

Skilled Nominated visa

Overview

Stay

Permanently

Cost

From AUD4,910.00

Processing times

For an indication of processing times for this visa, use the [visa processing time guide tool](#). 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
- if eligible, [become an Australian citizen](#)

[See all conditions](#)

[Check your eligibility](#)

You must

- have an occupation on the relevant [skilled list](#)
- have a suitable [skills assessment](#) for the occupation
- be invited to apply for this visa
- satisfy the points test

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](#).

About this visa

With this visa you can

- stay in Australia permanently
- work and study in Australia
- attend free English language classes through the [Adult Migrant English Program](#), if eligible
- enrol in Australia's public health care scheme, [Medicare](#)
- sponsor your relatives to come to Australia
- travel to and from Australia for 5 years
- if eligible, [become an Australian citizen](#)

Newly arrived residents may need to [wait before they can access certain Australian Government payments and benefits](#).

How long you can 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.

You become a permanent resident on the day we grant the visa.

For citizenship purposes, your permanent residency 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. You can:

- include them when you lodge your visa application
- add them after you lodge your application but before we decide on your visa.

Family members who apply for the visa must meet our [health](#) and [character](#) requirements. Family members not accompanying you to Australia might also need to meet our [health](#) and [character](#) requirements.

If your partner or dependent children are not included in this application, to assist us in processing your visa please tell us the reason why.

Cost

The visa costs AUD4,910.00 for the main applicant.

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

To work out what your visa will cost use the [Visa Pricing Estimator](#).

You might have to pay an extra charge for any applicant 18 years old or older who has less than [functional English](#). This charge is called the second instalment. 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 for family members is AUD4,885.

The Visa Pricing Estimator does not include 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 your application but not in immigration clearance.

If you apply in Australia, you must hold a substantive visa or a Subclass 010 Bridging A visa, a Subclass 020 Bridging B visa or a Subclass 030 Bridging C visa, otherwise your application will not be valid.

Processing times

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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
- for permanent migration visa applications, how many places are available in the migration program

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 \(RRV\) visa \(subclass 155 or 157\)](#) 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

Have this visa

If you are in Australia at the time you apply, you must hold one of the following:

- a substantive visa
- [Bridging visa A - BVA - \(subclass 010\)](#)
- [Bridging visa B - BVA - \(subclass 020\)](#)
- [Bridging visa C - BVC - \(subclass 030\)](#)

If you currently hold or your last substantive visa held was either:

- [Skilled Work Regional \(Provisional\) \(subclass 491\)](#); or
- [Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional \(Provisional\) \(subclass 494\)](#)

You must have held that visa for at least 3 years at the time you apply.

Be invited to apply

You can only apply for this visa if we invite you to. See [before you apply](#).

Submit an [expression of interest \(EOI\)](#) to let us know you would like to apply for the visa.

After you have submitted an EOI, you might be nominated for the visa by a state or territory government. We will only invite you to apply for this visa if you are nominated.

Be nominated

You must have been nominated for this visa by an Australian state or territory government agency.

Submit a completed [expression of interest \(EOI\)](#) in [SkillSelect](#). State and territory government agencies can see your completed EOI and might nominate you for the visa.

If you are nominated for the visa, we will invite you to apply.

All state and territory government agencies have their own criteria for deciding who they will nominate. Contact the state or territory agency directly to find out more about their nomination process and what they want from you.

- [Australian Capital Territory](#)
- [New South Wales](#)
- [Northern Territory](#)
- [Queensland](#)
- [South Australia](#)
- [Tasmania](#)

- [Victoria](#)
- [Western Australia](#)

If the state or territory agency that nominates you withdraws your nomination after you have applied, your application becomes invalid.

Have a suitable skills assessment

For your application to be valid, you must declare that you have a suitable [skills assessment](#) at the time of invitation.

Delegates of the Minister will now accept a suitable skills assessment for an applicant's nominated skilled occupation which has been obtained within the 60 day invitation period.

