



Sponsored Parent (Temporary) visa (subclass 870)

On 17 April 2019, the first stage of a new visa application process commences for parents visiting Australia. This new visa will allow the parent/s of a settled Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen 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 can be lodged from 1 July 2019.

Visa applications must be lodged within six months of sponsorship approval. Only two parents per household can be sponsored for this visa at a time. Sponsorship and visa applications will be 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 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 (unless invited in writing to apply by the Department), for at least 90 days if the applicant holds or has previously held a Sponsored Parent (Temporary) visa.

Length of Stay

The visa allows parents to stay in Australia temporarily for a period of up to five years at a time. Parents who have held Sponsored Parent (Temporary) 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 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:

- [Commencement of the Sponsored Parent \(Temporary\) visa](#) and,
- [Sponsored Parent \(Temporary\) visa \(subclass 870\)](#) (web pages active from 17 April 2019)