



thinking partner migration

Our society is forever evolving, and as part of the major changes are the effect of globalisation and multiculturalism. A common scenario which Migration Agents see is two people who fall in love but live on opposite sides of the world. In the 2016 – 17 financial year, Australia welcomed 47,825 new residents who came into Australia under the Partner Visa program. The process can be very challenging and time consuming. It is important to understand the processes involved in applying for Partner Migration and obtaining proper legal advice can prevent additional stresses in an already significant step in a couple's journey together.

Which Visa is right for me?

There are three streams which you can apply for when making an application for a Partner Visa depending on each individual's circumstances. If you are in a De Facto relationship or married as defined by the Family Law Act 1975 (Cth), you can apply under the Partner Visa (subclass 820/801, or subclass 309/301) stream. If you are applying as a de facto couple, you must have been together for a period of twelve (12) months or have registered your relationship with the Registry of Births, Deaths, and Marriages. This Visa grants you a temporary Visa (subclass 820/309) for a period of two (2) years, after which time a further application for a Permanent Residence Visa (subclass 300/801) is issued. You can make an application for this Visa either inside or outside Australia.

If you are intending on marrying your Australian partner, you can make an application for a Prospective Marriage (subclass 300) Visa. This Visa allows you to come to Australia to marry your partner, which you must do within nine (9) months from the date your Visa is granted. You must be outside Australia when your application is made and when it is granted.

What are the main requirements?

The primary requirements in applying for a Partner Visa is to show that you are

in a committed relationship that is genuine and continuing, and you are committed to a shared life to the exclusion of all others. A major part of proving this to the Department of Home Affairs is providing a written statement from both the Applicant and Sponsor. This statement forms the basis of your evidence toward obtaining a Partner Visa and should be carefully drafted to reflect accurately the history and nature of your ongoing relationship, as well as the commitment which has been made by both of you both personally and financially. You will also have to fill out a variety of forms and obtain a Federal police check from any country in which you have lived for more than 12 months in the last 10 years as part of a character assessment. The Visa application charge for Partner Visas is currently \$7,000.00 plus credit card charges and other disbursements, such as medical examinations. English Language testing is not required for Partner Visas.

Why see a Migration Agent?

The process of applying for a Partner Visa can be quite daunting and challenging, so it is important to ensure that you have met the requirements of the Visa prior to making an application. Migration Agents are able to advise you as to what documentation to gather prior to making your application, and how to properly draft the statements setting out the history and nature of your relationship so that the requirements of your Visa will be met. At Legal Minds we understand the processes of making Partner Visa applications and can advise you on your best options moving forward. We are also able to process the applications in full, which takes the burden off you and helps to ensure a positive result.

Talk to us, you'll be inspired!

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From commercial, insurance and business transactions to family, employment and estate matters.

Conveyancers

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Notary Public

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