



Information for Second Stage Partner Visa Applicants – Visa Subclasses 801, 814, 100 and 110

Following a departmental decision to consolidate visa and citizenship processing into dedicated centres around Australia, most partner visa applications due for permanent visa assessment from 1 October 2008 will be processed in the department's ACT and Regions Office (ACTRO) in Canberra or in the department's Melbourne office. These arrangements will only apply to partner visa applications lodged with the department on or after 1 October 2006.

Applications lodged with the department before 1 October 2006 and due for permanent visa assessment will continue to be processed in your nearest state, territory or overseas office.

Where will my application be processed?

When you applied for your temporary partner visa, you also applied for your permanent partner visa. If you lodged your combined application at an immigration office overseas, the permanent component will be processed by the Canberra Second Stage Partner Processing Centre (CSSPPC), located in ACTRO. If you lodged your combined application in Australia, the permanent component will be processed by the Melbourne Second Stage Partner Processing Centre (MSSPPC), located in Melbourne.

The following table outlines the permanent visa you will be assessed for and the office where your application will be processed, based on the visa you currently hold:

Your current visa is:	You are applying for:	The office processing your application will be:
Partner (Temporary) (subclass 820)	Partner (Residence) (subclass 801)	MSSPPC
Spouse (Temporary) (subclass 820)	Spouse (Residence) (subclass 801)	MSSPPC
Interdependency (Temporary) (subclass 826)	Interdependency (Residence) (subclass 814)	MSSPPC
Partner (Provisional) (subclass 309)	Partner (Migrant) (subclass 100)	CSSPPC*
Spouse (Provisional) (subclass 309)	Spouse (Migrant) (subclass 100)	CSSPPC*
Interdependency (Provisional) (subclass 310)	Interdependency (Migrant) (subclass 110)	CSSPPC*

* If the CSSPPC determines that you are residing outside Australia at the time of assessment for your permanent partner visa, your application will be sent to your nearest Australian immigration office overseas for processing.

How to apply

When you lodged your temporary partner visa application, you also applied for a permanent visa. Your eligibility date for permanent partner visa assessment is, in most cases, two years after you lodged your

application. Some exceptions apply. For more details go to the department's website or download Booklet 1, *Partner Migration*, also available on the website.

See: <http://www.immi.gov.au/migrants/family/family-visas-partner.htm>

See: <http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/booklets/1127.pdf>

The office assessing your case will write to you shortly before your date of eligibility, asking you to supply all relevant information relating to your application. The letter and accompanying checklist will detail the requirements of the second stage partner visa application, including any necessary health or police clearances.

What happens next?

If you have received a letter from the department asking you to provide further documents, you should read the letter carefully and supply all requested information in the timeframe required.

If you believe your date of eligibility (generally two years after you have applied for your temporary partner visa) has passed and you have not heard from the department, you should contact the general enquiries line on 13 18 81 to confirm. If you have not provided the department with your current address, you may not have received the letter. It is important that the department is kept up-to-date with your contact details so you can be contacted about your second stage partner visa application if required.

Who to contact

If you receive a letter requesting further information to assess your eligibility for a permanent partner visa and have any questions about your application, you should contact the office listed in the letter and quote your file or client number (included in all correspondence from the department).

See:

http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/australia/processing-centres/canberra_second_stage_partner.htm

http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/australia/processing-centres/melbourne_second_stage_partner.htm

To contact ACTRO phone 1300 760 314.

To contact the Melbourne office phone 1300 760 421.

More information

More detailed information about second stage partner visa processing can be found in '*Frequently asked questions – second stage partner visa processing*', which is available on the department's website.

See: http://www.immi.gov.au/migrants/_pdf/faqs-2ndstage.pdf

You can also obtain information on second stage partner visa processing by contacting your nearest departmental office.

See: <http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/offices.htm>