This change of approach is made as a result of the decision of *Thapa v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs* [2021] FCCA 686 (*Thapa*). The Minister will administer the Migration Regulations 1994 in accordance with the decision in *Thapa*, but the Minister reserves the right to make submissions in a Court that *Thapa* was wrongly decided.

You will need to provide a copy of this skills assessment with your application.

For medical and legal practitioners, we also accept the following as proof of a skills assessment:

- full or unconditional or general medical registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency
- conditional specialist registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency. This only allows you to practise in your speciality. You need no further training or supervision
- admission to practice law in the relevant state or territory

Your skills assessment must have been obtained in the 3 years before the date of your invitation. If the assessment was for a shorter period, that period must not have passed.

If your skills were assessed on the basis of a qualification you got in Australia when you held a student visa, the qualification must be from studying a course registered on CRICOS.

Be this age

You must be aged under 45 when we invite you to apply for the visa.

You can still apply for the visa if you turn 45 after we invite you to apply.

If you turn 45 after you submit your EOI but before we invite you to apply, you will not be invited to apply.

Be able to score 65 points or more

The subclass 190 is a points-tested visa.

When you submit your EOI in SkillSelect you will be given an indicative points score based on the claims you have made. If you do not obtain a score of 65 points you will not be invited to apply for this visa.

If we do invite you to apply for the visa, your invitation will state the number of points that you must score when we assess your application for grant of the visa (this score may be higher than 65 points, depending on your claims in the EOI).

When you lodge your application you must provide evidence supporting your claims.

To check how points can be awarded refer to the [points calculator](#).

Have this level of English language

At the time of invitation, you must have at least [competent English](#).
English language

Competent English

On 7 August 2025, the English language tests approved for Australian visa purposes changed. If you took a test before this date, your result may still be valid as proof of competent English for up to 3 years, depending on the [visa subclass](#).

To prove you have competent English, show us evidence of one of the following:

- That you are a citizen of, and hold a valid passport issued by, one of the following countries:
 - Canada
 - New Zealand
 - The Republic of Ireland
 - The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
 - The United States of America
- You achieved one of the test scores in Table 1 or Table 2, in the 3 years before your visa application, depending on the [visa subclass](#).

Test	Scores
Cambridge C1 Advanced Test (C1 Advanced)	In each of the 4 test components, at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 163 for listening● 163 for reading● 170 for writing● 179 for speaking

Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program General (CELPIP General)

In each of the 4 test components, at least:

- 7 for listening
- 7 for reading
- 7 for writing
- 7 for speaking

International English Language Testing System (IELTS Academic)

In each of the 4 test components, at least:

The department accepts IELTS test results that include [One Skill Retake](#) (OSR) for eligible visas. To find out if you are eligible, check the relevant [visa page](#).

- 6 for listening
- 6 for reading
- 6 for writing
- 6 for speaking

International English Language Testing System (IELTS General Training)

In each of the 4 test components, at least:

The department accepts IELTS test results that include [One Skill Retake](#) (OSR) for eligible visas. To find out if you are eligible, check the relevant [visa page](#).

- 6 for listening
- 6 for reading
- 6 for writing
- 6 for speaking

Michigan English Test (MET)

The department accepts MET test results that include [Single Section Retake \(SSR\)](#) for eligible visas. To find out if you are eligible, check the relevant [visa page](#).

In each of the 4 test components, at least:

- 56 for listening
- 55 for reading
- 57 for writing
- 48 for speaking

Occupational English Test (OET)

This test is developed for health professionals. The OET scoring format was previously alphabetical and changed to numerical on 7 August 2025.

OET does not currently provide [overall test results](#) on test score reports. However, you can get your overall OET score results by contacting [OET](#).

