

Subclass 445 - Dependent Child Visa: Applicant Aged 18+ FACT SHEET

The subclass 445 - Dependent Child visa allows the dependent child of a permanent Partner visa applicant to travel to and/or remain in Australia until the parent's visa application is decided. If granted a subclass 445 - Dependent Child visa, the child must then apply to be added to their parent's permanent Partner visa application. The minimum requirements for a child who is 18 or older are as follows.

445 - DEPENDENT CHILD VISA: APPLICANT AGED 18+

Applicant (Dependent Child)

As the applicant, you must:

- be the child of an **'eligible visa holder'** (see 'Parent' requirements below)
- be **dependent on** the eligible visa holder. This means that you must:
 - be financially dependent on the eligible visa holder **OR**
 - have a disability that prevents you from working

NOTE: You must not have a spouse or de facto partner, or be engaged to be married.

Parent (Eligible Visa Holder)

Your parent must:

- be an **'eligible visa holder'**. This means that they must hold ONE of the following visas:
 - subclass 309 Partner (Provisional) visa
 - subclass 820 Partner visa
 - subclass 445 - Dependent Child visa
- be your biological parent (although an adoptive parent or step-parent MAY be eligible in certain circumstances)

Sponsor

You must be sponsored by the same person who sponsored your parent's permanent Partner visa application

APPLICATION PROCESS

The visa application is lodged with the Department of Home Affairs (the DOHA) on your behalf. The main criterion is that you, your parent and your sponsor fulfil the requirements referred to above. In addition, you must meet the standard health and character checks.

Please note that eligible siblings must lodge SEPARATE applications for this visa. This means that each sibling who lodges an application must pay the main applicant fee in their own right.

If the DOHA approves your application, you will be granted a visa that allows you to travel to or remain in Australia until your parent's permanent Partner visa application is decided.

Next Steps: Permanent Partner Visa Application (Subclass 100/801)

Once you have been granted a subclass 445 - Dependent Child visa, you **MUST** apply to be added to your parent's permanent Partner visa application as a dependent applicant. We can lodge this application on your behalf.

If you are not added to your parent's permanent Partner visa application before it is decided, you may become unlawful in Australia and/or lose your eligibility for a permanent visa.

PLEASE NOTE: We estimate that it may take several weeks to prepare and lodge this type of application, with the time taken largely dependent on how promptly you, your parent and your sponsor provide us with the necessary supporting information and documents.

The time that it takes the DOHA to process an application is dependent upon its processing time service standards, and may also vary due to a number of other factors, including the complexity of the case, perceived risk factors and processing priorities.

Please contact us for current information regarding likely processing timeframes for this type of application.

This Fact Sheet contains general information only. We strongly recommend that you seek specific guidance from us that is relevant to your circumstances before taking any further action.

Do you have additional questions regarding the subclass 445 - Dependent Child visa? Please feel free to contact us by email at support@dojolegal.com.au, or by phone on **+61 02 9138 0688** to arrange a paid consultation.

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