



This information is about applying to renew or rollover your Retirement visa.

Note: This visa is only granted on a temporary basis and allows stays in Australia of up to 4 years. It **does not** lead to permanent residence status or to Australian citizenship.

Who is eligible?

From 1 July 2005, to be eligible to apply for a Retirement visa, you must:

- be a current holder of such a visa; **OR**
- have previously held such a visa; **OR**
- claim to be the partner of a current/previous holder of such a visa.

'Partner' means your spouse or de facto partner (including same-sex partners).

Note: You are not eligible to apply if you have been granted a substantive visa (other than a Retirement visa) after your last Retirement visa ceased.

Requirements to be met for a second or subsequent Retirement visa

General requirements

You must be 55 years of age or more (if you are the principal applicant).

You (and your partner if applicable) must:

- have no dependent children or other dependent family members;
- have no intention of working full-time in Australia (Retirement visa holders in Australia are allowed to work up to 20 hours per week); and
- be of good character.

Health requirements:

You (and your partner if applicable) may be directed to undergo a medical examination and chest x-ray for the detection of active or latent tuberculosis or other public health risk conditions, depending on your travel and other circumstances. However, detection of tuberculosis will not result in visa refusal, merely treatment.

Health Insurance requirements:

You are required to hold adequate private medical and hospital health insurance cover for the entire time you are in Australia on a Retirement visa. This insurance cover does not have to be held with an Australian insurer – arrangements made in your home country may be assessed as being acceptable. You need to ensure your insurance will cover you (and your partner if applicable) at least to Medicare standards with no exclusions for pre-existing conditions.

The above does not apply if you are entitled to reciprocal Medicare (Australia's national health cover).

Note: In general, Retirement visa holders are not entitled to reciprocal Medicare.

Period of stay in Australia

If your application for a second or subsequent Retirement visa is approved, you will be allowed a further 4 year period of stay in Australia. If you choose to apply for a further Retirement visa, you will need to lodge your application prior to the expiry date of the Retirement visa that you hold at that time.

Integrity of application

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (the department) is committed to maintaining the integrity of the visa and citizenship programs. Please be aware that if you provide us with fraudulent documents or claims, this may result in processing delays and possibly your application being refused.

Lodgement of applications

ALL offshore and onshore applications for a Retirement visa must be lodged at:

Street address:

Perth Business Skills Processing Centre
Department of Immigration and Citizenship
Wellington Central
Level 3
836 Wellington Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Mail address:

Perth Business Skills Processing Centre
Department of Immigration and Citizenship
Locked Bag 7
NORTHBRIDGE WA 6865

Social Security

Holders of a Retirement visa are not entitled to Australian social security benefits.

Overseas travel

If granted a Retirement visa, you will be allowed unlimited travel in and out of Australia as long as the visa is valid.

Note: If your visa expires while you are overseas, obtaining a new Retirement visa may delay your return to Australia. **To preserve your Retirement visa holder status, you should not take up any other visa or travel authority.**

Purchasing property in Australia

Holders of Retirement visas may purchase property in Australia, but should first seek advice from:

The Executive Member
Foreign Investment Review Board
C/- Department of the Treasury
Langton Crescent
PARKES ACT 2600
AUSTRALIA

Telephone: 61 2 6263 3795

Fax: 61 2 6263 2940

Website: www.firb.gov.au