

What is the Pacific Engagement Visa?

The Pacific Engagement Visa is a new permanent residence visa for eligible citizens of participating Pacific countries and Timor-Leste.

Up to 3,000 Pacific Engagement Visas are available each year through a ballot process.

The program will grow the Pacific and Timor-Leste diaspora in Australia with ongoing connections to their home countries, deepening links between our people and encouraging greater cultural, business and educational exchange within the region.



The Pacific Engagement Visa Support Service

The Australian Government has established free information and support services to help you:

- understand the visa process and requirements
- find a job in Australia so you can meet the employment requirement for the visa
- prepare to settle in Australia.

Helping you get a job in Australia

The Australian Government's Pacific Engagement Visa Support Service will help connect you with employers and assist you to apply for jobs.

Information sessions will help you understand:

- types of job opportunities in different regions
- what it's like to work in Australia
- how to apply for a job in Australia and succeed at an interview.

Helping you plan your move to Australia

The Support Service will provide information sessions that provide:

- information on travel and relocation
- practical advice about living in Australia
- information on community and government support.



Scan the QR code to find out more about the Pacific Engagement Visa Support Service.

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What does this visa allow me to do?

With this visa, you and your family can live, work and study anywhere in Australia. There are no restrictions on work location, industry, type of work or employer. Partners also have work rights.

Pacific Engagement Visa holders will have access to a range of Australian Government benefits and supports. These include:

- Medicare
- Public schools and university places
- Tertiary student loans such as the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) and Vocational Education and Training Student Loans (VSL)
- Financial supports while studying and training including Youth Allowance (Student), Youth Allowance (Apprentice) and Austudy
- Family Tax Benefit Parts A and B to help with the cost of raising children
- Child Care Subsidy to help with the cost of child care
- Adult Migrant English Program
- Settlement Engagement and Transition Support (SETS) Program.



Obtaining a Pacific Engagement Visa (PEV)

Obtaining a Pacific Engagement Visa is a two-step process:

1. Applicants must first register in the Pacific Engagement Visa ballot
2. Randomly selected participants from the ballot apply for the Pacific Engagement Visa.

The Pacific Engagement Visa ballot

The Pacific Engagement Visa ballot is open from 3 June 2024.

The ballot gives everyone an equal chance of being able to apply for a Pacific Engagement Visa. A ballot is a fair and transparent process and ensures access for people of any skill level, occupation and gender.

Before you can apply for a Pacific Engagement Visa, you need to register in the annual ballot. The cost to enter the ballot is AU\$25.

More information regarding the ballot and visa processes, visa charges and requirements can be found on the Australian Government's Department of Home Affairs website.

What do I need to consider before I register for the ballot?

- You are a citizen of a participating country and have a passport for that country
- You are between the ages of 18 and 45
- You were born in, or have a parent born in, an eligible country
- You can afford the AU\$25 registration fee as well as the visa, moving and settlement costs involved in migrating to Australia.

If you are randomly selected from the Pacific Engagement Visa ballot, you can proceed to the next stage of applying for the visa. To do this, you will need to:

- find a job in Australia so you can meet the employment requirement for the visa
- understand what documentation to include when you apply for your visa (health check, police check, language check, job offer, valid passport/s, etc.)
- understand more fully the costs and what to expect when you move to Australia.

