



SKILLED MIGRATION VISAS INFORMATION FOR FIRST ENTRY TO AUSTRALIA

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

- Business Innovation and Investment (subclass 188) (Provisional)
- Business Innovation and Investment (subclass 888) (Permanent)
- Business Talent (subclass 132)
- Business Skills (subclasses 890, 891, 892, and 893)
- Distinguished Talent (subclass 124)

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 “For first entry, arrive by” date specified in the “Grant Notification” letter. Under the Migration Act 1958, failure to comply with visa conditions can render a visa liable for cancellation.

Skilled Migration is aware there will be circumstances when you and/or family members (who were granted a visa as part of your application) may not be able to comply with this condition, for example due to global travel restrictions.

Generally we will not seek to cancel a Skilled Migration visa where the only reason for doing so would be breach of Condition 8504.

Visa Validity Period

If you are not able to make your first entry into Australia before the “For first entry, arrive by” date you can use this Notice when you travel to Australia during the period for which you hold a valid visa. Information about your visa validity period is specified in the “Grant Notification” letter, as the “**Must not arrive after date**”.

We cannot extend the validity period of your visa, and if your Skilled Migration 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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