



Subclass 887

Skilled Regional visa

This visa is for people who have lived and worked in specified areas of regional Australia on a previous, eligible visa.

Overview

Stay

Permanently

Cost

From AUD465.00

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, you can

- work and study anywhere in Australia
- sponsor eligible relatives for permanent residence
- apply for Australian citizenship, if eligible

[See all conditions \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=887\)](/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=887)

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

You must

- hold an [eligible visa \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-regional-887#Eligibility\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-regional-887#Eligibility) or have held an eligible visa that expired outside Australia during the concession period
- have lived for at least 2 years and worked full time for at least 1 year in a specified regional area, unless [COVID-19 concessions \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-regional-887#Eligibility\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-regional-887#Eligibility) apply
- have complied with the conditions of the [eligible visa \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-regional-887#Eligibility\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-regional-887#Eligibility) you hold or have held

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

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With this visa you can

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

Newly arrived residents may have to [wait before they can access certain Australian Government payments and benefits \(https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/enablers/newly-arrived-residents-waiting-period\)](https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/enablers/newly-arrived-residents-waiting-period).

How long can you stay

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

The visa has a travel component that expires 5 years after the date of visa grant.

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

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

Include family

You can include members of the family unit in your application if they currently hold an [eligible visa \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-regional-887#Eligibility\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-regional-887#Eligibility). You must include each family member who is eligible to apply for this visa at the time you lodge your application. You can't add family members after you have submitted your application.

You can include family members who no longer meet the standard definition of member of the family unit provided they hold an eligible visa that was granted on the basis that they were a member of your family unit. This provision would apply, for example, if you want to include a child in your application who has turned 23 years of age since they were granted an eligible visa.

Family members included in your application must meet our [health \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health) and [character \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character) requirements. Family members not accompanying you to Australia may also need to meet our health and character requirements.

Newborn children

If you have a child who was born either in or outside Australia since you were granted your current visa you must tell us about your child before you lodge this application. Find out what to do [if your child is born \(/change-in-situation/had-a-baby\)](/change-in-situation/had-a-baby) after we granted your current visa. If we have not linked your child's current visa to their passport you will be unable to lodge their application online.

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 have to pay an extra charge for any member of the family unit applicant 18 years old or older who has less than [functional English \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/english-language\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/english-language). This charge is called the second instalment charge. Pay it only when we ask you to. We ask for the charge only if we are going to grant the visa.

The second instalment charge is AUD4,890.

To work out what your visa will cost use the [Visa Pricing Estimator \(/visas/visa-pricing-estimator?visa=887\)](/visas/visa-pricing-estimator?visa=887). The estimator does not take into account the second instalment or other costs. You might also have to pay other costs for health checks, police certificates and [biometrics](#).

Apply from

You can be in or outside Australia when you apply for the visa and when we decide on your application, but not in immigration clearance.

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.

We assess applications on a case-by-case basis, and actual processing times can vary due to individual circumstances including:

- whether you have lodged a complete application, including all necessary supporting documents
- how quickly you respond to any requests for additional information
- how long it takes to perform required checks on the supporting information provided
- how long it takes to receive additional information from external agencies, particularly in relation to health, character, and national security requirements
- how many places are available in the migration program

Your obligations

You and your family must follow Australian laws.

Travel

You can travel in and out of Australia as many times as you want for 5 years from the date we grant the visa. After 5 years you will need a [Resident Return \(RRV\) \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/resident-return-visa-155-157\)](#) to re-enter Australia as a permanent resident.

Visa label

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

Eligibility

COVID-19 concessions

COVID-19 concessions to lodgement and eligibility requirements are available to eligible prospective Skilled – Regional visa (subclass 887) applicants where they meet criteria set out below.

Applicants outside of Australia

Eligible prospective subclass 887 visa applicants can make their visa application outside Australia during the [concession period \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-concessions\)](#) and be granted the visa while they are outside Australia. Applicants outside of Australia who lodge during the [concession period \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-concessions\)](#) are given access to shorter employment requirements and shorter residence requirements.

These applicants must provide evidence of at least:

- 9 months full-time work in a specified regional area (or, if the Minister specifies a shorter period in a legislative instrument, that shorter period), and

- 18 months residence in a specified regional area (or, if the Minister specifies a shorter period in a legislative instrument, that shorter period).

Applicants inside Australia

Eligible prospective subclass 887 applicants inside Australia who lodge during the [concession period](#) ([/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-concessions](#)) are given access to shorter employment requirements.

These applicants must provide evidence of at least:

- 9 months full-time work in a specified regional area, and
- 2 years of residence in a specified regional area.