In each of the 4 test components, at least:

- 290 for listening
- 310 for reading
- 290 for writing
- 330 for speaking

LANGUAGECERT Academic Test (LANGUAGECERT Academic)

In each of the 4 test components, at least:

- 57 for listening
- 60 for reading
- 64 for writing
- 70 for speaking

[Pearson Test of English Academic \(PTE Academic\)](#)

PTE Academic has the same name as the previous version of the test that was accepted before 7 August 2025. However, the test and scores are different.

In each of the 4 test components, at least:

- 47 for listening
- 48 for reading
- 51 for writing
- 54 for speaking

[Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-Based Test \(TOEFL iBT\)](#)

To ensure your TOEFL iBT result is valid for Australian visa purposes, you must select 'Taking TOEFL for Australia' when registering for your test.

Results not registered under this pathway are not eligible for Australian visa purposes.

In each of the 4 test components, at least:

- 16 for listening
- 16 for reading
- 19 for writing
- 19 for speaking

Test	Scores
<p>Cambridge C1 Advanced Test (C1 Advanced)</p> <p>Previously known as Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)</p> <p>From 12 February 2024 to 6 August 2025, the department will only accept results from the Cambridge C1 Advanced paper-based test.</p>	<p>In each of the 4 test components, at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 169 for listening● 169 for reading● 169 for writing

The department will still accept tests taken before 12 February 2024 and within specified validity periods, for C1 Advanced paper-based and computer-based tests.

[International English Language Testing System \(IELTS Academic or General Training\)](#)

From 14 December 2022, the department accepts IELTS test results that include [One Skill Retake](#) (OSR) for eligible visas. To find out if you are eligible, check the relevant [visa page](#).

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- 169 for speaking

In each of the 4 test components, at least:

- 6 for listening
- 6 for reading
- 6 for writing
- 6 for speaking

In each of the 4 test components, at least:

- B for listening
- B for reading
- B for writing
- B for speaking

Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic)

PTE Academic has the same name as the test available from 7 August 2025, however, the test and scores are different.

In each of the 4 test components, at least:

- 50 for listening
- 50 for reading
- 50 for writing
- 50 for speaking

Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-Based Test (TOEFL iBT)

From 26 July 2023 to 4 May 2024, the TOEFL iBT test was not approved for Australian visa purposes.

In each of the 4 test components, at least:

- 12 for listening
- 13 for reading
- 21 for writing
- 21 for speaking

* Test results from a test taken on or before 6 August 2025, may be used as evidence of English proficiency for visa purposes until 6 August 2028, inclusive. This will depend on the visa.

Some visas will allow you to submit other forms of evidence. To find out, check the relevant [visa pages](#).

Online test restrictions

The department does not accept evidence from English language tests that are delivered completely online (also known as 'remote-proctored' or 'at-home').

Examples of online tests that we do not accept for Australian visa purposes include:

- CELPIP Online

- IELTS Online
- LANGUAGECERT Academic Online
- MET Digital (taken at-home)
- OET@Home
- TOEFL iBT - Home Edition

Meet the skills requirement

Your occupation must be on the relevant list of eligible [skilled occupations](#) for the 190 Skilled Nominated visa

Meet our health requirement

You and any family who apply for the visa with you must meet our [health requirement](#).

If requested, family members not accompanying you to Australia might also need to meet our health requirement.

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](#).

Family members not accompanying you to Australia must also meet the character requirement.

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.

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](#) and
- confirm you will respect the Australian way of life and obey Australian laws when you sign an [Australian Values Statement](#)

Step by step

Step 1

Before you apply

You must submit an expression of interest (EOI) through [SkillSelect](#) to let us know you want to apply for this visa.

Organise health exams

We prefer that you have any health checks before you apply for the visa.

Find out the [examinations you need](#) and how to arrange them.

Help with your EOI

If you need help with your EOI you can use a registered migration agent or legal practitioner. For information on how to find someone to help you see [Who can help you with your application](#).

Step 1.1 – Before you submit your EOI

You must submit an expression of interest (EOI) to let us know you want to apply for this visa.

Check your occupation

Your occupation must be on the relevant [list of eligible skilled occupations](#) for the Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa.

