

Skilled visa income thresholds are increasing in line with changes to annual Average Weekly Ordinary Time Earnings. For more information see [Annual indexation of skilled visa income thresholds from 1 July 2026](#).

From 1 July 2026, skilled visa income thresholds will be increased by 3.8%. This is in line with changes to the annual [Average Weekly Ordinary Time Earnings \(AWOTE\)](#).

Income thresholds are indexed annually so wages for skilled migrants increase at the same rate as Australian workers. This ensures that people cannot use skilled migration to undercut Australian workers.

From 1 July 2026, indexation changes will be as follows:

- The Core Skills Income Threshold (CSIT) will increase from AUD76,515 to AUD79,423. This will impact nomination applications for the Core Skills stream of the Skills in Demand visa (subclass 482) and the Employer Nomination Scheme visa (subclass 186).
- The Specialist Skills Income Threshold (SSIT) will increase from AUD141,210 to AUD146,576. This will impact nomination applications for the Specialist Skills stream of the Skills in Demand visa (subclass 482).
- The Temporary Skilled Migration Income Threshold (TSMIT) will increase from AUD76,515 to AUD79,423. This will impact nomination applications for the Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional visa (subclass 494) and the Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS) (subclass 187).

From 1 July 2026, new nomination applications must meet the new relevant income threshold.

This change will not apply to existing visa holders and nominations lodged before 1 July 2026.

Overview

Stay

Up to 4 years.

Hong Kong passport holders may stay up to 5 years.

Cost

From AUD4,015.00

Concessions apply in limited circumstances.

Cost Concession

From 1 July 2026, a lower visa cost applies to eligible Pacific Island and Timor-Leste citizens who lodge a valid visa application. See [About this visa](#).

To see what your visa will cost use the [Visa Pricing Estimator](#). The estimator does not consider the second instalment or other costs.

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 in Australia for up to 4 years or up to 5 years if you are a Hong Kong passport holder
- travel to and from Australia as many times as you want while the visa is valid
- if eligible, apply for [permanent residence](#)

You must

- be nominated to work in an occupation on the [Core Skills Occupation List \(CSOL\)](#)
- be paid the Annual Market Salary Rate (AMSR) for the occupation and no less than the [Core Skills Income Threshold \(CSIT\)](#)
- have at least 1 year relevant work experience in your nominated occupation or a related field

- have a [relevant skills assessment](#) if this is required for your occupation
- work only for your sponsor or associated entity, unless you are [exempt](#)
- meet minimum standards of [English language proficiency](#) unless you are exempt from needing to show this.

About this visa

With this visa, you can

- work in Australia for your sponsor for up to 4 years, or up to 5 years if you are a Hong Kong passport holder
- study (you won't receive government assistance)
- travel to and from Australia as many times as you want while the visa is valid
- if eligible, apply for [permanent residence](#).

For this stream of the visa, you must be sponsored to work in an occupation listed on the [Core Skills Occupation List \(CSOL\)](#).

Your visa will come with conditions attached to it. To see your conditions refer to your visa grant letter or use [VEVO](#).

Cost

The visa costs:

- AUD4,015.00 for the main applicant and for each dependant 18 years and over.
- AUD1,005.00 for each dependant under 18 years old.

Concessions apply in limited circumstances.

You will have to pay other costs for:

- English language tests
- health checks
- police certificates
- [biometrics](#).

To see what your visa will cost use the [Visa pricing estimator](#). The estimator does not consider the other costs.

Cost concession for eligible Pacific Island and Timor-Leste visa applicants

From 1 July 2026, a lower visa application cost (VAC) applies to eligible Pacific Island and Timor-Leste citizens who lodge a valid visa application.

We will charge eligible applicants the lower VAC during the application process in [ImmiAccount](#). We will recognise eligible applicants by the valid passport from the specified countries used in the application when they apply.

Family members are also eligible for the lower VAC. We base this on the passport of the primary applicant or visa holder who satisfies the primary visa criteria.

The primary applicant must hold a valid passport issued by one of the following countries:

- Federated States of Micronesia
- Fiji
- Kiribati
- Nauru
- Palau
- Papua New Guinea
- Republic of the Marshall Islands
- Samoa
- Solomon Islands

- Timor-Leste
- Tonga
- Tuvalu
- Vanuatu.

