

There are various types of Temporary Visas available in Australia, primarily divided into:

- Visitor Visas
- Temporary Residence Visas
- Bridging Visas

A temporary visa usually specifies an expiry date and specifies the period of stay and conditions such as what work or study may be allowed.

## Visitor Visas

Visitor visas are available to people wanting to visit Australia for a short period for holidays, tourism, recreation, business activities or to see family and friends. They do not allow work in Australia. They include:

- Visitor Visa (subclass 600)
- Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) (visitor) (subclass 601)
- Medical Treatment visa (subclass 602)
- eVisitor (subclass 651)

### Visitor Visa (subclass 600)

This is a temporary visa allowing a stay in Australia of up to three, six or twelve months.

This visa has five streams:

1. Tourist Stream
2. Sponsored Family Stream
3. Business Visitor Stream
4. Approved Destination Status Stream
5. Frequent Traveller Stream.

### Electronic Travel Authority (subclass 601)

An Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) allows citizens of certain countries to apply for a visa through their travel agent or at their nearest immigration office outside Australia.

### Medical Treatment Visa (subclass 602)

A Medical Treatment visa is not strictly a visitor visa. The applicant can apply for it if they have a medical condition and want to travel to Australia for a medical consultation or treatment. An applicant can also consider applying for this visa if they want to donate an organ. The visa allows stay in Australia until the treatment plan or consultations are finished

This visa may also be granted to those who want to support the person who is having medical treatment in Australia.

### eVisitor (subclass 651)

An eVisitor is an electronically stored 12-month authority for visits to Australia for tourism or business purposes for up to three months on each arrival. The eVisitor is available to passport holders from the European Union and a number of other European countries.

## Temporary Residence

### Visas

Temporary residence visas cover four major groups:

1. Study and Training Visas
2. Temporary Work Visas
3. Temporary Family Visas
4. Temporary Business Visas

## Study and Training Visas

### Student Visa (subclass 500)

This visa is available to those who wish to study in Australia for vocational education and training, higher education and postgraduate research.

It allows students participating in an eligible course of study to stay in Australia for up to five years in line with their enrolment. It is also possible to include a partner and dependent children in this visa.

### Student Guardian Visa (subclass 590)

The Student guardian visa is available to those coming to Australia to provide care and support for a student visa holder who is either a student under 18, or older than that if there are exceptional circumstances.

### Training Visa (subclass 407)

This visa allows the holder to visit Australia for up to 2 years to complete workplace-based training to improve skills for their current occupation, area of tertiary study or field of expertise, or undertake a professional development training program.

## Temporary Work Visas

### Temporary Graduate Visa (subclass 485)

This visa has two streams:

1. Graduate Work Stream
2. Post-Study Work Stream

#### *Graduate Work Stream*

This stream is for graduate international students. A visa in this stream is usually granted for 18 months to allow students to gain skilled work experience, which might allow them to secure enough points to gain a general skilled migration visa or gain sponsorship by an Australian employer.

#### *Post-Study Work Stream*

This stream is for graduate international students that have undertaken study that results in conferral of an eligible degree-level qualification (Bachelors, Master or Doctoral degree). The visa duration is dependent on the level of the Australian study qualification, but the maximum duration is usually 4 years.

For both streams there is a time limit duration exception for Hong Kong and British National Overseas passport holders who may stay for 5 years.

### Temporary Skill Shortage Visa (subclass 482)

This visa has three streams:

1. Short-term Stream
2. Medium-term Stream
3. Labour Agreement.

Australian or overseas businesses that are unable to meet their skill needs from the Australian labour market can sponsor skilled

overseas workers under the standard business sponsorship arrangement, which is the most common route to sponsor overseas workers.

### Skilled Regional (provisional Visa (subclass 489)/ Skilled Regional (provisional Visa (subclass 491) (State Sponsored)

This temporary, points-based visa is for skilled workers who are nominated by a state or territory, or sponsored by an eligible state agency or relative living in a designated area in Australia. The visa is valid for five years, and a visa holder must live and work in a specified area. Certain family members can be included in the application. The Skilled Regional (subclass 489) provisional visa has been closed to new applicants since September 2019.

### Temporary Activity Visa (subclass 408)

This visa allows you to come to Australia to do specific types of work on a short-term, temporary basis. This visa covers various types of work and activities and require a sponsorship or invitation. Most visas allow stay for up to two years, though others allow 3 month (Invited participant in cultural events) , 12 months (Special Program) or four years (Government endorsed events).

