

Subclass 485 - Temporary Graduate Visa: Post-Higher Education Work Stream FACT SHEET

The Post-Higher Education Work stream of the subclass 485 - Temporary Graduate visa allows international students who have recently completed a degree in Australia to live and work in Australia on a temporary basis. The minimum requirements for the Post-Higher Education Work stream of this visa are set out below:

POST-HIGHER EDUCATION WORK STREAM

At the time that you **lodge your visa application**, you must:

- hold an **eligible student visa**, or have held an eligible student visa within the last 6 months
- meet **ONE** of the eligible qualification and age requirements listed below:
 - 1) Bachelor's & master's (coursework or extended) degree holders
 - within the last 6 months, you completed a **bachelor's degree** (with or without honours) **OR** a **master's degree** (by coursework) **OR** a **master's extended degree**, following at least 2 years of study in Australia **AND**
 - you are **under 36** years old
 - 2) Master's (research) & doctoral degree holders
 - within the last 6 months, you completed a **master's degree** (by research) **OR** a **doctoral degree**, following at least 2 years of study in Australia **AND**
 - you are **under 50** years old

Note: A graduate diploma MAY also be considered an eligible qualification for this purpose IF you commenced it in the same (or next) academic year that you completed one of the qualifications listed above, and the field of study relates to your earlier qualification
- have the required level of **English proficiency** i.e.
 - hold a valid passport issued by the UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand or the Republic of Ireland (and you are a citizen of that country) **OR**
 - an IELTS overall test score of at least 6.5 (with a minimum of 5.5 in EACH test component) **OR**
 - an OET test score of at least B in EACH test component **OR**
 - a TOEFL iBT overall test score of at least 83 (with a minimum of 7 for listening, 8 for reading, 16 for speaking and 18 for writing) **OR**
 - a PTE Academic overall test score of at least 57 (with a minimum of 43 for listening, 48 for reading, 42 for speaking and 51 for writing) **OR**
 - a Cambridge C1 Advanced test score of at least 176 (with a minimum of 162 in EACH test component)

NOTE: In each case, the test must have been undertaken within the 12 months PRIOR to lodging the visa application.
- have made adequate arrangements for **health insurance** during your stay in Australia, and meet the relevant **health and character criteria**

APPLICATION PROCESS

Before lodging your visa application, you must apply for an Australian Federal Police clearance and provide any other required information and supporting documents. Once you have taken these steps, we will prepare your visa application and lodge it with the Department of Home Affairs (the DOHA) for assessment. The main criterion is that you meet the requirements referred to above. You must also be in Australia when your application is lodged.

Should your application be successful, you will be granted a visa allowing you to live and work in Australia on a temporary basis. You may be either in Australia or outside Australia when your visa is granted.

Visa Period

This visa is valid for between two and four years, based on the level of your Australian qualification:

- Bachelor's degree: up to TWO years
- Master's (coursework or extended) degree: up to TWO years
- Master's (research) or doctoral degree: up to THREE years

NOTE: Indian nationals remain eligible for stays of up to three years for holders of a bachelor's degree with first class honours in STEM (including ICT) OR a master's degree (coursework, research or extended), and stays of up to four years for holders of a doctoral degree.

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

The time that it takes the DOHA to process your application is dependent upon its processing time service standards, and may also vary due to a number of other factors, including the complexity of your 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 485 - Temporary Graduate 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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