How long you can stay

This is a temporary visa. You can stay in Australia for the period of time your employer nominates you for up to a maximum period of 4 years or up to 5 years if you are a Hong Kong passport holder.

For further information on recent changes regarding Hong Kong or British National Offshore (BNO) passport holders read [Visa options for Hong Kong - update](#).

Stay longer

If your visa is expiring and you want to stay in Australia to work for your existing employer:

- your employer will need to submit a new nomination
- you must apply for a new visa.

Your employer may be able to sponsor you for permanent residence through the:

- [Employer Nomination Scheme \(subclass 186\)](#)

You might be eligible for other skilled work visas. Use our visa finder to [find out options for work](#).

Include other family members

You can include other family members (called 'secondary applicants') in your visa application. The family members you can add will depend on whether you currently hold a subclass 457 or 482 visa.

You have not previously held a subclass 457 or 482 visa

If you have not previously held a subclass 457 or 482 visa, the secondary applicants you can include in your visa application are those who are members of the family unit.

For this visa, your family members are:

- your partner
- your dependent child or stepchild
- your partner's dependent child or stepchild
- the dependent child or stepchild of your or your partner's dependent child or stepchild.

You currently hold a subclass 457 or 482 visa

If you currently hold a subclass 457 or 482 visa and you are applying for a subsequent Skills in Demand visa (Subclass 482), the secondary applicants who can be included in your application are:

- one of the members of the family unit or
- a person who currently holds a subclass 457 or 482 visa that was

granted on the basis that they were a member of the family unit at the time, and is currently one of the following:

- your spouse or de facto partner
- your or your spouse's or de facto partner's child or step-child who is not engaged, married or in a de facto relationship, and is:
 - younger than 23
 - aged 23 or older and fully or mostly reliant on you or your partner because they cannot work, due to a partial or total physical or mental disability.
 - is a dependent child of your or your spouse or de facto partner's child or step-child.

To be granted the visa, you must include secondary applicants in the main applicant's nomination, or provide written evidence that the sponsor who nominated the main applicant agrees that the secondary applicant can be a secondary sponsored person.

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

You can't add family members to your visa application after you submit it.

If you have submitted your visa application and the department is processing it, family members that you did not include when you

applied can lodge a [subsequent entrant application](#).

Alternatively, if we have granted you a visa, family members may apply to join you in Australia later as a [subsequent entrant](#).

Apply from

You can be in or outside Australia when you apply for this visa, but not in immigration clearance.

If you are applying in Australia, you must hold:

- a substantive visa, or
- a [Bridging visa A](#), [Bridging visa B](#) or [Bridging visa C](#)

Processing time

For an indication of processing times for this visa based on recently decided applications, use the [visa processing time guide tool](#).

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

We might ask for more information. We are not obligated to request further information or documents and can make a decision on the information provided. It is your responsibility to ensure all relevant supporting/evidentiary documentation is attached to your application.

Your obligations

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

You must begin your employment within 90 days of:

- entering Australia, if you are outside Australia when grant the visa
- the visa grant date, if you are in Australia when we grant the visa

See [which visa conditions might be attached to this visa](#).

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.

If we grant you a visa, we will send you a grant notification letter containing the visa grant number. You can use this number to check your visa details and conditions through [VEVO](#).

Work

Conditions attached to this visa include that you work in Australia only in the occupation you were nominated for and only for your nominating business or in some circumstances, an associated entity of the business.

Your family can also live, study and work in Australia.

Learn more about [conditions on this visa](#).

Eligibility

Be this age

There is no age requirement for this visa.

Be the holder of an appropriate visa

If you are applying in Australia, you must hold:

- a substantive visa or
- a [Bridging visa A](#), [Bridging visa B](#) or [Bridging visa C](#)

Have complied with previous visa conditions

If you are in Australia at the time of decision, you must have substantially complied with any conditions that apply or applied to your last substantive visa or bridging visa held.

Be nominated by an approved sponsor

Before you can apply for a SID visa, your proposed employer will need to submit a nomination application for you. They will only be able to do this if they are an approved sponsor or have at least submitted an application to become a [Standard business sponsor](#).

