

RTO Guide to Learner Eligibility: visa status

Previous versions of this document listed visa categories. However the Australian Government changes visa numbers and/or visa conditions at any point in time, so this section aims to help you determine the eligibility of any visa holder.

Step 1

- Look at the learner’s passport and, where relevant, other visa documentation.
- Go to Department of Home Affairs website: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/>
- Search for the visa category number in the Search Function.

Step 2

Read the visa conditions to find out if the visa holder fits into any of these categories:

| <i>Eligible category</i> | <i>Visa details</i> | <i>Evidence required</i> |
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| Is the learner an Australian citizen? | Australian citizens will have a passport, birth certificate, or citizenship certificate. | View and confirm visa status only. |
| Is the learner a permanent resident? | There are many visas that are classified as permanent visas. The visa category information will state the visa holder may “stay in Australia permanently”. Holders of all types of permanent visas are eligible for subsidised training. | View and confirm visa status only. |
| Is the visa holder a New Zealand citizen with a Special Category Visa? | The Australian Government now automatically grants most New Zealand passport holders a Special Category Visa on entry to Australia. Special Category Visa holders are eligible for Tasmanian Government subsidised training. | Keep a copy of the visa. |
| Does the visa holder have a Temporary Humanitarian visa? | There are a range of humanitarian (protection) visas, both permanent and temporary. Permanent visa holders are permanent residents. Temporary visa holders who are allowed to work and study in Australia are also eligible for subsidised training. <i>Bridging humanitarian visas are ineligible.</i> | View and confirm visa status of permanent visas only. Keep a copy of the temporary visa. |

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| Tasmanian State Sponsored skilled migrant visa holders | <p>Is the visa a skilled or business visa?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Skilled migrants are eligible, business migrants are ineligible.</i> <p>Does the visa holder have a nomination letter from the Department of State Growth, Migration Tasmania?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>If there is no evidence of Tasmanian State Government sponsorship, applicants are ineligible.</i> • <i>If the applicant has lost their evidence, they should contact Migration Tasmania at https://www.migration.tas.gov.au/contact</i> | <p>Keep a copy of the visa.</p> <p>Keep a copy of sponsorship notification from the Department of State Growth.</p> |
| Dependent (aged over 18) of an eligible applicant | <p>When you search the visa category, it may state that the holder is a dependent of another visa holder.</p> <p>Dependents of the first four categories above are eligible for Tasmanian government subsidised training. Dependents under the age of 18 are eligible for study at Tasmanian Government schools.</p> | <p>Keep a copy of the visa and a copy, where relevant, of the primary visa holder's visa and other documentation.</p> |
| Partner (spouse) visa holder of an eligible applicant | <p>Partners of eligible primary applicants (visa categories above, 1-5) are eligible if they are on a temporary or permanent visa.</p> <p>Partners who are waiting for a visa decision and are on a bridging visa are ineligible until they receive a temporary or permanent spouse visa, <i>or</i> a visa as a spouse of a primary visa holder (categories 2-4).</p> <p><i>Note: Bridging visa holders are not eligible.</i></p> | <p>Keep a copy of the visa and the visa category of the primary visa holder.</p> |

Step 3

If the visa holder does not meet any of the categories in Step 2, they are ineligible for Tasmanian Government Subsidised Training.