



# Four Corners

## Australian Department of Immigration & Citizenship (DIAC) - Official Average Processing Times

Correct as at 1st October 2009

*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. (The following processing times are based on 50% of applicants receiving their visas in the time indicated)  
Please contact your registered Migration Agent for an update.*

**General Skilled Migration visa classes** - (Lodged at Adelaide Skilled Processing Centre, ASPC)

- a) with occupation on the Critical Skills List, CSL = 12 months
- b) without occupation on the CSL = 36 months

**Employer-sponsored visa classes** - (Lodged in the relevant Centre of Excellence)  
Including: Regional Skilled Migration Scheme 119, Labour Agreement 120, Employer Nomination Scheme 121.  
Processing Time = 2 to 4 months

**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 12 months

### Family Visas

For permanent residence applicants resident in the following countries, applying under the Family Visa stream, the Immigration Office assigned to your case and the average processing times are specified in the following table:

Family Stream	United Kingdom	Germany *	New Zealand
Parent Category Subclass 103	Perth 10-15 years	Perth 10-15 years	Perth 10-15 years
Contributory Parent Subclass 143	Perth 18-24 months	Perth 18-24 months	Perth 18-24 months
Spouse Subclass 100(1)	London 6-8 weeks	Berlin 1-5 months	Auckland 6-8 weeks
Spouse Provisional Subclass 309	London 6-8 weeks	Berlin 1-5 months	Auckland 6-8 weeks
Prospective Marriage	London 6-8 weeks	Berlin 1-5 months	Auckland 6-8 weeks

*\* Note: Berlin processes family migration applications (including Prospective Marriage subclass 300 and Spouse Provisional subclasses (309, 310) for residents of the following countries:*

*Andorra, Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Sweden, Switzerland and Vatican City.*

For more information on visa processing times, on application preparation times, on visa class definitions and for assistance with all your visa matters, please contact

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