



DIY – Partner Visa Package

Advice and Instructions

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Important!!!



When You Should Not Use This Package by Yourself

You should not apply for a partner visa by yourself (without first seeking legal advice) in the following circumstances:

- You have been convicted of a serious criminal OFFENCE where you have served prison time (Minor OFFENCE like parking/speeding tickets, minor assaults, or small drug possession may be ok)
- Your sponsor has had a criminal conviction for an OFFENCE against a child or an outstanding charge for an OFFENCE against a child
- Your sponsor has had a criminal conviction for a domestic violence
- You have a serious medical condition
- If your sponsor has been granted a contributory parent category visa on or after 1 July 2009
- Your sponsor is the holder of a Woman at Risk visa (Subclass 204)
- If you or your partner have been sponsored or sponsored someone else for a partner visa and it has not been at least 5 years from the date of lodgement of that previous sponsorship
- If your partner has sponsored two other people for a partner visa in the past
- If you have been sponsored by two other people for a partner visa in the past
- You have been barred or deported from Australia in the past
- You have provided false information or fraudulent documents in a previous application
- You have been in a relationship with your partner for less than 6 months
- You and your partner do not live together (in the same household) on a regular basis
- You and your partner are related by family by sharing a parent or adoptive

Introduction



We have created a comprehensive guide that provides all the necessary advice and instructions for Australian Partnership visa applications. This guide will help you understand the legal requirements, eligibility criteria, policies, and procedures for applying for a Partner visa.

The Partner visa allows the partner, spouse, or de facto partner of an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident to live in Australia. You can apply for both the temporary and permanent partner visas simultaneously. Our guide outlines all the essential criteria for both the visa applicant and sponsor, including required documentation, relationship criteria, legal requirements, notification obligations, processing times, and travel details while on this visa.

Quick Step Flow Chart

Step 1. Apply for your Temporary Partner Visa and Sponsorship applications Online
(See Advice/Instructions and Sample applications)



Step 2. Attach your documents after you have lodged your application
(See Required Documents List and instructions on how to attach your documents)



Temporary Partner Visa Processing Time: Approximately 20 - 26 Months

Step 3. Throughout Processing - Keep the department notified of changes in your circumstances (change of address, employment, travel etc) by completing the required Form (see Forms List in your attachments)



Step 4. Your Temporary Partner Visa application is decided by the department -
You hold a Temporary Residence Visa for 24 months

