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Permanent and temporary migration: a quick guide to key internet links

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This Quick Guide provides key internet links to information about:

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Note: Administrative Arrangements announced on 18 September 2013 have altered departmental responsibility for settlement and multicultural affairs. Therefore, links to the Australian Government websites listed below may have changed as new arrangements take effect.

Note: A separate immigration quick guide is available for [Humanitarian entrants and asylum seekers](#).

General immigration resources

- The [Department of Immigration and Border Protection](#) (DIBP) has responsibility for managing and reporting on entry, stay and departure arrangements for non-citizens, citizenship, ethnic affairs and customs and border control, providing a large array of statistical, research and policy-related information.
- The [Department of Social Services](#) has responsibility for [settlement and multicultural affairs](#), including Humanitarian Settlement Services, Settlement Grants Program, Complex Case Support, Diversity and Social Cohesion Program, Multicultural Arts and Festivals Grants, and the Building Multicultural Communities Program.
- The [Department of Industry and Science](#) has responsibility for the [Adult Migrant English Program](#) (AMEP).

- The [Australian Bureau of Statistics](#) collects national and regional data along with select data from DIBP.
- [Tourism Australia](#) also releases research and statistics including visitor arrivals data, research reports and fact sheets.
- The [Migration Institute of Australia](#) produces various reports, research and submissions on issues relevant to Registered Migration Agents (RMAs) and other migration professionals.
- The [Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority](#) (MARA) is an advisory board to consider and provide advice in relation to migration agents.
- The [Parliamentary Library](#) offers research briefs and general distribution publications on current legislation and on a wide range of other issues of interest to the Parliament including immigration.
- The [Productivity Commission](#) produces research and advice on a range of economic, social and environmental issues affecting the welfare of Australians including immigration.
- The [Fair Work Ombudsman](#) offers a single point of contact to get accurate and timely information about Australia's workplace relations system.
- The [Joint Standing Committee on Migration](#) was established by a resolution of the House of Representatives and the Senate and conducts inquiries on migration-related issues.
- The [Migration Act 1958](#) underpins migration policy in Australia.

Broad Overview of Immigration

- For a broad overview of Australian immigration, the Parliamentary Library offers the following publications:
 - [The immigration debate in Australia: from Federation to World War One](#)
 - [Migration to Australia since Federation: a guide to the statistics](#)
 - [Skilled migration: temporary and permanent flows to Australia](#)
 - [Skilled migration flows to Australia](#)
- The following DIBP fact sheets and publications provide summaries across immigration matters:
 - [Immigration: the background](#)
 - [Key facts about immigration](#)
 - [Immigration research](#)
 - [More than 65 Years of post-war migration](#)
 - [Immigration: Federation to century's end: 1901–2000](#)
 - [Abolition of the 'White Australia' Policy](#)
- [Online forms](#) contain visa information and requirements.
- [Annual reports](#) provide information and statistics and report on program outcomes.
- [LEGENDcom](#) is the migration law database on DIBP's website.
- DIBP issues [media releases](#) across a range of emerging immigration matters.
- DIBP publishes [statistics](#) including arrivals and departures, permanent and temporary migration program matters.
- The [Australian Bureau of Statistics](#) is Australia's official statistical organisation.

Permanent Migration

- DIBP statistics and fact sheets on Australia's Migration Program include:
 - [Migration Program statistics](#)
 - [Historical migration statistics](#)
 - [Longitudinal Survey of Immigrants to Australia](#)
 - [Migration Program planning levels](#)

- [Managing the Migration Program](#)
- DIBP publishes [reports on the Migration Program](#) including [the Report on Migration Program 2013–14](#)
- Since 2009, DIBP has been collecting data from surveys of migrants in the [Continuous Survey of Australia's Migrants](#) to identify labour market outcomes. [A fact sheet](#) outlining the survey is also available.

Skilled

- DIBP fact sheets on Australia's Skill Stream of the Migration Program include:
 - [Overview of skilled migration to Australia](#)
 - [Priority processing for skilled migration visas](#)
 - [State-specific regional migration](#)
 - [Business migration](#)
 - [Migrant labour market outcomes](#)
- Recent departmental [research publications](#) on skilled migration and the economy include:
 - [The place of migrants in contemporary Australia—a summary report](#)
 - [Working papers on the dynamics of migration flows](#)
 - [Regional retention of migrants: critical success factors](#)
 - [Contribution of family migration to Australia](#)
 - [More than additions to population: the economic and fiscal impact of immigration](#)
 - [Colloquium on the economic and physical impacts of migration](#)
 - [Skilled migration selection policies: recent Australian reforms](#)
 - [How much do migrants account for the unexpected rise in the labour force participation rate in Australia over the past decade?](#)
 - [Competing for skills: migration policies and trends in New Zealand and Australia](#)
 - [Immigration, labour supply and per capita Gross Domestic Product: Australia 2010–2050](#)

Family

- DIBP offers a range of fact sheets on family migration including:
 - [Overview of family stream migration](#)
 - [Family stream migration: partners](#)
 - [Family stream migration: parent \(non-contributory\) visas](#)
 - [Family stream migration: other family](#)
 - [Family stream migration: child](#)
 - [Assurance of support](#)
 - [One-year relationship requirement for de facto partners](#)
 - [Adopting a child from outside Australia](#)
 - [International surrogacy arrangements](#)
 - [Processing priorities for family stream migration](#)
 - [Family violence provisions](#)
 - [Family stream migration: contributory parent category visas](#)
- The Parliamentary Library provides information on the Family Stream including [Immigration: we can choose our skills, but we can't choose our family](#).

