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Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485)

New rules for including family members

From 13 November 2026, new rules affect which family members can be included in a Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) application and where they must be when applying.

The eligibility for primary applicants have not changed.

Check the new rules before applying to make sure your family members are eligible.

If you applied before 13 November 2026, we will assess your application under the rules that were in place on the date you applied.

Who can you include in your application?

You can only include family members if:

- they were included on your previous Student visa or Temporary Graduate visa, or
- you meet one of the eligibility criteria below, or
- they are a newborn child who meets the requirements below.

Your family members cannot apply as a subsequent entrant (at a later time, separate from your application) in any circumstance, even if you meet the eligibility criteria to include your family members.

1. Family members included on your previous visa

You can only include the same family members who were included on your previous Student visa or first Temporary Graduate visa. They must also:

- Currently hold a Student visa as your dependant, or have held one on 2 October 2026 or within the last six months, or
- Currently hold a Temporary Graduate visa, or have held one within the last six months.

You cannot include new family members unless you meet the eligibility criteria below:

2. If you meet certain eligibility criteria

You can include new or existing family members if any of these apply:

- You are a Pacific or ASEAN national.
- You completed a PhD degree while holding a Student visa.
- You completed a course fully funded by a foreign government while holding a Student visa.

3. If you have a newborn child

You cannot add your newborn child born outside Australia to your Temporary Graduate visa after it is granted.

If your child was born outside Australia after you were granted your most recent Student visa or Temporary Graduate visa, you can include them in your first or second Temporary Graduate visa application.

If you hold a Temporary Graduate visa and your child is born inside Australia, they will automatically hold a Temporary Graduate visa. Visit You had a baby for more information.

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Important rules for all applicants

- **You must be in Australia** when you apply for a Temporary Graduate visa.
- **Your family members can be in or outside Australia** when you apply.
- **You must apply together.** All eligible family members must apply at the same time as you even if you are in Australia and they are outside Australia. You cannot add family members later or apply for them to join you as subsequent entrants.

Check before you apply

ImmiAccount may allow you to add family members even if they do not meet the new eligibility requirements.

Being able to add a family member in ImmiAccount does not mean they are eligible to apply for a visa. If they do not meet the eligibility requirements, their application will be invalid.

An invalid application may affect your family member's visa status and their ability to apply for another visa. A decision that an application is invalid cannot be merits reviewed.

Check the rules and prepare your supporting documents before applying, including evidence of your relationship to your family members.

More information

Visit the Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) webpage for full eligibility requirements and application information.

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