Get your skills assessed

You must have a suitable [skills assessment](#) at the time we invite you to apply.

The assessment must be undertaken by an assessing authority listed against your occupation in the [list of eligible skilled occupations](#). You might have to pay for the assessment.

To be eligible for a visa your skills assessment must have been obtained within the 3 years before the date of invitation. If the assessment was for a shorter period, that period must not have passed. We can't accept a skills assessment issued more than 3 years before the invitation date.

If your skills were assessed on the basis of a qualification you got in Australia when you held a student visa, the qualification must be from studying a course registered on CRICOS.

Medical practitioners

For medical practitioners we accept evidence of registration issued by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency. You must hold either:

- unconditional or general medical registration
- conditional specialist registration – which allows you to practice only in your particular specialty with no further training or supervision requirements

You must show that you hold this registration at the time we invite you to apply.

Barristers and solicitors

A suitable skills assessment for barristers and solicitors is evidence of admission to practice as a lawyer in an Australian state or territory.

The relevant legal admissions authority must have admitted you to practice at the time we invite you to apply.

Check your points

You must be able to obtain at least 65 points on our points test to be eligible for this visa. If you cannot obtain 65 points we will not invite you to apply.

If we invite you to apply for the visa, you must prove the claims you make in your EOI when we assess your application.

Use the [points calculator](#) to check how many points you might score

Check you meet the other eligibility criteria

Check that you meet all other eligibility criteria for the visa.

If we invite you to apply for the visa, you will have to support the claims you make in your EOI as well as other criteria if you submit an application.

See what documents you will need to prove your claims before you submit your EOI in the Gather documents section below.

Step 1.2 – Submit your EOI

Submit your EOI via [Skillselect](#). You can submit it from within or outside Australia.

Your EOI is not a visa application. There is no fee for submitting an EOI.

Select the Skill Nominated (subclass 190) visa.

You will receive an email confirming your EOI has been submitted.

Step 1.3 – After you submit your EOI

SkillSelect will estimate your points score based on the claims made in your EOI.

You must have an estimated score of at least 65 points to be invited to apply for this visa.

Once your EOI is submitted it will be visible to state and territory governments. If you have the skills they need, a state or territory government agency might nominate you for the visa.

If you are nominated, you will get an invitation to apply for this visa.

Stay lawful

An EOI is not a visa application.

If you submit an EOI in Australia and your current visa is about to expire, you must apply for another visa to stay in Australia lawfully.

You are not eligible for a bridging visa because the EOI is not a visa application. You are only eligible for a bridging visa after you are invited and apply for this visa.

Make changes to your EOI

Let us know through [SkillSelect](#) if:

- you want to apply for a different skilled visa
- your circumstances change - for example, if you change your occupation or your family structure changes
- you could score more points - for example, you have completed a higher qualification or gained new work experience
- your employment circumstances change and you are no longer working at least 20 hours per week in your nominated occupation

You must be able to meet the points score on your invitation letter if we invite you to apply or you will not be granted a visa.

SkillSelect will update your indicative points score if you make changes to your EOI. You can change your EOI at any time before we invite you to apply for a visa.

Step 1.4 - Receive an invitation to apply for visa

We allocate places for the skilled migration program to meet the Australian Government's migration planning levels.

Once invited, you have 60 calendar days to apply for the visa. We cannot extend this time.

You could receive an invitation up to 2 years after submitting an EOI. If we invite you to apply you will receive an email from SkillSelect. Getting an invitation does not mean you will be granted the visa.

The invitation will include the number of points you must score based on your EOI claims.

After you apply for the visa, you must show that you:

- can meet the points score on your invitation (which will include proving any claims you made in your EOI) and
- can meet all other eligibility criteria

If you do not apply for the visa after two invitations, your EOI will be removed from SkillSelect.

We will not process your visa application if you are 45 at the time of your invitation.

