical University of Clausthal
- Germany TU Bergakademie Freiberg
- Germany University of Hannover
- Hungary University of Miskolc
- India Anna University, Chennai
- India Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
- India Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
- India Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur
- India Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad
- Iran Amir Kabir University of Technology
- Iran University of Tehran
- People's Republic of China Beijing Normal University
- People's Republic of China Beijing Petroleum University
- People's Republic of China Beijing University of Chemical Technology
- People's Republic of China Beijing University of Technology
- People's Republic of China China University of Mining and Technology, Beijing
- People's Republic of China Guangzhou University
- People's Republic of China Shanghai University of Engineering Science
- People's Republic of China Shanghai Jiaotong University
- People's Republic of China Tongji University
- · People's Republic of China Tsinghua University
- People's Republic of China University of Science and Technology, Beijing
- Philippines University of the Philippines
- Poland Wroclaw University of Technology
- Slovakia TU Kosice
- Sweden Lulea University of Technology
- Tanzania University of Dar es Salaam

# Be this age

You must be under 31 years of age.

### Have not held this visa

You must not have previously been the primary holder of a Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) visa or a Skilled – Recognised Graduate (subclass 476) visa, unless you held one as members of the family unit.

# Meet our health requirement

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

# Meet our character requirement

You and family members aged 16 years and over who apply for the visa with you must meet our <u>character</u> requirement (/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character).

# Have this passport or this level of English language

To prove your English level meets the requirements, show us evidence of one of the following:

- You are a citizen of and hold a valid passport from the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada, New Zealand or the Republic of Ireland. British National (Overseas) passports are not acceptable as evidence of vocational English.
- In the 3 years before you apply for your visa, you scored one of the following:

#### **Test Score** International English Language Testing System Overall score of at least 6 with a minimum score of 5 for (IELTS) (https://www.ielts.org/) each of the 4 parts Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-Total score of at least 64 with a minimum score of 4 for based Test (TOEFL iBT) listening, 4 for reading, 14 for writing and 14 for (http://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/about) speaking \*\*(TOEFL iBT - only accepted if taken on or before 25 July 2023) Overall score of at least 50 with a minimum score of 36 Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic) for each of the 4 parts (https://pearsonpte.com/the-test) Occupational English Test (OET) At least B for each of the 4 parts (https://www.occupationalenglishtest.org/) Overall at least 169 with a minimum score of at least Cambridge C1 Advanced test 154 in each of the 4 test components (http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/exams-and-tests/advanced)

# 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 booklet (/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values) and
- sign an <u>Australian Values Statement (/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values)</u> that confirms you will respect the Australian way of life and obey Australian laws

# 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 arranged to pay it back.

# Not had a visa cancelled or an application refused

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

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

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

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

### 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 your passport and any existing visa conditions. Organise your health exams.

See if you want to get help with your application.

#### Make sure you have a passport

You need a valid passport for this visa.

If you plan to get a new passport, do so before applying for this visa.

#### **Check your visa conditions**

If you have a 'No further stay' condition on your visa, you can't apply for a new visa while you are in Australia, except in extremely limited circumstances. You must leave Australia no later than the date on which your visa ends.

If you have the 'No further stay' condition but wish to apply for this visa, you will need to apply to have the condition waived using <u>Form 1447 No Further Stay waiver (447KB PDF)</u> (/form-listing/forms/1447.pdf).

#### Organise health exams

- 1. Create an account or log in to ImmiAccount (https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login)
- 2. Select MyHealthDeclarations

#### 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 documents to prove your qualification(s), English language ability, identity and relationships. You will also need to provide documents for your partner and any dependent children.

#### **Provide accurate information**

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

#### **Identity documents**

We need proof of your identity. If you can't 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, if applicable

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

#### **Qualification documents**

You must prove that you have engineering qualifications from a specified educational institution (/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-recognition-graduate-476#Eligibility).

Provide:

- an academic transcript from your education provider
- a letter of completion (including your course completion date) for your qualification

#### **Evidence of English language**

Provide your English language test results (/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-recognition-graduate-476#Eligibility), to prove your English proficiency. You don't need to provide these results if you hold a valid passport from:

- the United Kingdom
- Canada
- New Zealand
- · the United States
- the Republic of Ireland

#### **Character documents**

You must be prepared to provide a police certificate (/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character) from each country you have lived in for 12 months or more during the past 10 years after you turned 16 years of age. Don't arrange for police certificates until we ask you to. This applies to you and any

member of your family unit included in the application.

#### Tell us you are getting help

To nominate someone to:

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

Upload your written notification or your forms to <a href="ImmiAccount">ImmiAccount</a> (/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/overview).

#### Partner documents

Provide your partner's:

- · identity documents
- · character documents
- marriage certificate
- documents about other relationships, if applicable

For de facto relationships provide either:

- evidence that your relationship is registered by an Australian State or Territory
- enough documents to prove you have been in a de facto relationship with your partner for at least 12 months before you apply

For both married and de facto applicants you must provide evidence that you are in a genuine and continuing relationship. Evidence can include but is not limited to:

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

#### **Dependants under 18 documents**

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

- copies of birth certificates or the family book showing the names of both parents of all your dependent children
- copies of the adoption paper, 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 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

#### **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 (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.

Note: You do not need to have any documents certified.

