

Pacific Engagement Visas

The Subclass 192 Pacific Engagement stream visa (PEV) allows people from some Pacific countries and Timor-Leste to become permanent residents. There are two steps involved.

Step 1 – The ballot

The first step is to **REGISTER FOR THE PEV BALLOT**. You can do this if you are a **CITIZEN OF A PEV COUNTRY**: Federated State of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, or Vanuatu.

You or your parents must also have been **BORN IN** one of these Pacific countries, Australia or New Zealand.

You must not be a citizen of New Zealand.

You also must be **AGED 18-45** when the ballot for your country opens.

The ballot opens for each country on rotation. You can register when it opens for your country. See the ballot statuses [here](#).

When you register for the ballot, you should:

- Be careful to put true and accurate information about yourself
- Include your partner and your dependent children

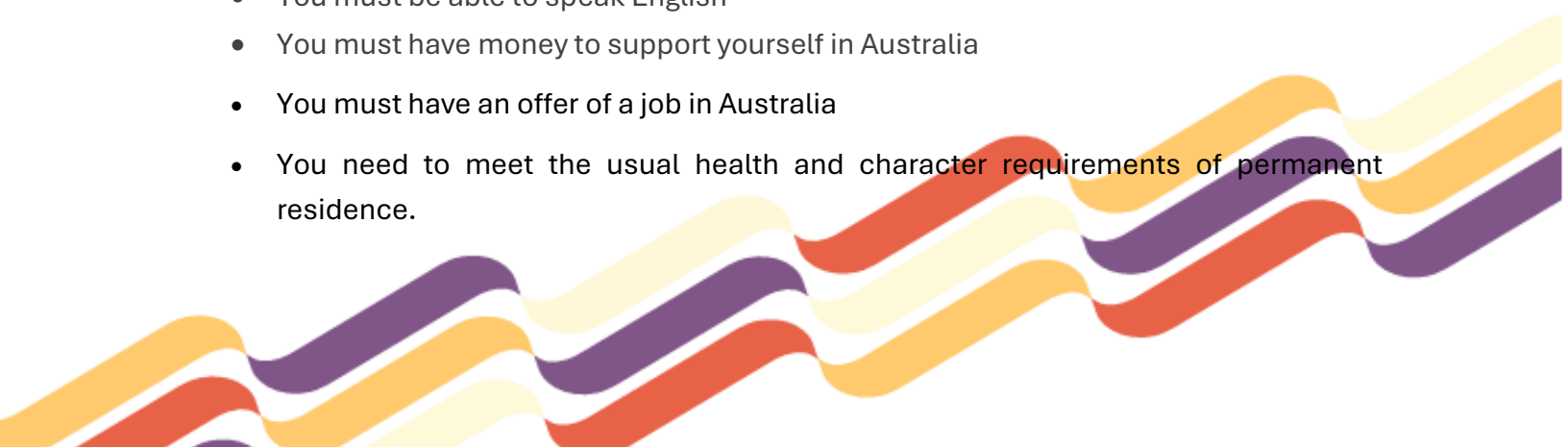
It costs \$25 to register in the ballot.

Step 2 – Applying for the visa

If you are selected in the ballot, Home Affairs will tell you that you can apply for a PEV.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

You still need to meet the visa requirements to get the visa.

- You must be able to speak English
 - You must have money to support yourself in Australia
 - You must have an offer of a job in Australia
 - You need to meet the usual health and character requirements of permanent residence.
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If you need help finding a job, the [Pacific Engagement Support Service](#) in your country can help you.

INSIDE OR OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA

You can be inside Australia or outside when you apply. If you are inside Australia, you must hold a substantive visa or a bridging visa A, B or C.

However, if you have been refused a visa since you last entered Australia, including a protection visa, you must be outside Australia when you apply.

MAKING THE APPLICATION

When Home Affairs tells you that you were selected in the ballot, you will be able to apply for the visa through an [ImmiAccount](#). You will have to apply for the visa using the same passport as you used for the ballot.

Home Affairs will also give you a deadline, which is **120 days** from the date you were selected. **YOU MUST APPLY FOR THE VISA BEFORE THAT DATE.**

Make sure that you **INCLUDE ALL YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS** – your partner and dependent children in the application. This is important because you cannot add family members later if someone is left off. If you are pregnant, you need to say that in the application. You will then be able to add your baby after they are born.

Be careful to provide **TRUE AND ACCURATE INFORMATION**. You will also need to submit a copy of the biodata page of your passport.

What can you do on a PEV

If you are granted a PEV, you will be allowed to stay in Australia indefinitely. You will also be able to leave Australia and return for 5 years. After 5 years, you will need a Resident Return Visa to come back to Australia if you have not become an Australian citizen.

When you arrive in Australia, you can get support from the [Settlement Engagement and Transition Support Program](#) and the [Adult Migrant English Program](#). You will also have access to Medicare and other services as a permanent resident.

This factsheet is general information not legal advice. You should always speak to a lawyer before applying for a visa, sponsoring someone or doing anything that might affect your immigration status. Last updated 3 September 2026.