Eligibility for the shorter employment and residence periods for subclass 887 visa applicants entitled to the COVID-19 concessions:

Location	Employment concession (3 months off the 12 month requirement)	Residence concession (6 months off the 2 year requirement)
Onshore lodgement	Yes	No
Offshore lodgement	Yes	Yes

Have an eligible visa

All applicants must be in Australia and hold an eligible visa at the time a subclass 887 visa application is made unless COVID-19 concessions apply.

An eligible visa is a:

- subclass 489, 495, 496, 475 or 487 visa, or
- Bridging visa A or Bridging visa B, after having made a valid application for a subclass 489, 495 or 487 visa, or where a subclass 887 visa is lodged outside Australia during the concession period, a visa mentioned above that expired during the concession period while the holder was outside Australia.

The person seeking to satisfy the primary criteria must also have held one of the following eligible visas for a total of 2 years before a subclass 887 visa application is made:

- subclass 489, 495, 496, 475 or 487 visa.

The eligible visa must have been granted to them on the basis of satisfying the primary criteria, or on the basis of being the spouse or de facto partner of the person who satisfied the primary criteria.

Note: The person seeking to satisfy the primary criteria in this application will be the person who seeks to meet the 887 work and residence requirements.

Meet our residence requirement

At the time you apply for this visa you must have lived for a total of at least 2 years (unless COVID-19 concessions apply), as the holder of one or more eligible visas, in:

- a [regional or low-population growth metropolitan area \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-regional-887/regional-postcodes\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-regional-887/regional-postcodes) if a state or territory government nominated you for your eligible visa, or
- a [designated area of Australia \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-regional-887/designated-area-of-australia\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-regional-887/designated-area-of-australia) if a family member sponsored you for your eligible visa.

Meet our work requirement

When you apply for this visa you must have worked full-time for at least 12 months (unless COVID-19 concessions apply), as the holder of one or more eligible visas:

- in a [regional or low-population growth metropolitan area \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-regional-887/regional-postcodes\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-regional-887/regional-postcodes), if a state or territory government nominated you for your eligible visa, or
- a [designated area of Australia \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-regional-887/designated-area-of-australia\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-regional-887/designated-area-of-australia) if a family member had sponsored you for your eligible visa.

Full time work means 35 hours per week. You can combine work in concurrent part-time employment to satisfy this requirement. You can work in your nominated occupation or any other occupation.

Have complied with conditions of your eligible visa

You, and any family members holding an eligible visa, must have complied with the conditions attached to your eligible visa when in Australia. This requirement applies for the whole period you hold the visa(s).

Have this level of English language

At the time we make a decision on your application you must:

- have [functional English \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/english-language/functional-english\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/english-language/functional-english), or
- have paid the second instalment of the visa application charge for your eligible visa, or
- pay the second instalment of the visa application charge when we ask for it

Meet our health requirement

You and any family members who apply for the visa with you must meet our [health requirement \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health). As you undertook a health examination for your eligible visa, in most circumstances you will not need to undertake another one.

Meet our character requirement

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

Family members not accompanying you to Australia must also 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 \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values) and
- confirm you will respect the Australian way of life and obey Australian laws when you sign an [Australian Values Statement \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values)

Have paid back your debt to the Australian Government

If you or any family members (including those who do not apply for the visa with you) owe the Australian Government money, you or they must have paid it back or arranged to pay it back.

Not have had a visa cancelled or a previous application refused

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

In some circumstances you may still apply for a permanent visa if you have had a visa cancelled or an application refused see [Limitations on applications in Australia \(129KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/1026i.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/1026i.pdf).

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

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

Meet all these criteria? Check how to apply in our [step by step \(#HowTo\)](#) guide.

Step by step

Step 1

Before you apply

Before you apply you need to gather and prepare your documents.

Get help with your application

Only some people can help you with your application. If you appoint someone to give you immigration assistance they must be:

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

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

Check your passport is up-to-date

You and your family members must have valid passports or travel documents to be able to submit an application for this visa.

Step 2

Gather your documents

You will need to provide identity, character and other documents that evidence you have complied with your visa conditions in Australia. 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 \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/providing-accurate-information\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/providing-accurate-information).

