

SKILLED MIGRATION VISAS INFORMATION FOR FIRST ENTRY TO AUSTRALIA

This information is only for holders of one of the following Skilled visas

- Skilled Independent (subclass 189)
- Skilled Nominated (subclass 190)
- Skilled Regional (subclass 489)
- Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491)

THIS OFFICE WILL NOT RESPOND TO FACILITATION REQUESTS FOR OTHER VISA SUBCLASSES.

PLEASE DIRECT YOUR ENQUIRY TO THE DEPARTMENTAL OFFICE THAT GRANTED THE VISA.

If you were outside Australia when you were granted one of the above Skilled visas then your visa grant is subject to visa Condition 8504 which provides that:

The holder must enter Australia as the holder of the visa to which the condition applies before a date specified by the Minister.

This condition requires that each visa holder must make their first entry into Australia before the date specified in the "Grant Notification" letter.

Skilled Migration is aware that in certain circumstances you and/or family members who were granted a visa as part of your application may not be able to comply with this condition

Failure to comply with visa conditions can render a visa liable for cancellation under the Migration Act 1958 and visa holders are strongly encouraged to make their first entry to Australia by the initial entry date provided in your grant notification, however, generally we will not seek to cancel a Skilled visa where the only reason for doing so would be breach of this condition.

Visa Validity Period

This notice can only be used during the period for which you hold a valid visa. Information about your visa validity period is available in the "Grant Notification" letter.

We cannot extend the validity period of your visa to enable you to travel to Australia and if your Skilled visa ceases for any reason then you cannot use this notice to enter Australia as the holder of this visa.

Children born outside of Australia

Please be aware that for a child born outside of Australia (where neither parent is an Australian citizen) you will need to apply for; and be granted; a visa for that child prior to your travel to Australia. For more information about applicable visas please refer to the Department's website. See: www.homeaffairs.gov.au

Travelling to Australia

This notice should be sufficient evidence for a travel provider to be satisfied that the visa holder can enter Australia as the holder of a Skilled visa. Visa holder(s) may wish to carry a copy of this notice to present to the airline when checking in at the airport and on arrival into Australia. Please note that some delays may be encountered upon arrival into Australia while visa validity is verified.

Before arranging travel to Australia visa holder(s) should refer to the Department's website for information regarding any travel restrictions that may be in effect. See: https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/

If you are unable to use this notice then email skilled.support@homeaffairs.gov.au with the details of the relevant issue and supporting evidence. If supporting documentation is not provided you will not receive a further response.

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