



Australian Government



Pacific Engagement visa (subclass 192)

Pacific Engagement stream (PEV)

The PEV allows people from some Pacific island countries and Timor-Leste to apply to become permanent residents of Australia. You must first register in the PEV **ballot**. If you are randomly selected in the ballot, you can then apply for the PEV. Up to 3,000 PEV places are available each program year.

You must include all eligible family members who want to come with you.

Things you need to know



2-stage process.

1. Register for the PEV **ballot**.
2. *If you're selected in the ballot, you can then apply for the **visa**.*



Include all eligible family when you register for the ballot and in a visa application. Your partner and dependent children must be included if they want to come with you. Your partner can be your spouse by marriage or de facto. Children can be your biological or *legally* adopted children.



Permanent residency in Australia. The PEV allows you to be a permanent resident in Australia. You can leave and come back to Australia as often as you like during the 5 years from when your PEV was granted. Find out more about [overseas travel as a permanent resident](#)¹.



Australian citizenship. After a period of living in Australia, you may apply for Australian citizenship. Find out more about [becoming a citizen](#)².



Employment. You must show that you or your partner have a genuine job offer or work contract in Australia. The job can be permanent full time, permanent part time or a fixed term contract.



Location. Live, work and study anywhere in Australia. There are no minimum skill levels or job restrictions.



Fees. It costs AUD25.00 to register for the ballot. Applying for the visa costs AUD335.00 for the main applicant and AUD80 for each additional family member.

Are you eligible?

The *main applicant* for this visa must meet eligibility criteria. These criteria cover things such as:

- Age (18 to 45 (inclusive) when the ballot opens)
- Citizenship of a participating country
- Minimum English language level
- Place of birth of you or your parents
- Finances to support yourself and family
- Health and character criteria
- Not be a New Zealand citizen
- Have a genuine job offer in Australia

Detailed information [about eligibility](#) is on the Home Affairs website.

If you don't have a job offer when you first submit your application, you must get one as soon as you can after you apply. The PEV Employment Service can connect you with potential employers.

Email employment@pevsupport.com.au.

Step by step

Step 1. The ballot opens. Look out for announcements on the Home Affairs [Pacific Engagement stream visa \(PEV\) Country Ballot Status](#) webpage. Also check the [Pacific Engagement visa Facebook](#) page.

Step 2. Register in the ballot. Check that you are [eligible for the ballot](#). Then log into or open an ImmiAccount. This is where you register for the ballot. You need to pay AUD25 to register.

Step 3. Ballot selection. After the ballot closes, the Department of Home Affairs will randomly select people who have registered.

Step 4. If you are selected in the ballot. You will be get a *Notification of Selection* letter by email. This means you are invited to apply for the visa. There will be a link in your letter to complete and submit your PEV application online via your [ImmiAccount](#)³.

Step 5. Apply for the PEV. Make sure you apply **before the expiry date in the letter**. You will need to:

- complete the online application form
- provide a copy of the page in your passport that shows your photo, personal details, and passport issue and expiry dates
- include the details of all your family who are coming with you. You cannot add them later (unless they were born after you apply, but before your application is decided)
- tell us if you are pregnant before your application is decided. Not telling us may affect your newborn baby's visa status
- include all the documents or information we ask for, if you can
- check that your documents, information and personal details are correct, then hit 'submit'
- pay the visa application charge.

Step 6. After applying. If you did not attach all the required documents when you applied, add them via your ImmiAccount as soon as you can. We will let you know through your ImmiAccount if you need to arrange health checks and biometric details (e.g. fingerprints, photo), and/or provide extra information.

The sooner you provide all the information we need, the sooner we can process your application.

Step 7. Visa decision. If we grant you the PEV, we will email you a *Visa Grant Notification* letter. It will tell you your visa grant number, the date your visa starts, and if there are any conditions you need to know about. You can also find this letter in your ImmiAccount.

Step 8. Coming to Australia and settling in. Your first entry to Australia must be on or before the date provided in your visa grant notification letter. When you are in Australia you can get support through the [Settlement Engagement and Transition Support program](#) and the [Adult Migrant English program](#). You can also access Medicare for medical treatment, and government-funded school and higher education places.

More information

The list of eligible countries may change from year to year. For the **latest updates and information - including eligibility** - visit the [Pacific Engagement stream](#) page or scan the QR code below:

Get help **finding a job and preparing for life in Australia** at the PEV Support Service. Scan the QR code below:



[Pacific Engagement visa \(subclass 192\) - Pacific Engagement stream](#)



[Pacific Engagement Visa Support Service](#)

1 Resident overseas travel: immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/permanent-resident/overseas-travel

2 Become a citizen: immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/citizenship/become-a-citizen

3 ImmiAccount: online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login

Fact sheet

Last modified 14 January 2026