Work and residence documents

Unless [COVID-19 concessions \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-regional-887#Eligibility\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-regional-887#Eligibility) apply, you must provide proof that you have lived for a total of at least 2 years, and worked full-time (minimum 35 hours a week) for at least 12 months as the holder of an eligible visa in one or more areas listed as:

- a [regional or low-population growth metropolitan area \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-regional-887/regional-postcodes\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-regional-887/regional-postcodes), if a state or territory government had previously nominated you, or
- a [designated area of Australia \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-regional-887/designated-area-of-australia\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-regional-887/designated-area-of-australia) if a family member had previously sponsored you

The evidence provided should demonstrate that you and any family members included in your application have complied with your visa conditions when in Australia.

Evidence of work

Proof of full-time work can include but is not limited to:

- employment references: employment references should be on company letterhead and include information about your position, the period of your employment and your weekly work hours.
- Notices of Assessment issued by the Australian Taxation Office
- copies of bank statements showing wage or salary deposits
- superannuation documents
- payslips that cover the period of employment
- contracts, group certificates and any other documents relevant to your employment history

To satisfy the full time work requirement the 35 hours can comprise hours worked in one or more jobs in each week. Suitable evidence will need to be provided for each position to support your claims.

For periods of self or contract employment, proof can include but is not limited to:

- taxation documents including business activity statements
- evidence of business registration
- evidence of business activity which could include a statement from your account, correspondence from customers and suppliers
- audited financial statements for the relevant period(s)
- evidence of contracts or franchise arrangements
- advertising and marketing material
- a company profile or prospectus
- memberships of any business or professional associations
- any other documents relevant to your self-employment history

The evidence should demonstrate that your self-employment activities require you to be active in the business for at least 35 hours a week.

Evidence of residence

Proof of residence can include but is not limited to:

- leases or rental agreements
- utility bills such as telephone, gas or electricity that show your home address(es)
- school reports
- title deeds to your home
- any other evidence that demonstrates you and any family members are resident in a specified regional area.

Identity documents

Provide the pages of your current passport showing your photo, personal details, and passport issue and expiry dates.

Also provide:

- a national identity card, if you have one
- proof of change of name

Documents that prove a change of name include:

- a marriage or divorce certificate
- change of name documents from an Australian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, or the relevant overseas authority
- documents that show other names you have been known by

Relationship documents

If you are or have been married, widowed, divorced or permanently separated, provide proof such as marriage certificates, divorce documents, death certificates, separation documents or statutory declarations.

If your partner or dependent children are not included in this application, tell us the reason why (for example, they already hold Australian citizenship or are a permanent resident).

Character documents

Provide an Australian police certificate if you have spent a total of 12 months or more in Australia in the last 10 years since you turned 16.

We only accept complete disclosure National Police Certificates issued by the Australian Federal Police (<https://www.afp.gov.au/what-we-do/services/criminal-records/national-police-checks>). We do not accept standard disclosure certificates or national police certificates issued by Australian state or territory police.

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

Also provide:

- an overseas police certificate from every country (</help-support/contact-us/offices-and-locations/list>), including your home country, where you spent a total of 12 months or more in the last 10 years since you turned 16.
- military service records or discharge papers if you served in the armed forces of any country

Complete and provide the following forms:

- Form 80 – Personal particulars for character assessment (596KB PDF) (</form-listing/forms/80.pdf>)
- Form 1221 Additional personal particulars information (331KB PDF) (</form-listing/forms/1221.pdf>)

Proof of functional English

Provide proof that all applicants aged 18 years and older, who have not paid the second instalment of the visa application charge in respect of their eligible visa, have at least [functional English \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/english-language\)](#).

If you can't provide proof of functional English

Applicants aged 18 years and older, who have not paid the second instalment visa application charge in respect of their eligible visa and can't provide evidence of [functional English \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/english-language\)](#), will need to pay the second instalment of the visa application charge when we ask for it.

Partner documents

We need to see evidence of your partner's identity and relationship with you.

Provide:

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

For de facto relationship provide either:

- evidence that your relationship is registered by an Australian State or Territory
- 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

Your dependant must hold an eligible visa.

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, 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](#)), or
- [statutory declaration](#) (<https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Statutory-declarations/Pages/default.aspx>) giving their consent for the child to migrate to 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

You don't have to prove that your dependant under 18 years of age has functional English.

Dependants over 18 documents

To include your child who is over 18 in your visa application, they must hold an [eligible visa](#) ([/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-regional-887#Eligibility](#)) that was granted on the basis that they were a member of your family unit.

Provide:

- identity documents
- proof of your relationship with the dependant such as a birth certificate or adoption papers
- character documents
- marriage certificate, if applicable
- documents about other relationships, if applicable

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](#)).

Upload your written notification or your forms to [ImmiAccount](#) ([/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/overview](#)).

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/>).

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.

Scan of photograph

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

The scans and photos must be clear.

