



Sponsored Parent (Temporary) visa (Subclass 870)

On 17 April 2019, sponsorship applications opened for parents wanting to temporarily visit their children and grandchildren in Australia.

On 1 July 2019, the new Sponsored Parent (Temporary) (Subclass 870) visa applications opened. This visa allows the parent(s) of a settled Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen (or their spouse or de facto partner's parent(s)) to visit Australia for up to 3 or 5 years. The application process is sponsor-led, meaning there must be an approved Parent Sponsor before a visa application can be lodged.

Visa applications must be lodged from outside Australia within six months of sponsorship approval, unless the visa applicant has permission to apply in Australia. Only two parents per household can be sponsored for this visa at a time. Sponsorship and visa applications are online only and processed in the Department's Perth office.

Sponsorship cost

The sponsorship application charge is AUD420.

Sponsor Eligibility

Sponsors must meet certain criteria including:

- a minimum household income threshold
- a parent sponsor will also be required to meet certain sponsorship obligations.

Visa eligibility

Sponsored Parent (Temporary) visa applicants must meet certain criteria including:

- be sponsored by a person who is an approved Parent Sponsor
- be outside Australia to apply, unless approved with permission to apply in Australia

Length of Stay

The visa allows parents to stay in Australia temporarily for a period of up to three or five years at a time. Parents who have held Subclass 870 visas for the cumulative maximum 10 year period must either depart Australia or apply for another visa that will allow them to remain in Australia.

Visa cost

The visa application charge is:

- AUD5,000 for a visa allowing up to 3 year stay, or,
- AUD10,000 for a visa allowing up to 5 year stay.

Conditions

Conditions for the Subclass 870 visa are: 8103, 8303, 8501, 8531, 8550 and 8564. Please note the No Work condition:

- No Work - Visa holders cannot work on this visa. Providing in home care for their own children and family is allowed; work/assistance for a family business or other work which would ordinarily be remunerated is not allowed.

More information is available at www.homeaffairs.gov.au:

- [Commencement of the Sponsored Parent \(Temporary\) visa](#) and,
- [Sponsored Parent \(Temporary\) visa \(subclass 870\)](#)