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Julie, David & the staff of 888 Migration Services thought that you may like a brief rundown of each visa category & the types of visa's you may be eligible for.



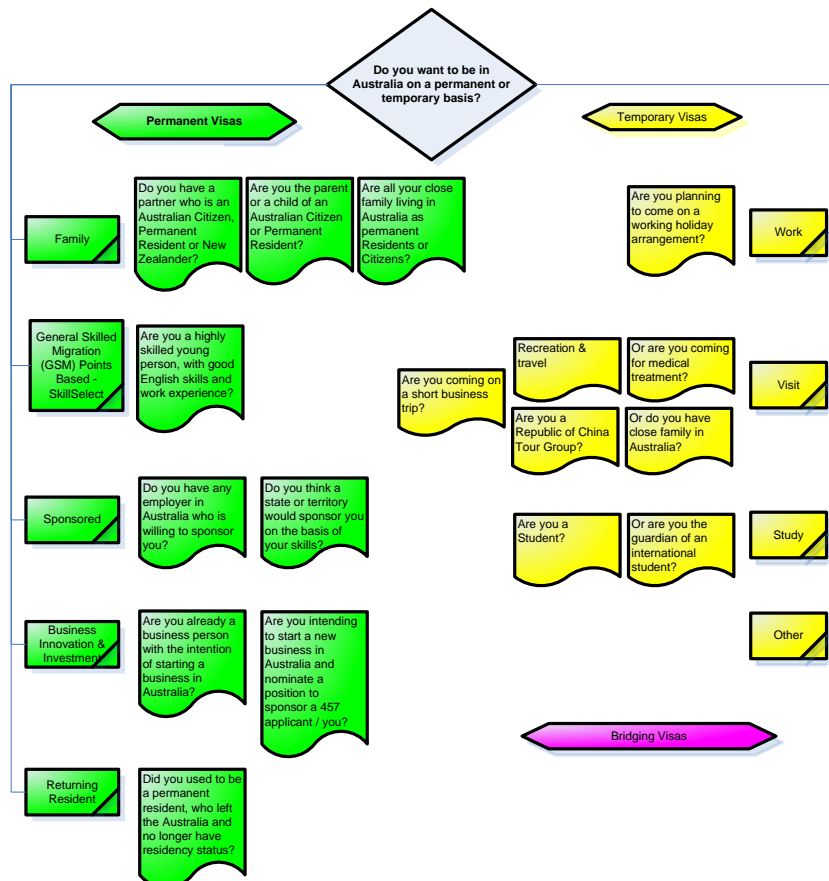
At the current time there are around 104 different types of visas; this rundown only covers the more common applications that are lodged with the Department of Immigration & Border Protection (DIBP).

So please sit back & enjoy the read!

Visa applications are broken into several categories;

- Family
- Student
- Visitor
- Skilled Migration
- Other Applicants

Within each category are several options for migration from parents, partners, skills or temporary sponsorship. The chart below will give you a good idea about which category applies to your situation.



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Family Visa Options:

In this category are the following visa options:

Parent – This category includes contributory parent permanent (SC 143) & temporary (SC 173), aged parent (SC 804), contributory aged parent permanent (SC 864) & temporary (SC 884) & parent (SC 103). There are age requirements for each of these applications & some of the categories require a bond to be paid prior to a decision being made on the application. In all cases the applicants have to meet the balance of family test (*The balance-of-family test measures your ties to Australia & you will meet this if at least half of your children reside in Australia or the majority of your children reside in Australia*) & be sponsored by one of their children who is an Australian permanent resident or an Australian Citizen.

Partner – This category includes prospective marriage (SC 300), partner/spouse offshore (SC 309/100), partner/spouse onshore (SC 820/801) & New Zealand citizen family relationship (SC 461). In all cases the applicant must be sponsored by someone who they have met in person & are over 18 years of age. There are significant document requirements that you will have to provide in order to prove you are in a monogamous genuine & continuing relationship with your spouse/fiancé.



There are also provisions for victims of domestic violence from their sponsor. If you are a victim, please seek help immediately & report your sponsor to DIBP as they will help you. If you are worried about going to DIBP; contact a migration agent who can assist you in this as well.



Child – This category includes child (SC 101 & 802), orphan relative (SC 837 & 117), adoption (SC 102) & New Zealand citizen family relationship (SC 461). These visas are available to children that are sponsored by an eligible parent, relative or are adopted or in the process of being adopted. Other than the adoption visa, you will have to provide documentation to prove that the child is yours or that you are related to them. In many cases you will be asked to provide DNA testing to prove this.

Last Remaining Relative – This category includes (SC 835 & 115) & is for an applicant who is going to be sponsored by a close relative who has Australian permanent residence or citizenship. They must also be willing to lodge an Assurance of Support for you as part of the visa application, (*An Assurance of Support is a legal commitment to provide you with financial support so that you do not have to rely on social security payments & covers all applicants in*

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the application). You must also be able to clearly show that all of your close family members are residing in Australia as well.