If you can't show you meet the points score or other eligibility criteria

If you can't show you meet the points score on your invitation or the other visa criteria, then do not apply for the visa.

Your EOI will be suspended if an invitation is issued, but you can update information once the 60-day invitation period has passed. If this is your second invitation, you will have to submit another EOI if you still want the visa.

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](#)
- a [legal practitioner](#), or
- an [exempt person](#).

You can appoint anyone to [receive documents](#) on your behalf relating to your visa matter.

Step 2

Gather your documents

You will need to provide documents to support the claims you make in your EOI and show you meet the other visa criteria.

Provide accurate information

Provide accurate information. See what may happen if you can't [prove your identity or do not provide true information](#).

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 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](#). 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, 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 assessment including character assessment \(596KB PDF\)](#)
- [Form 1221 Additional personal particulars information \(331KB PDF\)](#)

Competent English documents

Provide proof you have at least [competent English](#) at time of invitation for this visa.

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
- 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

Proof your partner has functional English

You don't have to provide any documents to prove functional English if your partner is a citizen of and holds a valid passport from:

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

Otherwise, provide proof your partner has [functional English](#).

If you can't show us your partner has functional English, you will need to pay the second instalment of the visa application charge when we ask you to.

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 \(276KB PDF\)](#)
- [statutory declaration](#) 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.

Note: If your child is likely to turn 18 while your application is being processed, you will need to provide evidence they are dependent on you. See the section 'Dependants over 18 documents' below for further information. A child who turns 18 while your application is being processed and who is not dependent on you cannot satisfy the criteria for this visa.

Dependants over 18 documents

To include your child who is over 18 in your visa application, they must be:

- over 18 years of age but not yet turned 23, and dependent on you or your partner, or
- over 23 years of age and unable to earn a living to support themselves due to physical or cognitive limitations and dependent on you or your partner

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

You must also provide proof the child is dependent on you.

- proof of your relationship with the dependant such as a birth certificate or adoption papers
- a completed [Form 47a Details of a child or other dependent family member aged 18 years or over \(307KB PDF\)](#)
- proof of financial dependency such as bank statements, money transfers and rent receipts
- if the child is aged 23 or is likely to turn 23 while your application is being processed, you must also provide a report from a qualified medical practitioner that states they are dependent on you or your partner due to the total or partial loss of their bodily or mental functions

Note: A child who turns 23 while your application is being processed and who does not meet these requirements cannot satisfy the criteria for this visa.

Proof your dependant has functional English

You don't have to provide any documents to prove functional English if your dependant is a citizen of and holds a valid passport from:

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

Otherwise, provide proof your dependant has [functional English](#).

If you can't show us your dependant has functional English, you will need to pay the second instalment of the visa application charge when we ask you to.

Skills assessment documents

You must provide documents that support the claims you made in your EOI. To check the documents you need use the [points table](#). Depending on your claims this could include evidence of your:

- Skills assessment
- English language skills
- Australian and/or overseas skilled employment
- Educational qualifications
- Satisfying the Australian study requirement
- Specialist education
- Accredited community language
- Study in regional Australia
- Partner skills
- Professional Year in Australia

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Medical practitioners

One of these certificates issued by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency:

- unconditional or general medical registration
- conditional specialist registration – which allows you to practice only in your speciality with no further training or supervision requirements

You must be registered at the time we invite you to apply.

Barristers and Solicitors

Proof of admission to practice as a lawyer in the relevant state or territory. You must be admitted to practice at the time we invite you to apply.

Expression of Interest (EOI) documents

You must provide documents to prove all of the claims you made in your EOI. Use the [points table](#) to check the documents you need.

Tell us you are getting help

To nominate someone to:

- receive your correspondence, use [Form 956A Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient \(301KB PDF\)](#)
- provide immigration assistance, use [Form 956 Appointment of a registered migration agent, legal practitioner or exempt person \(308KB PDF\)](#).

Upload your written notification or your forms to [ImmiAccount](#).

