



MATES: How to apply guide

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Check eligibility

- Check you meet the eligibility requirements for the MATES ballot and visa.
- Visit the [Home Affairs website](#) to check the eligibility requirements.

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Register in the ballot

- Once you have confirmed your eligibility and the ballot registration open date, you can register in the applicable MATES ballot.
- You will need to submit your ballot registration through [ImmiAccount](#).
- After you submit and pay for your registration, we will send you an email confirming your registration in the ballot.
- The ballot will be conducted electronically and registrants randomly selected in the ballot will be invited to apply for a Subclass 403 MATES stream visa. Those not selected in the ballot will not be able to apply for the visa.

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Lodge visa application

- If you have been selected in the ballot, you will receive a Notification of Selection letter via email. You must apply for the visa on or before the date specified in this letter.
- You must submit your visa application using the link generated in your ballot registration or through your ImmiAccount.
- Before you submit, make sure you have all of the required documents to attach to your application, and [check twice, submit once](#).

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After you apply

- The Department of Home Affairs will assess your application and will let you know the outcome.
- If your visa is granted, you will receive a visa grant notice which will contain important details relating to your visa, including your visa conditions, the date you must enter Australia by, period of stay and visa expiry date. Please check your visa details carefully.
- You can only enter Australia once your visa has been granted.