

Pacific Engagement Visa application factsheet 2024



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If you want to apply for the PEV, here is a summary of key information, *as of 30 May*.

Ballot

- Open from 3 June to 1 August 2024.
- Family members (partner and legally-dependent children) can be included in the application.
- Primary applicants must be aged 18 to 45, must be a citizen of one of the participating PEV countries (Fiji, FSM, Nauru, Palau, PNG, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu) and have been born in or had a parent born in one of these countries, or Australia, Kiribati, NZ, RMI or Samoa.
- Primary applicant needs a passport; other family members don't.
- Applications are made online via the Australian Department of Home Affairs' [ImmiAccount](#) and can be made from anywhere in the world.
- Applications cost A\$25 (whether or not family are included) with the fee to be paid online (e.g. by credit card).

After the ballot

Those applicants selected by ballot will be sent a “Notification of Selection” letter by the Australian Department of Home Affairs which will list an application expiry date, giving you 120 days (4 months) to:

- Get a job offer in Australia (the Australian government's free PEV Support Service will help you with job matching).
- Do a health check.
- Do a police check.
- Take an English language test. You will be exempt from this requirement if you: completed secondary school in your country; worked in or studied at the secondary level in Australia for a year; lived for a year in the US, UK, Canada or New Zealand; or undertake to improve your English in Australia via study.

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- Ensure all family members on the application have a passport.
- Show that you can support yourself for the first 12 months in Australia. Whether this requires more than a job offer remains to be seen.
- Apply for a visa (A\$325 per primary applicant, and A\$80 per family member).

The Pacific Engagement Visa Support Service has now launched a website at pev.gov.au. Follow the [Pacific Engagement Visa Facebook page](#) for updates to this website.

The Australian Department of Home Affairs website contains full details on the [PEV visa](#) and the [PEV ballot](#).

Go to this page on 3 June 2024 to get the link for your ballot application:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/pacific-engagement/ballot-registration/ballot-country-status>

See also our [previous PEV blogs](#).

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