



Frequently Asked Questions



Information for existing Subclass 422 Medical Practitioner Visa holders

1. I am currently the holder of a Subclass 422 visa. Does this change affect me?

As an existing holder of a Subclass 422 visa, you will not need to apply for a new visa until your current Subclass 422 visa expires. On expiration of your visa, you will need to lodge an application for a Subclass 457 visa should you wish to continue to work in Australia on a temporary basis.

2. I am currently the holder of a Subclass 422 visa. Should I transfer to a Subclass 457 visa now?

As an existing holder of a Subclass 422 visa, you will not need to apply for a new visa until your current Subclass 422 visa expires. The same conditions apply to Subclass 457 visa holders as those that currently apply to Subclass 422 visa holders, so there is no benefit in switching to the Subclass 457 visa while your Subclass 422 visa is still in effect.

3. I am currently holder of a Subclass 422 visa and my dependants are still offshore. How do I get them here?

After 1 July 2010, holders of primary Subclass 422 visas still have the ability to sponsor dependant family members to join them in Australia. Applications from dependants of primary subclass 422 visa holders will continue to be lodged with the Department's Centres of Excellence. These applications will be processed as usual. If granted, these visas will have the same expiry date as that of the primary visa holder.

4. I lodged a Subclass 422 visa application prior to 1 July 2010 and my application has still not been finalised. Should I withdraw my application and lodge an application for a Subclass 457 visa?

As you lodged your application with the department prior to 1 July 2010, your application for a Subclass 422 visa will continue to be processed, so there is no need for you to lodge an application for a Subclass 457 visa.

5. The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) website suggests that if I do not hold national registration from 1 July 2010, I am not registered to practice in Australia. Is this true?

Unfortunately, the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) is not responsible for setting the licensing and registration requirements for doctors who want to practice in Australia.

Please contact AHPRA directly to discuss your registration requirements from 1 July 2010.

See: <http://www.ahpra.gov.au/index.php>