



FACILITATION NOTICE - FOR SKILLED MIGRATION VISAS HOLDERS

This information is only for holders of one of the following Skilled visas

- Skilled Independent (subclass 189)
- Skilled Nominated (subclass 190)
- Skilled Regional (subclass 489)
- Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491)
- Skilled Work (subclass 887)
- Global Talent / Distinguished Talent (subclasses 124 and 858)

If you were outside Australia when you were granted one of the above Skilled visas then your visa grant was subject to visa Condition 8504 which provides that:

The holder must enter Australia as the holder of the visa to which the condition applies before a date specified by the Minister.

This condition requires that each visa holder must make their first entry into Australia before the **“For first entry, arrive by”** date specified in the “Grant Notification” letter.

Skilled Migration is aware there will be circumstances when you and/or family members (who were granted a visa as part of your application) may not be able to comply with this condition, for example due to global travel restrictions.

Generally we will not seek to cancel a Skilled Migration visa where the only reason for doing so would be breach of Condition 8504.

Visa Validity Period

If you are not able to make your first entry into Australia before the *“For first entry, arrive by”* date you can use this Notice when you travel to Australia during the validity period of your visa. Information about your visa validity period is specified in the “Grant Notification” letter, as the **“Must not arrive after date”**. Generally, visa holders will be permitted to make their first entry into Australia at any time before the **“Must not arrive after”** date.

We cannot extend the validity period of your visa, and if your Skilled visa ceases for any reason then you cannot use this notice to enter Australia as the holder of this visa.

Travelling to Australia

You should carry a copy of this notice when travelling. You may need to show it to your travel provider or the airline when checking in at the airport, and to the border officer on arrival in Australia.

This notice should be sufficient evidence for a travel provider to be satisfied that the visa holder can enter Australia as the holder of a Skilled Migration visa. If you show this letter to the airline, but still have a problem checking-in for your flight, ask the airline representative to contact the Australian Border Operations Centre (BOC) to resolve the issue.

Before arranging travel to Australia you should refer to the Department’s website for current information about travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. See: <https://covid19.homeaffairs.gov.au/>

You can only enter Australia while the visa mentioned above is valid. Information about your visa validity period is contained in your visa grant notification. You can check your visa details in VEVO: www.homeaffairs.gov.au/vevo

Children born outside of Australia

A child born outside of Australia (where neither parent is an Australian citizen) must hold an Australian passport or a valid visa before they can travel to Australia. For more information please refer to:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/change-in-situation/had-a-baby>