#### Scan or photograph

Scan or photograph all documents (English and non-English) in colour.

The scans and photos must be clear.

If a document is more than one page, save it all as one file.

#### Step 3

# Apply for the visa

You can be inside or outside Australia when you apply for the visa. If you meet the visa grant requirements, you (and any included family members) must be outside of Australia for us to grant your visa.

You must apply for this visa online.

#### **Provide accurate information**

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

#### **Apply online**

- 1. Create or log in to ImmiAccount (https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login)
- 2. Attach documents (/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online)
- 3. Pay the application fee (/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online/how-to-pay)

We will not process your application until you pay the fee.

Each family member must have their application fee paid and documents attached to their application.

See how to resolve error messages when submitting online (/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online/common-issues-and-error-messages).

#### Step 4

# After you apply

We will let you know in writing when we have received your application and documents. See what you can and must do after you apply.

#### Status updates

We don't provide updates on application's progress.

You can see if we have asked for more information in your <u>ImmiAccount</u> (/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online).

### Travel after you apply

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

#### **Health exams**

If you didn't have <u>health examinations</u> (/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health) before you applied, we will let you know if you need them. Check ImmiAccount (https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login).

Select 'Organise Health Examinations'.

#### **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.

#### **Attach more information**

If you did not send us all documents when you applied, send them via ImmiAccount as soon as you can.

We might also ask you to provide more information.

#### Adding family

You can add your children to the application until a decision on your application is made. See how to tell us if your situation changes (/change-in-situation)

You can't add any other member of the family unit to your application during that period.

### Subsequent entrants

If we grant you the visa, your family members might be able to apply to join you in Australia later as a subsequent entrant.

Family members applying for this visa as subsequent entrants must apply online in <a href="ImmiAccount">ImmiAccount</a> (/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online).

For information on how to apply see above, Apply for the visa.

#### 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)

#### Help with you 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).

Upload your written notification or your forms to <a href="ImmiAccount">ImmiAccount</a> (/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/overview).

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 after you have applied include:

- changes to your phone number, email, 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)



Step 5

### Visa outcome

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

We will let you know in writing our decision about your visa application. If we grant you the visa, we will tell you:

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

If we refuse your visa we will tell you why we refused it and whether you have a right to a review of the decision.

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

# When you have this visa

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# Now you have your visa

If we have granted you a Skilled Recognised Graduate (subclass 476) visa, you may want to consider withdrawing any other undecided visa applications you have lodged with us.

We will continue to progress any undecided visa applications. If they meet the requirements it may result in your current visa ceasing. It may also affect your eligibility for government benefits such as Centrelink or Medicare.

To withdraw any other visa application, you must tell us in writing. More information is available on our website at <u>You</u> want to withdraw an application (*/change-in-situation/withdraw-visa-application*).

# **Coming to Australia**

We are unable to extend the validity date of your visa if you have not been able to travel to Australia.

You must travel to Australia before your Initial Entry Date (IED) or Must Not Arrive After (MNAA) date. If you can't travel before this date, you will need to hold an alternative visa to travel to Australia

See the visa finder (/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder) to check your for visa options.

### Before you leave

#### **Check your travel documents**

You must have:

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

#### At the border

#### **Completing an Incoming Passenger Card**

All people arriving Australia must complete the <u>Incoming Passenger Card</u> (https://www.abf.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/crossing-the-border/at-the-border/incoming-passenger-card-(ipc)). You will get the card on board.

#### 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).

### In Australia

### What you can do when you have this visa

- stay in Australia for usually up to 18 months
- you can work and study

### What you must do on this visa

You, and your family members, must comply with all visa conditions and Australian laws. Check your conditions in your grant letter or in VEVO (/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview).

### Tell us if things change

Things you need to let us know about include

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

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

### See how long you can stay

This is a temporary visa. You can stay in Australia for 18 months.

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

### Staying longer

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

### Travelling on your visa

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

The time you spend outside Australia does not extend the visa.

### Proving you have a visa

To prove you have a visa and show your conditions to someone, use <u>VEVO (/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview)</u>.

### Working

You are protected by Australian workplace law. See your workplace rights and entitlements (https://www.fairwork.gov.au/how-we-will-help/templates-and-quides/fact-sheets/rights-and-obligations/visa-holders-and-migrant-workers-workplace-rights-and-entitlements).

To see your conditions for work, use VEVO (/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview)

### Bringing a family member

Your family members who did not apply for the visa with you might be eligible to apply for a <u>subsequent entrant</u> after the visa is granted.

Family members applying for this visa as subsequent entrants must <u>apply online in ImmiAccount</u> (/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online).

For information on how to apply see step by step (/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-recognition-graduate-476#HowTo).

### **Leaving Australia**

### Before you leave

#### **Check your travel documents**

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

#### 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 a SmartGate (https://www.abf.gov.au/smartgates)

### After you leave

#### **Get your superannuation**

You are likely to have some money in a superannuation fund if you worked in Australia and you are:

- 18 years old or older
- paid AUD450 or more before tax in a month

See how to access your superannuation (/entering-and-leaving-australia/leaving-australia/access-your-superannuation).

#### To prove 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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