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What is the Pacific Engagement Visa?

The Pacific Engagement (subclass 192) visa is a permanent residence visa for citizens of participating Pacific countries and Timor-Leste which will deepen connections between Australia and the region.

The Australian Government will make available up to 3,000 Pacific Engagement Visas each year to eligible Pacific and Timor-Leste citizens, and their partners and children, through a ballot process. Those randomly selected in the ballot will be invited by the Australian Government to apply for a visa.

Countries participating in the Pacific Engagement Visa program in 2026-27

- Federated States of Micronesia
- Fiji
- Kiribati
- Palau
- Papua New Guinea
- Republic of the Marshall Islands
- Samoa
- Solomon Islands
- Timor-Leste
- Tonga
- Tuvalu

Obtaining a Pacific Engagement Visa

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**.

Applicants can register for the ballot and apply for the visa online through the Australian Government's Department of Home Affairs' ImmiAccount.

Being selected in the ballot does not mean you have a visa for Australia. Ballot selection means you have been invited to apply for a Pacific Engagement Visa.

The Pacific Engagement Visa ballot

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.

To be eligible to register in the online ballot, you must:

- be aged between 18 and 45 years (inclusive) at the start of the ballot registration open period
- hold a valid passport issued by one of the participating countries
- be born in a participating country, or have a parent who was
- not be a citizen of New Zealand
- not already be registered in the same PEV ballot
- pay the ballot registration fee (AU\$25).

If you were not selected in the 2024-25 or 2025-26 PEV ballot, and continue to meet the eligibility requirements, then you may submit a new registration in the 2026-27 ballot.

For more information about the ballot, please visit the website of the Australian Government's Department of Home Affairs at immi.homeaffairs.gov.au and search "Pacific Engagement Visa."



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The Pacific Engagement Visa application

If you are randomly selected from the ballot, you will be invited by the Australian Department of Home Affairs to apply for a Pacific Engagement (subclass 192) visa. Applicants will need to demonstrate that they meet all relevant criteria before being granted a visa.

You must:

- be randomly selected through the PEV ballot
- have a formal job offer in Australia
- meet other visa requirements, such as English language, character and health checks
- hold a valid visa if applying from inside Australia
- pay a visa application charge for each applicant.

Support to find a job and settle in Australia

The Australian Government offers a free PEV Support Service in all participating countries. The Service provides a range of in-person and online support throughout the ballot and visa application process to help you:

- understand the ballot and visa application process
- navigate the job application process so you can meet the employment requirements of the visa
- prepare to settle in Australia.

To find out more about the PEV Support Service, please see the PEV Facebook page [@PacificEngagementVisa](#)

Can I bring my family?

If you wish to include your partner and legally dependent children in your visa application, you must include them in your ballot registration. If you are randomly selected in the ballot process, your partner and dependents will be included in the invitation to apply for a visa.

How is the Pacific Engagement Visa different from the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme?

The Pacific Engagement Visa is a **permanent** residence visa for citizens of Pacific countries and Timor-Leste. It is not a labour mobility program.

By comparison, the PALM scheme is a **temporary** migration program that will continue to help meet workforce shortages in rural and regional Australia, support the economic development of Pacific countries and Timor-Leste, and build skills for when workers return home.

When registrations open, eligible PALM scheme workers in Australia on valid temporary visas will be able to register for the Pacific Engagement Visa ballot.

For more information, please visit the official Pacific Engagement Visa website at pev.gov.au