



## Australian Department of Immigration & Citizenship (DIAC)

### Official Average Processing Times for New Applications - Correct as at 1st November 2010

*Warning: Please note that the processing times below are provided as an indication only and are subject to change at any time without prior notification. Please contact your Registered Migration Agent for an update.*

#### General Skilled Migration visas - (Lodged in Australia)

DIAC will process visa applications according to the following categories; (highest priority listed first):

Priority	Type of Applicant	Visa subclasses	Processing Time
1 <sup>st</sup>	Applications from people who are <b>Employer Sponsored</b> (under the ENS or RSMS).	119,120,121	5 to 7 months
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Applications from people who are <b>State or Territory Nominated</b> with a nominated occupation specified on that state/territory's State Migration Plan.	176,475	12 months
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Applications from people who have nominated an occupation on the new Skilled Occupation List (SOL) – Schedule 3 - in effect from 1 July 2010.	175,176, 475 (family-sponsored)	18 to 24 months
4 <sup>th</sup>	All other applications to be processed in the order in which they are received.	Approximately 6 months wait before processing starts.	

#### Business Visas - (Lodged at the Perth Offshore Centre)

Including: Business Owner Subclass 160, Senior Executive Subclass 161, Investor Subclass 162, State/Territory-Sponsored Business Owner Subclass 163, State/Territory-Sponsored Senior Executive Subclass 164 and State/Territory-Sponsored Investor Subclass 165

Processing Time = 9 to 15 months

Family Visas	Visa subclasses	2010-11 Planned Places	ProcessingCentre	Processing Time
*Partner (lodged in Aus.)	801	42,000	Melbourne	6 to 8 months
*Partner (lodged overseas)	100		Brisbane	6 to 8 months
Prospective Marriage	300			5 to 10 months
^Child (lodged overseas)	101/102/117/445	3,300	eg. Berlin*	3 to 10 months
^Child (lodged in Aus.)	802/837/445			6 to 7 months
# Contributory Parent	173/143/884/864	7,500		2 years*
(Non-contributory) Parent	103/804	1,000		20-25 years

For Partner visas - UK applications lodged in **London** – average processing time = 5 to 6 months

For Partner / Child visas – applications lodged in **Berlin** – average processing times as in above table

**Berlin** processes Family Visa applications (incl. Prospective Marriage (300) and Provisional Partner (309, 310) for residents of the following countries: Albania, Andorra, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Sweden, Switzerland and Vatican City

\* Partner (permanent) visa (801) applications are accepted 2 years after the date that clients lodged their Spouse/Partner (temporary) visa (820) applications

^ Any **children** not included in the initial Partner visa application must be the holder of a Dependent Child (445) visa to be added to your Partner (permanent) application. This must be done before a decision is made on your Partner (permanent) visa application. Failure to do so may result in the child becoming unlawful if they are in Australia. A child cannot be added to your Partner (permanent) visa application after it has been decided.

# Applicants for **Contributory Parent** category visas should note that processing times can vary - so applicants must ensure they have funds available for the second visa application charge at all times in the application process, as payment may be required at an earlier date than was originally anticipated at the time of visa application lodgement.

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