



## Parent Visas

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### A. Standard Parent Visa

The processing time for this type of visa is currently approximately 15 years as the visa class is capped with only 500 visas issued a year. In this case, a parent applies and, if they meet all the criteria, they are placed in a queue. When their visa comes to be decided (in approximately 15 years), they will have to sit their medicals again. If their health has deteriorated, they can still be refused at this late stage.

### B. Contributory Parent (Migrant) Visa

For this application, in addition to the standard DIAC application fee, there is a second application fee of AS\$34,330 per person. There is also an Assurance of Support Bond of \$10,000 for the main applicant and \$5000 for their spouse which is held for 10 years. This is reimbursed after 10 years. However, the first two application fees are not returned. The rationale for the high cost is that it will be a contribution to your parent's medical costs. Although the second fee is a very high – especially considering that it is per person applying – the benefit of this route is that the visa is processed in approximately 18 months and your parents will have Permanent Residence. This is good on two levels. Firstly, your parent arrives in Australia much sooner. Secondly, if their health was to deteriorate in the future – as can happen as people get older – it will not affect their application.

### C. Contributory Parent (Temporary) Visa

For this application, the second application fee is broken down into 2 parts. The first installment is AS\$20,595. The Assurance of Support Bond applies as above. In this case, your parent will be granted a temporary residence visa for 2 years which allows them to work in Australia. Application for Permanent Residence is then undertaken within those 2 years along with payment of the remainder of the second application fee. This second installment is currently AS\$13,730. The temporary residence visa is processed in approximately 12 months. The benefit to of this method is that payment of the high fees can be spread over a two year period.