Your employer must have nominated you to fill an occupation specified on the [Core Skills Occupation List \(CSOL\)](#).

Work for your nominating employer

Australian business sponsor

You must be employed:

- in your nominated occupation and
- in that business or an associated entity.

Overseas business sponsor

You must be employed:

- in your nominated occupation and
- in that business only (not an associated entity)

You might be [exempt](#) from this criterion if you have a certain occupation.

Have relevant skills, qualifications and employment background to perform occupation

If you are the primary visa applicant, you must demonstrate that you have the skills and experience necessary to perform the nominated occupation.

Some applicants must undertake a skills assessment to demonstrate this – see [Have a positive skills assessment below](#).

If it is not mandatory for you to undertake a skills assessment, you are still required to provide other evidence to demonstrate that you meet these requirement. See [Skills and occupation documents under the Step by Step tab](#).

Medical Practitioners

If the nominated occupation is a medical practitioner, you must have your qualifications recognised by the relevant authority in Australia for the registration of medical practitioners as entitling you to practise as a medical practitioner.

Have worked in your nominated occupation or a related field for at least 1 year

You must have at least 1 year relevant work experience in the nominated occupation or a related field.

Such work experience must be completed while working in the nominated occupation or performing tasks at the same skill level in a related field.

Work experience gained in a related field would involve tasks which are the same or closely related to those of the nominated position you intend to work as outlined in the [Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations \(ANZSCO\)](#).

You should have gained your experience on a full-time, part-time or casual basis within the last 5 years. Work carried out on a part-time or casual basis must be equivalent to at least 12 months full-time work. The period of work does not need to be continuous.

Other ways you may be able to demonstrate your work experience could include where you have gained your experience:

- as part of a Masters and/or PhD - for relevant occupations, such as medical and research occupations

- while studying through a formal arrangement such as a clinical or industry placement, internship or apprenticeship

If the formal arrangement as specified above was:

- part of a [CRICOS registered course](#), the study must have been relevant to the nominated occupation. For example, medical practitioners could count experience gained through internships or their final year of medical training, including periods of clinical placements.
- not part of a [CRICOS registered course](#), the study must have been undertaken at the skill level of the relevant occupation

Have a positive skills assessment

Some primary SID visa applicants must undergo a mandatory skills assessment as part of the visa application process. Applicants who fit into this category and the type of assessment required are outlined in the [IMMI 18/039: Mandatory Skills Assessment—Subclass 482 Visa](#). Depending on your nominated occupation, this will be a skills assessment by [Trades Recognition Australia](#) or [VETASSESS](#).

Important: where a mandatory skills assessment is required, it must be commenced before submitting your visa application or your application will not be valid and will not be processed. As a result, you will be asked to provide a relevant skills assessment reference number when completing your application form.

The mandatory skills assessment must have been undertaken or commenced within the 3 year period ending immediately before the day the SID visa application is made.

You are encouraged to complete the skills assessment process before submitting your visa application to reduce processing delays.

Note:

- we can request a skills assessment as part of the visa application process even where it is not mandatory. We will request it in writing where this is the case

- a relevant skills assessment is different to being registered with an appropriate regulatory body

Exemption to a mandatory skills assessment

You might be eligible to claim an exemption. Relevant exemptions are recorded under Part 2, section 7 of the [IMMI 18/039: Mandatory Skills Assessment—Subclass 482 Visa](#).

Have health insurance

Primary and secondary visa applicants are personally liable for healthcare costs while in Australia. Health insurance helps limit your financial liability.

You must maintain adequate health cover for the whole of your intended period of stay if you are granted this visa. Your insurance should cover you for medically necessary treatment, including transport. It will be a condition of the visa that you maintain adequate health insurance while you remain in Australia.

See a guide to what we consider [adequate health insurance](#).

Learn more about [health insurance for overseas visitors](#).

Reciprocal healthcare agreements

Some countries have a reciprocal healthcare agreement with Australia. Find out more from Services Australia about [reciprocal healthcare agreement](#)

Meet our health requirement

You and any secondary applicants who apply for a SID visa must meet the [health](#) requirement. The results of health examinations are generally valid for 12 months.