Prepare your documents

Translate

Have all non-English documents translated into English.

Provide original and translated documents in your application.

Translators in Australia must be accredited by the [National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters](#).

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.

Apply for the visa

When you have your invitation you can apply online. You can be in or outside Australia.

You have 60 days from the date of your invitation to apply for the visa.

Provide accurate information

Provide accurate information. See what may happen when you cannot [prove your identity or do not provide true information](#).

Apply for this visa online in ImmiAccount

1. Log into your [SkillSelect](#) account. In SkillSelect, click on the 'Apply for visa' button. This will take you to our online system, ImmiAccount.
2. Log in or create an ImmiAccount. Your ImmiAccount login and password will not be the same as your SkillSelect login and password.
3. [Attach your documents](#).
4. [Pay the application charge](#). We will not process your application until you pay the first instalment of the visa application charge.
5. 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 within the standard processing time.

You can check if we need more information from you in [ImmiAccount](#).

Travel after you apply

If you are in Australia, you do not 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.

But if you leave Australia, make sure your visa allows you to return. To see if you can return on your current visa, check [VEVO](#).

Learn about [visa expiry](#).

If you applied outside Australia, don't arrange travel to Australia, leave your job or sell your home until we advise you in writing that you have been granted the visa

Health exams

If you didn't have [health examinations](#) before you applied, we will let you know if you need them. Check [ImmiAccount](#).

Biometrics

We might ask for biometrics. 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](#).

We might also ask you to provide more information; however, we are not obliged to do so and may make a decision on your application without requesting 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](#).

Pay the second instalment

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

Add family

You can add members of the family unit to your application after you apply but before we decide on your visa.

Use [Form 1436 Adding an additional applicant after lodgement \(481KB PDF\)](#), pay using ImmiAccount, attach the form and supporting documents to your ImmiAccount.

Family members who apply for the visa must meet our [health](#) and [character](#) requirements.

Family members who are not coming to Australia do have to meet our [character](#) requirement and might have to meet our [health](#) requirement.

Newborn children

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 [your child is born after you apply](#).

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 \(168KB PDF\)](#) and attach it to your application in ImmiAccount.

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 \(301KB PDF\)](#)
- provide immigration advice - complete [Form 956 Appointment of a registered migration agent, legal practitioner or exempt person \(308KB PDF\)](#).

Upload your written notification or your forms to [ImmiAccount](#).

For more information see [Who can help you with your application](#).

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](#).

Step 5

Visa outcome

You can be in or outside Australia when we decide your visa application but not in immigration clearance. 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

Coming to Australia

If you are outside Australia when the visa is granted, you must enter Australia before a date that we specify on your visa grant letter.

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 in Australia must complete the [Incoming Passenger Card](#). You will be given this card onboard.

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](#).

In Australia

- stay in Australia permanently
- work and study
- enrol in Australia's public health care scheme, [Medicare](#)
- sponsor your relatives to come to Australia
- travel to and from Australia for 5 years
- if eligible, [become an Australian citizen](#)

What you must do on this visa

You and your family members must obey Australian laws.

See 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 \(subclasses 155 or 157\)](#) to re-enter Australia as a permanent resident. To see when the 5 years ends, use [VEVO](#).

New Zealand passport holders

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

- you have a Skilled Nominated visa (subclass 190)
- you do not want a Special Category visa (subclass 444)

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

Proving you have a visa

If you wish to provide evidence you have a visa and conditions to someone, use [VEVO](#).

Working

You are protected by Australian workplace law. See your [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](#).

Becoming an Australian citizen

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

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

- we grant the visa, if you were in Australia
- you entered Australia on this visa, if you were outside Australia when we granted it

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 allows you to re-enter Australia.

Check the travel component of your visa in [VEVO](#).

See what to do if your [visa has expired or is 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](#).

After you leave

Proving you have been to Australia

To prove you have been to Australia, request your international movement records by completing the [Request for international movement records](#) form.