

Subclass 870 - Sponsored Parent (Temporary) Visa FACT SHEET

The purpose of the subclass 870 - Sponsored Parent (Temporary) visa is to allow the parents of Australian citizens, permanent residents and eligible New Zealand citizens to reside in Australia temporarily for up to ten years (cumulatively). The minimum requirements for this visa are as follows:

SPONSORED PARENT (TEMPORARY) VISA REQUIREMENTS

Visa Applicant

As the visa applicant, you must:

- Be the biological, adoptive, step-parent or parent in-law of your approved 'Family Sponsor' (see below)
- be at least 18 years of age
- have a genuine intention to remain temporarily in Australia
- have sufficient funds for your intended period of stay in Australia
- meet health and character requirements, including previous visa compliance
- have adequate health insurance for your stay in Australia and
- have no outstanding Australian public health debts

Australian Family Sponsor

Your Australian family sponsor must:

- be an Australian citizen, or a permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen who has been usually and lawfully resident in Australia for at least 4 years prior to the sponsor application
- be at least 18 years old, and willing to sponsor your application
 - Note: Your sponsor must be your, or your spouse's / defacto partner's, biological, adoptive or step child or their spouse / defacto partner
- only sponsor two parents at any one time
- not have a spouse or defacto partner that is also a current parent sponsor or a past parent sponsor who has breached the sponsor obligations
- have a minimum, annual household taxable income of at least AUD83,454.80 (subject to annual indexation); the sponsor's taxable income must be at least 50% of the threshold amount if using combined household incomes
- have no debts to the Commonwealth or outstanding public health debts, including the sponsor's spouse or defacto partner
- meet character requirements
- comply with certain obligations

SPONSORSHIP OBLIGATIONS

Persons who are approved as subclass 870 - Sponsored Parent (Temporary) visa applicant sponsors **MUST** comply with certain obligations imposed by the Department of Home Affairs (the DOHA) including:

- agreeing to disclose the sponsor's criminal or family violence history or conviction to the sponsored parent prior to sponsorship approval
- being financially responsible for any outstanding public health debts incurred by the sponsored parent before they depart Australia or are granted a permanent visa, including aged care services
- financially supporting the sponsored parent and providing the sponsored parent with accommodation while they are in Australia from the date the subclass 870 - Sponsored Parent (Temporary) visa is granted until the visa ceases to be in effect and the sponsored parent has left Australia or, the sponsored parent is granted another type of visa to remain in Australia
- keeping and providing records, such as taxable income when requested by the DOHA from the start of the sponsorship and ending 2 years after the sponsorship ceases
- notifying the DOHA within 28 days of when certain events occur e.g. any changes to the information provided in the sponsorship application, if the sponsor is charged with or convicted of an offence or becomes the subject of an Apprehended Violence Order or similar, incurs an overdue debt to the Commonwealth, or the subclass 870 - Sponsored Parent (Temporary) visa holder dies
- agreeing to the DOHA sharing their personal information with other Commonwealth and State and Territory agencies in relation to sponsor obligation breaches or false or misleading information provided in sponsorship application

Failure to comply with these obligations may result in sanctions which could include financial penalties, sponsorship bars and visa cancellations, depending on the scale and severity of the breach(es).

Please contact our office for further information, including a full list of sponsorship obligations.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Your subclass 870 - Sponsored Parent (Temporary) visa application is lodged with the DOHA on your behalf. The main criterion is that you and your Australian family sponsor meet the requirements referred to above. You must lodge your visa application *within 6 months* of the family sponsorship approval.

When the DOHA is ready to approve your application and grant your visa, you will be asked to pay your second visa application charge. The length of the visa requested will determine the amount of the second visa application charge. You must be outside Australia at the time the visa application is lodged (unless otherwise permitted by the Minister). You may be either in or outside of Australia at the time your visa is granted. The initial visa is valid for either three or five years (depending on what period of stay was applied for) and does not generally permit work in Australia.

Next Steps

You may apply for further subclass 870 - Sponsored Parent (Temporary) visas, provided you and your family sponsor continue to meet the relevant requirements and the total period of stay does not exceed 10 years. You must be outside of Australia for at least 90 consecutive days before lodging another subclass 870 - Sponsored Parent (Temporary) visa application. You are not able to lodge other types of parent visa applications whilst in Australia as a subclass 870 - Sponsored Parent (Temporary) visa holder.

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 (and your sponsor, if applicable) 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.

Coral Coast Migration Service Estimate of Fees and Charges for a Subclass 870 - Sponsored Parent (Temporary) Visa

FEES ¹			
A. DOHA Visa Application Charges	Amount	DOHA Surcharge 1.32%²	Total
Sponsorship Application Fee	\$420.00	\$5.54	\$425.54
Visa Application Charge – EACH Applicant	\$1000.00	\$ 13.20	\$1013.20
B. DOHA Visa Grant Charges (<i>payable prior to visa grant</i>)			
3 Year Visa Grant Charge – EACH Applicant OR	\$4000.00	\$52.80	\$4052.80
5 Year Visa Grant Charge – EACH Applicant	\$9000.00	\$118.80	\$9118.80
C. Our Professional Fees	Amount	GST	Total
Base Professional Fee Sponsorship Application	TBA	Plus GST	TBA
Base Professional Fee Visa Application	TBA	Plus GST	TBA

The professional fee quoted above is indicative for preparation of a standard application. Additional charges apply for services such as medical reports, police clearances and translations of any documents that you provide that are not written in English.

Do you have additional questions regarding Family Sponsor requirements or the subclass 870 - Sponsored Parent (Temporary) visa? Please feel free to contact us by email at info@ccms.net.au, or by phone on **07 40541485**.

¹ The fees and charges referred to in this table cover the subclass 870 - Sponsored Parent (Temporary) visa application process only. We are able to provide further migration advice and assistance should you later wish to apply for another type of Parent visa. Please contact us if you would like further details.

² The DOHA applies a surcharge to application charges paid by credit/debit card or PayPal. The surcharge is a percentage of the total amount of application charges payable, and is based on the payment method used.

The applicable surcharge for our payment method (Visa/Mastercard) is 1.32% of the relevant application charges. The exact amount will be calculated at the time of lodging your application, and you will be asked to confirm the total before paying. Please note that the surcharge amount may be rounded to the nearest dollar, in accordance with our payment policy.