

What do I need to consider before registration?

To register for the ballot, participants must be:

- 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 are randomly selected from the Pacific Engagement Visa ballot, you will be invited by the Australian Department of Home Affairs to apply for the visa. To apply, 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 checks, police checks, language checks, job offer, valid passports, etc.)
- ensure you understand the costs and what to expect when you move to Australia. This includes fees and charges, the cost of obtaining visa documents, and expenses related to moving and living in Australia.

The Pacific Engagement Visa Support Service

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

Helping you get a job in Australia

The free PEV Employment Support Service can:

1. Help applicants navigate the job search process in Australia, connect with Australian employers and support with job applications.
2. Provide free information sessions to help you understand:
 - types of job opportunities in different regions
 - what it is like to work in Australia, including understanding your rights as a worker
 - how to apply for and be successful in getting a new job.

Helping you plan your move to Australia

For visa holders, the PEV Support Service offers specific information sessions to provide:

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



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Pacific Engagement Visa

Information guide



What is the Pacific Engagement Visa?

The PEV is an Australian permanent residence visa for eligible citizens of participating Pacific countries and Timor-Leste.

Up to 3,000 visas, inclusive of partners and dependent children, are available each year through a ballot process.

The Pacific Engagement Visa 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.



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

Stay up to date with the latest news about the Pacific Engagement Visa on the Facebook page or at www.pev.gov.au

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 employers. Partners also have work rights.

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

- Medicare
 - Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme
 - Public schools and university places
 - Adult Migrant English Program
 - Settlement Engagement and Transition Support (SETS) Program
- PEV holders will not have waiting periods for the following financial supports (which are subject to meeting eligibility criteria)
- Tertiary student loans such as the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) and Vocational Education and Training student loans (VSL)
 - Financial support while studying and training including Youth Allowance (Student), Youth Allowance (Apprentice) and Austudy
 - Family Tax Benefit to help with the cost of raising children
 - Child Care Subsidy to help with the cost of childcare

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 will then be invited to apply for the Pacific Engagement visa (subclass 192) – Pacific Engagement stream

Applicants can register in 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 PEV.

The Pacific Engagement Visa ballot

The Pacific Engagement Visa ballot will open on 1 July 2026 and close on 29 July 2026.

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, visa requirements and visa charge can be found on the Australian Government's Department of Home Affairs website.