

# Common Pathways to Permanent Residency

Short Term Temporary Visa

## WORKING HOLIDAY VISAS



Working Holiday and Tourist Visas are useful short term visas which may lead to further longer term visas in future.



## TOURIST VISAS



## STUDENT VISAS

Student Visas are a great way for visitors on Working Holiday or Tourist visas to extend their stay and obtain a useful skill whilst studying in Australia. Depending on the course of study, this may also lead to a longer term temporary visa (below).

Long Term Temporary Visa



## SPONSORED VISAS

### 457 Visa

The 457 Visa is a temporary sponsored visa which often leads to either the ENS or RSMS (below).



## SKILLED VISAS

### Graduate 485

A temporary visa for students who have completed at least 2 years of study in Australia and have competent English levels. Some students may also need to apply for a skills assessment in their occupation.

### Regional 489

A temporary points test based visa which is often utilized by applicants who cannot meet the points test pass mark for the 189 or 190 and obtain the Nomination of an Australian State/Territory or an eligible family member.



## FAMILY VISAS

### 820 Partner Visa

The 820 visa is generally the first of two visas granted when a combined partner visa application is made. It is a temporary visa allowing the holder to live and work in Australia.

Permanent Residency

### ENS 186

A permanent Sponsored visa with two streams available. A Transition Stream which utilizes the 457 visa above, or the Direct Entry stream which has distinct requirements.

### RSMS 187

A permanent Sponsored visa with two streams available to employers in regional areas which also has two streams. A Transition Stream which utilizes the 457 visa above, or the Direct Entry stream which has distinct requirements.

### Independent 189

A points test based permanent visa which also requires applicants to obtain a Migration Skills Assessment in their occupation.

### Nominated 190

A points test based permanent visa which requires the Nomination of an Australia State or Territory as well as Migration skills Assessment.

### Regional 887

A permanent visa available to 489 visa holders who have lived and worked in their nominated regional areas.

### 801 Partner Visa

The 801 permanent Partner visa will commonly be granted two years from the initial 820/801 combined application.