

# Pacific Engagement Visa Factsheet 2025

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If you want to apply for a Pacific Engagement Visa (PEV) and come from a participating country in the Pacific Islands region, or from Timor-Leste, here is a summary of key information as of 15 August 2025.

## Ballot registration

- Open from 28 July to **25 August 2025**.
- Family members (partner and legally dependent children) can be included in the application.
- Primary applicants must be aged 18 to 45, be a citizen of one of the participating PEV countries (Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Nauru, Palau, PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga and Vanuatu) and have been born in or had a parent born in one of these countries or Australia or New Zealand.
- The 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. You also need [multi-factor authentication](#) (MFA) as an additional verification step.
- Ballot fee A\$25 (whether or not family are included) to be paid online (for example, by credit card).

## After the ballot

Applicants selected in the ballot will be sent a "Notification of Selection" letter by the Australian Department of Home Affairs which will explain next steps including the cut-off date to lodge the visa application and pay the visa fee.

You will have 120 days (four months) to lodge the visa application. You only require a passport to complete the initial lodgment step.

Other supporting documents like evidence of a job offer can be provided **AFTER** lodgment to complete the visa application process, include the following:

- Evidence of a formal 12-month job offer in Australia (the Australian government's free [PEV Support Service](#) will help you with job matching).

- Health check.
- Police clearance.
- English language test results. You will be exempted 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.
- Passport information for all the family members included in your ballot registration.
- Evidence that you are able to support yourself financially for the first 12 months after arrival — this requirement is listed separately, but in fact what you need is the job offer, which is then regarded as meeting this requirement.
- Payment of the visa fee (A\$335 per primary applicant, and A\$80 per family member).

The Pacific Engagement Visa Support Service has a website at [pev.gov.au](https://pev.gov.au). Follow the [Pacific Engagement Visa Facebook page](#) for further updates.

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

Go to this page to get the link to register in the ballot:

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

*You can hear an explanation of the 2025 ballot process on this recent [Devpolicy Talks podcast](#).*

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