

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/441) PROGRAMME –

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What is the length of stay granted by the family reunion visa?

Is it a pathway to permanent residency/citizenship?

Are people who have already been granted permanent protection affected by this directive?

If yes, what was the reason for the retrospective application of this directive?

What about people who have already paid the fee and are awaiting for an outcome whom this directive affects?

Will they get a refund?

If not, why?

How much is the fee?

Answer:

Visas in the Family stream of the Migration Programme offer pathways to permanent residence and Australian citizenship, although there may be an initial period of provisional temporary residence (for example, many partner migrants have provisional residence for two years following their initial application).

Under Direction 62 lowest processing priority is given to applicants sponsored by a person who arrived in Australia as an illegal maritime arrival, including where a permanent protection visa was granted prior to the Direction being made. The Direction is one of the measures implemented by the Australian Government aimed at deterring people from arriving illegally in Australia by boat.

There is no provision to refund a visa application charge on the basis of a measure such as Direction 62, even if the application is withdrawn.

The Visa Application Charge (VAC) paid by any applicant for a family stream visa is dependent on the date and place the application is made and the number of dependants included in the application. The key charges are listed at Attachment A, and further information can be found at

www.immi.gov.au/Help/Pages/fees-charges/visa.aspx.

Attachment A: Common visa costs per person (as at 22 December 2014)

Visa Subclass	Primary Applicant	Additional Applicant – 18 and over	Additional Applicant – under 18
PARTNER			
Partner (subclass 309/100) 1 st instalment	\$3085	\$1545	\$770
Prospective marriage (subclass 300) 1 st instalment	\$3085	\$1545	\$770
Partner (subclass 820/801) 1 st instalment	\$4575	\$2290	\$1145
CHILD			
Child (subclass 101) 1 st instalment	\$2370	\$1185	\$595
Child (subclass 802) – applicant in Australia 1 st instalment	\$3520	\$1760	\$880
Orphan relative (subclass 117 or 837) 1 st instalment	\$1450	\$725	\$365
Adoption (subclass 102) 1 st instalment	\$2370	\$1185	\$595
Dependent child (subclass 445) 1 st instalment	\$2370	\$1185	\$595
PARENT			
Parent (migrant) (subclass 103) 1 st instalment	\$2370	\$1185	\$595
2 nd instalment	\$2065	\$2065	\$2065
TOTAL	\$4435	\$3250	\$2660
Aged parent (residence) (subclass 804) 1 st instalment	\$3520	\$1760	\$880
2 nd instalment	\$2065	\$2065	\$2065
TOTAL	\$5585	\$3825	\$2945
Contributory parent (migrant) (subclass 143) 1 st instalment	\$3520	\$1185	\$595
2 nd instalment	\$43 600	\$43 600	\$2095
TOTAL	\$47 120	\$44785	\$2690
Contributory parent (temporary) (subclass 173) 1 st instalment	\$2370	\$1185	\$595
2 nd instalment	\$29 130	\$29 130	\$2095
TOTAL	\$31 500	\$30 315	\$2690
173 visa holder applying for a Contributory parent (migrant) (subclass 143) 1 st instalment	\$325	\$165	\$80
2 nd instalment	\$19 420	\$19 420	Nil
TOTAL	\$19 745	\$19 585	\$80
Combined total for a two-stage process	\$51 245	\$49 900	\$2770

Contributory aged parent (residence) (subclass 864)			
1 st instalment	\$3520	\$1760	\$880
2 nd instalment	\$43 600	\$43 600	\$2095
TOTAL	\$47 120	\$45 360	\$2975
Contributory aged parent (temporary) (subclass 884)			
1 st instalment	\$3520	\$1760	\$880
2 nd instalment	\$29 130	\$29 130	\$2095
TOTAL	\$32 650	\$30 890	\$2975
884 visa holder applying for Contributory aged parent (residence) (subclass 864)			
1st instalment	\$325	\$165	\$80
2nd instalment	\$19 420	\$19 420	Nil
TOTAL	\$19 745	\$19 585	\$80
Combined total for a two-stage process	\$52 395	\$50 475	\$3055
OTHER FAMILY			
Aged dependent relative (subclass 114)			
1 st instalment	\$2370	\$1185	\$595
2 nd instalment	\$2065	\$2065	\$2065
TOTAL	\$4435	\$3250	\$2660
Remaining relative (subclass 115)			
1 st instalment	\$2370	\$1185	\$595
2 nd instalment	\$2065	\$2065	\$2065
TOTAL	\$4435	\$3250	\$2660
Carer (subclass 116)			
1 st instalment	\$1450	\$725	\$365
2 nd instalment	\$2065	\$2065	\$2065
TOTAL	\$3515	\$2790	\$2430
Aged dependent relative (subclass 838)			
1 st instalment	\$3520	\$1760	\$880
2 nd instalment	\$2065	\$2065	\$2065
TOTAL	\$5585	\$3825	\$2945
Remaining relative (subclass 835)			
1 st instalment	\$3520	\$1760	\$880
2 nd instalment	\$2065	\$2065	\$2065
TOTAL	\$5585	\$3825	\$2945
Carer (subclass 836)			
1 st instalment	\$1450	\$725	\$365
2 nd instalment	\$2065	\$2065	\$2065
TOTAL	\$3515	\$2790	\$2430

- 1) There is no 2nd instalment of the visa application charge for Partner and Child visa categories.
- 2) The amount of visa application charge that an applicant must pay to apply for and be granted a visa depends on the Migration Act 1958, Migration Regulations 1994 and the applicant's circumstances. Because of the complexity of that legislation, this table sets out only the amounts that most applicants must pay in order to apply for and be granted a visa.
- 3) The 1st instalment is payable when the application is made.
- 4) The 2nd instalment is payable before the visa is granted.