Note: You do not need to have any documents certified

If a document is more than 1 page, save it all as 1 file.

Step 3

Apply for the visa

You can apply for this visa online. You can be inside or outside Australia when you apply.

Provide accurate information

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

Apply for this visa online in ImmiAccount

1. Log in or create an [ImmiAccount \(https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login\)](https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login)
2. Attach your documents [\(/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online\)](/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online)
3. Pay the first application charge [\(/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online/how-to-pay\)](/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online/how-to-pay). We will not process your application until you pay this first instalment of the visa application charge.
4. Note your transaction reference number (TRN).

Step 4

After you apply

We will let you know when we have received your application.

If you are granted a bridging visa you will receive notification of your visa grant.

Status updates

We do not give updates on applications under assessment.

You can check if we need more information from you in [ImmiAccount \(https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login\)](https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login).

Travel after you apply

You don't have to tell us if you want to travel outside Australia while we process your application. This is because you can be outside Australia when we make a decision.

If you leave Australia, make sure you have a valid visa to return. To see if you can return on your current visa, check [VEVO \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions\)](/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions).

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

Health exams

We will let you know if you need health examinations.

Biometrics

We might ask for [biometrics \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/biometrics\)](/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 attach all documents when you applied, attach them as soon as you can in ImmiAccount (</help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online>).

We might also ask you to provide more information; however we are not obliged to do so and we may make a decision on your application without asking for more documents.

Stay lawful

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

When you applied for this visa, you were granted a Bridging visa A (BVA). If your current visa expires before we decide on your application, the BVA will come into effect. You can stay in Australia on the BVA while we process your new visa application.

Do not ask to have the visa you currently hold cancelled. If your visa is cancelled:

- you will be staying in Australia unlawfully
- your BVA will cease

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

Pay the second instalment

If you need to pay a second instalment, pay it when we send you the invoice.

Add family

You can't add family members after you have submitted your application, except for newborn children.

Newborn child

If your child is born after you submit your application but before we decide on your visa, you must tell us as soon as possible.

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

Mistakes on your application

You must tell us as soon as possible if you made a mistake on your application.

Complete [Form 1023 Notification of incorrect answers \(168KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/1023.pdf\)](#) and attach it in [ImmiAccount \(/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online\)](#).

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 \(308KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/956.pdf\)](#).

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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. Removing your application from ImmiAccount does not withdraw it

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

Step 5

Visa outcome

You can be inside or outside Australia when we decide your visa application. We will let you know our decision in writing.

If we grant your visa, we will tell you:

- your visa grant number
- the date your visa starts
- your visa conditions, if applicable

Keep a copy of the decision.

If we refuse your visa, 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 charge if we refuse your application.

When you have this visa

- In Australia ([#haveThisVisa-index-0](#))
- Leaving Australia ([#haveThisVisa-index-1](#))

In Australia

What you can do when you have this visa

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

What you must do on this visa

You and your family members must obey Australian laws.

How long you can stay

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

Travelling on your visa

You can travel to and from Australia for 5 years from the date we grant the visa. After 5 years you will need a [Resident Return \(RRV\) visa \(subclass 155 or 157\)](#) ([/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/resident-return-visa-155-157](#)) to re-enter Australia as a permanent resident. To see when the 5 years ends, use [VEVO](#) ([/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/](#)).

New Zealand passport holders

If an immigration officer processes your clearance at our border, we recommend you tell them:

- you have a Skilled Regional visa (subclass 887)
- you do not want a Special Category visa (subclass 444)

If you don't tell them, you might be granted a subclass 444 visa. Grant of a subclass 444 visa will cease your permanent visa, which will then affect your eligibility for Australian citizenship.

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/](#)).

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-guides/fact-sheets/rights-and-obligations/visa-holders-and-migrant-workers-workplace-rights-and-entitlements>)

Bringing family

As an Australian permanent resident, you might be able to sponsor eligible family to come to Australia.

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

Becoming an Australian citizen

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

For citizenship purposes, your permanent residence starts on the day we granted the visa.

Leaving Australia

Before you leave

Check your travel documents

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

Ensure your visa is still valid and will allow you to re-enter Australia

Check the travel component of your visa in [VEVO](#) ([/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions](#)).

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

At the Border

Leaving the airport faster

We have an automated process that uses facial recognition technology and your ePassport. You could leave the airport faster if you use [SmartGate](http://www.abf.gov.au/smartgates) (<http://www.abf.gov.au/smartgates>).

After you leave

Proving you have been to Australia

[Request your international movement records \(https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/request-movement-records\)](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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