Important: You should [organise your health examinations](#) upfront before lodging a visa application to reduce processing times.

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](#).

Important: if you are sponsored by an [accredited sponsor](#), you are not required to obtain police certificates from countries other than Australia provided you attach a reference from your accredited sponsor confirming that you are of good character and that you have not been convicted of any criminal offences. You must still, however, provide any required Australian police clearances where applicable or when requested to do so.

Have not contravened ‘paying for visa sponsorship’ legislative provisions

Paying for visa sponsorship refers to asking for, offering, receiving or providing a benefit in return for a sponsorship related event, whether the event occurs or not. You or any secondary applicants must not have, in the past 3 years, engaged in any such conduct. You may still satisfy this criterion if you have engaged in such conduct, and the Minister considers it reasonable to disregard it.

Have this level of English language

Primary visa applicants must meet certain minimum standards of [English language proficiency](#) unless exemptions apply.

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 \(129KB PDF\)](#).

If applying for a visa from outside Australia see [Can I go to Australia](#).

If you want immigration assistance, see [Who can help with your visa application](#).

Have no debt to the Australian government

If you or any family members (including those who don't 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 and any secondary applicants are 18 years of age or older, you must confirm that you will respect the Australian way of life and obey Australian laws when you agree to or sign an [Australian Values Statement](#).

Step by step

Skilled visa income thresholds are increasing in line with changes to annual Average Weekly Ordinary Time Earnings. For more information, see

Step 1

Before you apply

Things you will need to arrange before you apply could include obtaining a skills assessment, an English proficiency exam or undertaking a health assessment. You might also want to get help with your application.

Be nominated by your prospective employer

Ensure your prospective employer has or will nominate you for a nominated position in their business.

You will need the Transaction Reference Number (TRN) for the nomination application that your employer has lodged on your behalf when you submit your SID visa application online at step 3. You can request this information from your employer if you do not have this number.

Check your passport

You need a valid passport or other travel document for this visa. If you plan to get a new passport, you should do so before applying for your visa.

If you get a new passport after you have lodged your application, update your passport details using [ImmiAccount](#).

Get your skills assessed

For some occupations and classes of applicants, it is mandatory to obtain a skills assessment, or have organised to obtain one at the time you apply for your SID visa.

Check if you need to get a [skills assessment](#) for your occupation.

If you are required to undertake a mandatory skills assessment we prefer that the assessment is completed before you apply for the visa. However, you can apply once you have the skills assessment reference number. You will need to record the skills assessment reference number in your TSS visa application when submitting your online application. It cannot be submitted after you submit your application.

Organise English exams

If you need to show you [meet the minimum standards of English language proficiency](#), organise to take your English language tests. English language test results can be no more than 3 years old.

Organise health exams

You will need to have health examinations. You can complete them before you apply or you can wait until we tell you to complete them.

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

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

Documents you may have to provide could include documents for your identity, character, skills, work experience, health and English language proficiency.

Provide accurate information

Provide accurate information. See what happens if [you can't prove your identity or don't provide true 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 proof of change of name, if this applies.

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
- deed poll certificate
- statutory declaration if the differences are small

Skill and occupation documents

If it is mandatory for you to provide a skills assessment or proof that you have arranged to obtain one

We won't process your application if you don't provide this.

- For SID skills assessment by [Trades Recognition Australia](#), your application must include the relevant skills assessment reference number.
- For the occupation of Project and Program Administrator, you must include the relevant skills assessment reference number for your [VETASSESS Skills Assessment](#).

If you are claiming an exemption from undertaking a mandatory [skills assessment](#) because of an exemption specified in the legislative instrument you must provide relevant evidence with your application.

If it is not mandatory for you to undertake a skills assessment

You are still required to provide other evidence to demonstrate that you have relevant skills, qualifications and employment background to undertake the nominated occupation.

This may include, but is not limited to:

- a copy of relevant qualification certificates (professional and educational)
- a copy of any required registration/licensing
- previous employment reference
- your curriculum vitae or resumé
- previous employment references

Registration/licensing

Where relevant, you must provide evidence from the relevant Australian registration or licensing authority (in the state or territory in which you will be working) that you hold or will be able to meet necessary registration or licensing requirements. The information relating to registration or licensing required must specify the type of registration or licensing held and the name and contact details for the registering or licensing authority. Your approved sponsor should be able to provide you with the necessary licensing and registration information.