Temporary migration

General

- The following provide a general overview of temporary migration and conditions in Australia:
 - [Visitor program statistics](#)
 - [Waiving 'no further stay' visa conditions](#)
 - [Australia's entry system for visitors](#)
 - [Sponsored family stream](#)
 - [The Electronic Travel Authority](#)

Temporary Work Visa (Subclass 457)

- DIBP fact sheets on Australia's Temporary Work Visa (457) Program include:
 - [Temporary entry: an overview](#)
 - [Temporary Work \(Skilled\) \(subclass 457\) visa](#)
 - [Temporary residence in Australia](#)
 - [Helping skilled and business people](#)
 - [Enterprise migration agreements](#)
 - [Regional migration agreements](#)
- DIBP offers regular [statistical reports](#) on the 457 program. Recent data includes [Temporary entrants in Australia \(stock data\) statistics](#).
- Recent Parliamentary Library briefings and publications provide an overview of the subclass 457 program: [Parliamentary Library Briefing Book: Temporary skilled migration](#) and [The subclass 457 visa: a quick guide](#).
- Parliamentary Library [Bills Digests](#) help to distil recent legislative and policy amendments, including the [Migration Amendment \(Temporary Sponsored Visas\) Bill 2013](#).

Students

- DIBP statistics and information on Australia's student programs include:
 - [Student visa and temporary graduate visa statistics](#)
 - [Obtaining a better understanding of the student and skilled graduate visa programs](#)
 - [Overseas students in Australia](#)
 - [Training and research visa](#)
- Parliamentary Library publications include:
 - [Strategic Review of the Student Visa Program](#)
- In 2011, the Australian Institute of Criminology investigated [crimes against international students in Australia: 2005–09](#).
- In 2011, the Government commissioned a [review](#) (The Knight Review) of Australia's student programs and provided a [response](#).

Working Holiday Makers

- DIBP fact sheets on Working Holiday Makers include:
 - [Working holiday visa program](#)
 - [Work and holiday visa program](#)
- Parliamentary Library publications include [Working Holiday Makers and Australia's hospitality and horticulture industries](#).

Other Temporary Visas

- other DIBP fact sheets include:
 - [Immigration Arrangements for Norfolk Island](#)
 - [New Zealanders in Australia](#)

Migration and Population

- Departmental publications on migration, population and sustainability, include:
 - [Population growth](#)
 - [Regional Net Overseas Migration – year ending June 2005 to 2017](#)
 - [The outlook for Net Overseas Migration—June 2013](#)
 - [Migration to Australia's states and territories, 2011–12](#)
 - [Population distribution effects of migration in Australia](#)
 - [Factors that influence skilled migrants locating in regional areas](#)
 - [Migration and population futures](#)
- DIBP also publishes [country profiles](#) using immigration data and [country rankings](#).
- [Citizenship facts and statistics](#) are available from DIBP including Citizenship Quarterly Reports.
- The Productivity Commission has also examined population issues in the context of migration including [A 'Sustainable' Population?—key policy issues](#), and [Population and migration: understanding the numbers](#).
- The [Australian Population Association](#) promotes population research and education, particularly in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region.

Multiculturalism

- Departmental publications and fact sheets include:
 - [Research into the current and emerging drivers for social cohesion, social division and conflict in multicultural Australia](#)
 - [Voices shaping the perspectives of young Muslim Australians](#)
 - [Australian Muslim Jobseekers: labour market experience, job readiness, and the relative effectiveness of employment support services](#)
 - [The people of Australia: Australia's multicultural policy](#)
 - [Life in Australia: Australian values](#)
 - [Abolition of the 'White Australia' Policy](#)
- The Department of Social Services produces [Community information summaries](#).
- Information on the Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia are available for:
 - NSW: [Multicultural NSW](#)
 - Vic.: [Victorian Multicultural Commission](#)
 - Qld: [Cultural Diversity Queensland](#)
 - WA: [Office of Multicultural Interests](#)
 - SA: [Multicultural SA](#)
 - Tas.: [Multicultural Council of Tasmania](#)
 - NT: [Multicultural Affairs](#)
 - ACT: [Community Services \(Multicultural\)](#)

International Links

- [United Nations Statistics Division](#) offers a vast array of statistical data on global issues including migration.
- [OECD: Demography and Population](#) has a range of data comparing population and migration between member countries.
- [International Organization for Migration \(IOM\)](#) is a leading international organisation working with migrants and governments on international responses to migration challenges.
- OECD [International Migration](#) monitors migration movements and policies in both member countries and outside the OECD, and undertakes analysis of the economic and social aspects of migration. Their publications include *Trends in International Migration* (available electronically via the Parliamentary Library [catalogue](#)).
- [European Research Centre On Migration and Ethnic Relations \(ERCOMER\)](#)
- [European Council on Refugees and Exiles](#)
- [Immigration New Zealand](#) provides [statistical information](#) from across the Tasman.
- Agencies managing migration in the UK include:
 - UK [Asylum and Immigration Tribunal](#)
 - UK [Visas and Immigration](#)
- Agencies managing migration in the USA include:
 - [Immigration and Customs Enforcement](#)
 - [Citizenship and Immigration Services](#) is based within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). This site also provides statistics, publications and information about various administrative and management functions and responsibilities now within the DHS that were once in the former Immigration and Naturalization Service.
 - [State Department – U.S. Visas](#)
 - [Migration Policy Institute](#)
 - [Center for Immigration Studies](#)
 - [US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants](#) (USCRI)
- [Citizenship and Immigration Canada](#) was established in 1994 to link immigration services with citizenship registration. [Citizenship and Immigration Canada: Research and Statistics](#) contains research plans, statistical reports, technical papers, statistical publications and email newsletters.

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