



Pacific Engagement visa (subclass 192)

Treaty stream (Tuvalu)

The Treaty stream (Tuvalu) of the Pacific Engagement visa allows Tuvalu citizens to apply to become permanent residents of Australia. This visa stream is also known as the Treaty stream visa or the Falepili Mobility Pathway.

Up to 280 Treaty stream visa places are available each program year, but you must first register in the Treaty stream **ballot**. If you are randomly selected in the ballot, you can then apply for the Treaty stream visa.

Only Tuvaluan nationals who were born in Tuvalu, or have a parent or grandparent born there, can apply for this visa.

Things you need to know



2-stage process.

1. Register for the Treaty stream **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 Treaty stream visa allows you to be a permanent resident in Australia. You can also leave and come back to Australia as often as you like, without having to apply for a resident return visa (RRV).



Australian citizenship. After a period of living in Australia, you may apply for Australian citizenship. Find out more about [becoming a citizen](#)¹.



English language. You do not need to pass an English language test for this visa.



Employment. You do not need to have a job offer in Australia to be eligible for this visa.



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 AUD200.00 for the main applicant and AUD50 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 (be 18 or over when the ballot opens)
- Citizenship of Tuvalu
- Place of birth of you, your parents or your grandparents
- Health and character criteria
- Not be a New Zealand citizen

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

Step-by-step

Step 1. The ballot opens. Look out for announcements on the Home Affairs [Treaty stream \(Tuvalu\) Country Ballot Status](#) page. Also check the Facebook pages of [Australia's Department of Home Affairs](#) and the [Australian High Commission Tuvalu](#).

Step 2. Register in the ballot. Check that you are [eligible for the ballot](#). Then log into or open an [ImmiAccount](#)². 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 emailed a *Notification of Selection* letter. This means you are invited to apply for the visa. There will be a link in your letter to complete and submit your visa application online via your ImmiAccount.

Step 5. Apply for the visa. Make sure you apply **before the expiry date in the letter**. You 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 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 a Treaty stream visa, we will email you a *Visa Grant Notification*. 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](#), [AMES Australia](#) and the [Adult Migrant English program](#). You can also access Medicare for medical treatment, and government-funded school and higher education places. You may also be able to access other Australian government benefits to help with education, training and raising a family in Australia.

More information

For more information about the Treaty stream (Tuvalu) visa and to get support, you can:

- visit the Falepili Hub in Funafuti to register for support services, including help finding a job – Monday to Friday, 11.00am to 4.00pm
- email the Falepili Union team: falepili@homeaffairs.gov.au

Scan the QR code below to go to the **Home Affairs** website for more information, including eligibility criteria.

Visit the **Falepili Mobility Pathway** website for details on support services and life in Australia.



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[Falepili Mobility Pathway support services](#)

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

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