Registration for Medical Practitioners

You must provide written evidence that the relevant medical board has recognised your qualifications and that you have been registered or will be given medical registration.

Curriculum vitae (CV) / Resume

Curriculum vitae (CV) or resumé that you provide must include full employment and educational history, including dates and positions held, for at least the last 5 years.

Employment references

Employment references that you provide should cover a period sufficient to demonstrate relevant skill level. They must be on the letterhead of the employer and include:

- the name, title and contact details of the referee
- employment details your position
- dates of service.

English language proficiency documents

Provide proof that you [meet the minimum standards of English language proficiency](#).

Health insurance

You will need to provide evidence of [adequate health insurance](#) for you and any secondary applicants for the duration of your stay in Australia.

Reciprocal healthcare agreements

Some countries have a reciprocal healthcare agreement with Australia. Find out more from Services Australia about [reciprocal healthcare agreement](#).

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
 - if required, penal check letters are available by contacting espd@homeaffairs.gov.au and include the words “Front end load – Penal Check Letter” in the subject line of your email.
- military service records or discharge papers if you served in the armed forces of any country

Further information is available at: [Character requirements for visas](#)

If you are sponsored by an [accredited sponsor](#), you are not required to obtain police certificates from countries other than Australia provided you attach a reference from your accredited sponsor confirming you are of good character and you have not been convicted of any criminal offences.

We will tell you if you also need to complete and provide the following forms:

- [Form 80 – Personal particulars for character assessment \(596KB PDF\)](#)
- [Form 1221 Additional personal particulars information \(331KB PDF\)](#)

Partner documents

Provide:

- identity documents
- character documents

- documents about other relationships, if applicable

Provide either:

- your current marriage certificate or
- enough documents to prove you are in a de facto relationship with your partner

Documents that prove your de facto relationship include:

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

Dependants under 18 documents

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

- the pages of their current passport showing their photo, personal details, and passport issue and expiry dates (if your child is under 5 years old you can include them in the application without a passport)
- copies of birth certificates or the family book showing the names of both parents of all your dependent children
- copies of the adoption papers, if applicable
- character documents, if applicable.

Parental responsibility documents

You must get consent for the child to come 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 \(276KB PDF\)](#)

- a statutory declaration giving their consent for the child to visit Australia on this visa

Include a document with the signature and photo of the person who completed the form or declaration, such as a:

- passport
- driver's licence

Dependants over 18 documents

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

- identity documents
- documents about their other relationships, if applicable
- character documents

Proof of dependency

Where you need to prove that a person is dependent on you, provide:

- a completed [Form 47a Details of a child or other dependent family member aged 18 years or over \(307KB PDF\)](#)
- proof of your relationship with the dependent such as a birth certificate or adoption papers

You must also prove this person has been financially dependent on you for at least 12 months before you apply. You could provide:

- proof they live with you
- their tax records
- proof they are currently studying.

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.

Attach

Attach a document only once, even if you are using it to show more than one thing.

Learn more about [attaching documents](#).

Step 3

Apply for the visa

You apply for this visa online.

Apply for the visa online in ImmiAccount

1. Log in or create an [ImmiAccount](#)
2. [Attach documents](#)
3. Pay the [application fee](#). We will not process your application until you pay the fee.
4. Note the Transaction reference number

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

Step 4

After you apply

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

Status updates

We can't give updates on applications within the standard processing time.

We might ask for more information. We are not obligated to request further information or documents and can make a decision on the information provided.

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 [health examinations](#) before you applied, we will let you know if you need them.

Biometrics

We might ask for biometrics (fingerprints and photo). We will let you know if you need to provide them.

Attach more information

If you didn't send us all documents when you applied, attach them as soon as you can in [ImmiAccount](#).

We might also ask you to provide more information.

We are not obligated to request additional information or documents and can make a decision on your visa application based on the information available at the time.

Stay lawful

If you are in Australia, make sure you stay lawful by holding a valid visa while we process your application. You must hold a substantive visa or a [Bridging A](#), [Bridging B](#) or [Bridging C](#) visa for your visa application to be processed.

