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Introduction

Who should read this

If you're interested moving to Australia and would like some insights on the process, this guide is for you!

About the author

I was living in the US for most of my life before becoming disillusioned and migrating to Australia. I did not have the money to pay for a migration agent so I had to do all the paperwork myself and I thought I would share my experience to help others in the same boat. This book is a work in progress and I welcome any comments or questions at turianraider[at]gmaildotcom.

Legal Stuff

I'm not a migration agent. The contents of this guide are intended for general informational use only and do not constitute individual legal advice for your personal circumstances. Information within is subject to change at any time. I cannot accept responsibility for any errors or omissions. Because Australian immigration law changes regularly, it is best to consult a registered migration agent or check with the Department of Home Affairs as the source of truth.

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Pathways to Entry

Skill Visas

Australia publishes a Skilled Occupation List(SOL) that comprises a number of in demand professions. Immigrants who can demonstrate that they have the skills needed for these professions will be eligible to apply via these visas.

These visas allow the applicant to work and reside for a few years up to Permanent Residency. Application requirements are high.

Work Visas

This is available for applicants who have found an employer willing to sponsor them. The work visa is a temporary visa but allows a transition to permanent residency. The application requirements are high but mostly on the employer side. It is very unlikely a small employer can afford the legal resources to get this done.

Working Holiday Visas

These will allow young applicants to temporarily visit for 1+ years. As of this writing, a 3rd year extension is available to some applicants.

Application requirements are low. Only citizens of some countries are eligible to apply.

Student Visas

If the applicant has been accepted to an Australian educational institute, this allows them to study and work part time.

The application requirements are relatively low not considering the requirements of getting accepted to the school.

Partner Visa

Australia allows married partners and those in de-facto relationships to apply for a partner visa. The application requirements are very high, mostly to prove that the relationship is real.

General Documentation Requirements

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