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Aged Dependent Relative – This category includes (SC 838 & 114) & is for an aged relative who is going to be sponsored by a close relative who you rely upon to take care of you financially. There are certain requirements that need to be met in order to be eligible for this visa including age, dependency & health.

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Skilled Migration Options:



In this category are the following options:

Employer Sponsored – This category includes employer sponsored (SC 186), regional sponsored migration scheme (SC187) & temporary skilled work (SC 457). In order for you to apply for any of these applications you must first find an employer who is willing to sponsor you & also have the skill to fill the position nominated by the approved business.

General Skilled Migration – This category includes skilled independent (SC 189), skilled sponsored (SC 190), skilled regional sponsored temporary (SC 489) & skilled regional sponsored permanent (SC 887). In order to be eligible for one of these visa subclasses you need to meet Points Test which includes key factors such as age, language, employment & education. You also need to have a skill on the Skilled Occupation List (SOL) or the Consolidated Skilled Occupation List (CSOL).

Recent Graduate – This category includes skilled graduate (SC 485) & skilled recent graduate (SC 476). You must have completed your studies in Australia & also meet the age, language & education criteria.

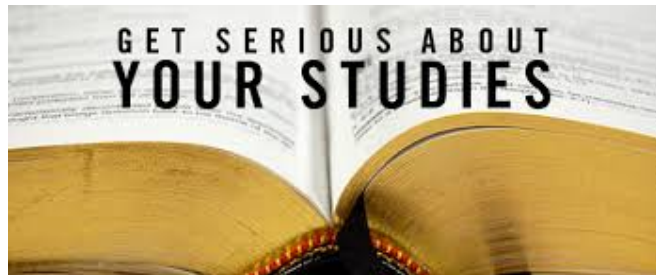
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Student Visa Options:

In this category are the following options:

- Training & Research
- Student Guardian
- ELICOS
- Schools Sector
- Vocational Sector
- Higher Education Sector
- Post Graduate Research



There are several options available to study in Australia. There are eligibility requirements for each student visa & there are also assessment levels (1, 2 & 3) for every country depending on the level of perceived risk to Australia. The lower the assessment level, the more financial & family support documentation that has to be provided in order for the visa application to be finalised by DIBP.

Visitor Visa Options:

In this category are the following options:



- ETA
- E-Visitor
- Visitor
- Working Holiday
- Work & Holiday
- Medical Treatment

This category is for people looking to visit Australia for a short period of time. Whether it to be to spend time with friends & family, travel around our beautiful country or even work while you're travelling.

Not all of these visas are available to apply for through the online system if you are from certain countries. If this is the case you would have to apply through your nearest Australian High Commission, Embassy or Consulate. For the working holiday & work and holiday applicants you must be between the ages of 18 and 30 prior to applying for your visa or you risk refusal.

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Other Migration Options:

In this category are the following options:

Resident Return – This category is for (SC 155 & 157). You may be able to apply through this category if you are a current or former Australian permanent resident, or a former Australian citizen. You will need this visa approved prior to travelling outside of Australia if your current permanent residence visa has expired.

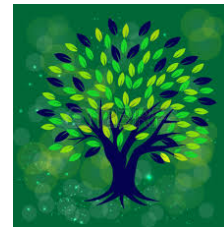


Business – This category includes business & investment (SC 888 & 188), business talent (SC 132), business owner (SC890) & state / territory sponsored business owner (SC 892). The applicants of these categories have to show considerable investment into a business or businesses. For certain categories an EOI must be submitted prior to any visa application being lodged with DIBP.

Investor – This category includes investor (SC 891), state / territory sponsored investor (SC 893) & investor retiree (SC 405). The applicants of these categories have to invest a substantial amount of money into Australia for around four years.

Carer – This category includes both onshore (SC 836) & offshore (SC 116) carer applications. For these applications; you must provide clear evidence that there is a relative residing in Australia who requires care for a long term or permanent medical condition. The relative will also have to go a full medical assessment for this application by a DIBP approved panel doctor prior to the application being lodged.

Humanitarian – This category includes refugee (SC 200), women at risk (SC 204), humanitarian (SC 201 & 202) & protection (SC 866) applications. For these applications; both the applicant & the sponsor (if applicable) need to provide clear evidence of persecution & reasoning as to why it isn't safe for the applicant to return to their country of residence. The majority of these visas require you to be residing outside of Australia at the time of the visa application. These applications take quite a while to be processed by DIBP due to the vast amount of applications that they receive for these subclasses.



MRT:

If you have had a visa application refused there is an option to appeal the decision through the Migration Regulation Tribunal (MRT). You will need to employ a highly skilled Migration Lawyer with experience in attending the MRT hearings to assist you in your appeal.

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