If you were in Australia when you applied for this visa, you may have been granted a Bridging visa. If your current visa expires before we decide on your application, the Bridging visa will start. You can stay in Australia on the Bridging visa while we process your new visa application.

Do not ask us to cancel your current visa. If your visa is cancelled, you will:

- be staying in Australia unlawfully
- not be eligible for a Bridging visa.

Learn more about [travelling on your visa](#).

Learn about [visa expiry](#).

Add family

Refer to [Include other family members](#) for details of family members who can be included in your visa application.

You can't add family members to your visa application after it has been submitted.

If you have submitted your visa application and we are processing it, certain family members that were not included in your visa application can submit a [subsequent entrant](#) application.

Alternatively, if we have granted you a visa, certain family members may apply to join you in Australia later as a subsequent entrant.

Newborn children

Find out what to do [if you have a child after you applied for this visa](#).

Mistakes on your application

Let us know as soon as you can.

Complete [Form 1023 Notification of incorrect answers \(168KB PDF\)](#).

Help with your application

Let us know if you no longer want someone to:

- receive your correspondence - complete [Form 956A Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient \(301KB PDF\)](#)
- 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 on your visa application.

We must have approved your employer's nomination before we can grant you a SID visa.

We will let you know our decision about your visa application in writing. We will tell you:

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

Keep a copy of the decision with you when in Australia.

If we refuse your visa we will let you know in writing. We will tell you:

- why it was refused
- whether you have a right to a review of the decision

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

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When you have this visa

Coming to Australia

Before you leave

Check your travel documents

You must have a valid:

- visa to enter Australia
- passport or other travel document.

At the border

Completing an Incoming Passenger Card

All people arriving Australia must complete the [Incoming Passenger Card](#). You will get a card on your flight.

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](#).

In Australia

What you can do when you have this visa

- Work in Australia for the length of your visa grant
- Study (no government assistance)
- Travel to and from Australia as many times as you want while the visa is valid
- If eligible, apply for a [permanent residence](#).

Your visa will come with conditions attached to it. To see your conditions see your grant letter or use [VEVO](#).

What you must do when you have this visa

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

You must begin your employment within 90 days after your:

- entry to Australia if you were granted the visa outside Australia
- visa grant date if you were granted the visa in Australia.

[Learn more about conditions for this visa.](#)

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 employer
- changes to your employment status including promotions and changes in hours
- changes to your relationship status
- the birth of a child.

See [what to do if your situation changes](#)

See how long you can stay

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

- up to 4 years in most cases
- up to 5 years for Hong Kong passport holders

To see when you must leave, see your grant letter or use VEVO.

Staying longer

If your visa is expiring and you want to keep working in Australia for your employer:

- your employer will need to submit a new nomination
- you must apply for a new visa.

You can't stay longer by extending the visa.

Your employer may be able to sponsor you for permanent residence through the:

- [Employer Nomination Scheme \(subclass 186\)](#)

You might be eligible for other skilled work visas. [Explore visa options for working in Australia](#).

Travelling on your visa

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

Time spent outside Australia does not extend your length of stay in Australia.

Proving you have a visa

To prove you have a visa and show your conditions to someone, use [VEVO](#).

Working

Usually you can only work for the business that sponsored you. If your sponsor is an Australian business, you can work for that business or one of its associated entities.

When you work in Australia, you are protected by Australian workplace law. See your [workplace rights and entitlements](#).

Learn more about your [visa conditions about work](#).

Options if you have lost your job

If you have been laid off and are currently unemployed, you have up to 180 days to find a new employer or make arrangements to leave Australia.

Bringing family

Secondary applicants can apply for their own SID visa as a [subsequent entrant](#).

Leaving Australia

Before you leave

Check your travel documents

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

Ensure your visa is still valid

Check your conditions and the expiry of your current visa in VEVO.

See what you can and must 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 might be able to leave the airport faster if you use a [SmartGate](#).

After you leave

Get your superannuation (if you are leaving Australia and do not intend to return)

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 super](#).

Proving you have been to Australia

To prove you have been to Australia, [request your travel records](#).