### Temporary Work (short-stay specialist activity) Visa (subclass 400)

This temporary visa lets you do short-term, highly specialised work in Australia. It is suitable if

you have specialised skills, knowledge or experience not generally available in Australia. It allows stay of up to six months.

### Working Holiday Visa (subclass 417)

The scheme allows young people from mainly European countries to work to fund their holiday. The visa allows 12 months stay but second and third 12-month Working Holiday visas may also be applied for.

### Work and Holiday Visa (subclass 462)

The Work and Holiday Visa (subclass 462) is for tertiary educated people aged 18 to 30 who are interested in a working holiday of up to 12 months in Australia, but who do not come from one of the countries with whom Australia has a working holiday arrangement. The visa allows applicants to supplement the cost of their holiday through periods of temporary or casual employment and allows stay of 12 months.

### Temporary Work (international relations) Visa (subclass 403)

The Temporary Work (international relations) Visa has six streams with various periods of stay allowed.

Two of these streams - the Pacific Labour Scheme (up to 3 years) and Seasonal Worker (up to 9 months) - focus on bringing workers to selected industries where Australian employers cannot source local labour.

## Temporary Family Visas

### **Sponsored Parent (Temporary) Visa (subclass 870)**

Allows parents of Australian citizens, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen visit Australia for up to 3 or 5 years.

This visa allows a parent of a settled Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen stay temporarily in Australia for up to 10 years by making further applications.

### **Parent Temporary Visa (subclass 173)**

This allows stay for a parent of 2 years with an option to apply for a permanent parent

### **Prospective Marriage Visa (subclass 300)**

This visa lets you come to Australia to marry your prospective spouse and then apply for a Partner visa. The length of the stay is between 9 and 15 months from the date of grant of visa.

### **NZ Citizen Family Visa (subclass 461)**

This visa is for a person who is not a New Zealand citizen but is a member of a family unit of a New Zealand citizen. It lets you live and work in Australia for five years.

### **Partner (Provisional) visa (subclass 820)**

A temporary visa granted to an applicant while processing their permanent Partner visa (subclass 801). Period of stay allowed on a subclass 820 is until the grant of the permanent subclass 801 or refusal of the 801.

## **Bridging Visas**

Bridging visas are temporary visas allowing a person to lawfully remain in Australia while their immigration status is decided.

There are nine types of Bridging visas which apply in different situations: Bridging Visa A, B, C, D, R, E, F.

Bridging visas can last for a time specified, or until a merits review decision process has ended, or a substantive visa is granted, or the person leaves Australia.

If a person is on a visa when they apply for another visa then a Bridging visa associated with that application may lie dormant until their current temporary visa expires.

## OVERVIEW OF TEMPORARY VISAS

### VISA Details- Temporary Visa Options Only (SC=Subclass)

- ETA SC601
- eVisitor SC651
- Transit visa SC771
- Visitor SC600
- Work & Holiday SC462
- Working Holiday SC417
- Student Visa SC500
- Student Guardian SC590
- Training Visa SC407
- Prospective Marriage SC300
- Partner (Provisional) SC309
- NZ Citizen Family SC461
- Sponsored Parent (Temp) SC870
- Contributory Aged Parent (Temp) SC8
- Parent (Temp) SC173
- Bus Innov & Invest (Provisional) SC188
- Employer Sponsored Regional (Provisional) SC494
- Skilled Recognised Graduate SC476
- Skilled Regional (Provisional) SC489
- Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) SC491
- Temporary Activity SC408
- Temp Graduate SC485
- Temporary Work (Int. Relations) SC403
- Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist) SC400
- Temporary Skill Shortage SC482
- Temporary Protection SC785
- Safe Haven Enterprise (SHEV) SC790
- Bridging Visa A SC010
- Bridging Visa B SC020
- Bridging Visa C SC030
- Bridging Visa E SC050
- Bridging Visa E SC051
- Maritime Crew SC988
- Med Treatment SC602
- Special Purpose Visa
- Investor Retire SC405
- Business (Short Stay) SC456 (repealed)
- Exchange SC411
- Business Skills (Provisional) SC160 - SC165 (repealed): \_\_\_\_\_ (Specify SC)
- Other Temporary Visa: \_\_\_\_\_ (Specify Visa and SC)

**To apply for a visa**

**first get legal advice from a lawyer or migration agent**

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