

## Comparing Visa Entitlements

Entitlement	Permanent Residency	Pacific Engagement Visa	Falepili Treaty Visa	Unprotected Special Category Visa (NZ)	Australian Citizenship
Right to entry	<a href="#">For 5 years</a>	<a href="#">For 5 years</a>	<a href="#">Unlimited</a>	<a href="#">Unlimited (must reapply on arrival)</a>	Unlimited
Enrol in Medicare	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">After 6 months</a>	Yes
Enrol in NDIS	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	Yes
Family Tax Benefit A	<a href="#">After 1 year</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	Yes
Family Tax Benefit B	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	Yes
Child Care Subsidy	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	Yes
Can enrol in schools/universities/other tertiary education providers	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival (as international student)</a>	Yes
Can receive a Commonwealth-supported place at university or other higher education provider	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	Yes
Austudy	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	Yes
Youth Allowance	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">After 10 years, for a maximum of 6 months</a>	Yes
HECS-HELP	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">After 10 years of residency, and must have started residency under age of 18</a>	Yes
Vocational Student Loans	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	Yes

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Enrol in Adult Migrant English Program	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	N/A
JobSeeker payment	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">After 10 years, for a maximum of 6 months</a>	Yes
Commonwealth seniors health card	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	Yes
Ex-carer Allowance (child) health care card	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	Yes
Farm household allowance	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	Yes
Low-income health care card	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	Yes
Mobility allowance	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	Yes
Parenting payment (single and partnered)	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	Yes
Pensioner education supplement	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	Yes
Special benefit	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	Yes
Tertiary access payment	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	Yes
Carer Payment	<a href="#">After 2 years</a>	<a href="#">After 2 years</a>	<a href="#">After 2 years</a>	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	Yes
Dad and Partner Pay	<a href="#">After 2 years</a>	<a href="#">After 2 years</a>	<a href="#">After 2 years</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	Yes

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Parental Leave Pay	<a href="#">After 2 years</a>	<a href="#">After 2 years</a>	<a href="#">After 2 years</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	Yes
Newborn Upfront Payment and Newborn Supplement	<a href="#">After 1 year (must be eligible for Family Tax Benefit A)</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	Yes
Single Income Family Supplement	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	Yes
Double Orphan Pension	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	Yes
Foster Child Health Care Card	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	<a href="#">On arrival</a>	Yes
Carer Allowance	<a href="#">After 1 year</a>	<a href="#">After 1 year</a>	<a href="#">After 1 year</a>	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	Yes
Can apply for citizenship	<a href="#">After 4 years, including 1 year of permanent residency</a>	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">After 4 years</a>	<a href="#">After 4 years, including 1 year of holding the SCV</a>	N/A
Right to vote	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	Yes
Receive Australian passport	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	Yes
Work for Australian Government	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	Yes
Join the Australian Defence Force	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	<a href="#">Not eligible</a>	Yes
Can work in New Zealand	<a href="#">Yes (through Australian Resident Visa)</a>	<a href="#">Yes (through Australian Resident Visa)</a>	<a href="#">Yes (through Australian Resident Visa)</a>	Yes (as New Zealand citizen or permanent resident)	<a href="#">Yes (through Australian Resident Visa)</a>

Authors: Stephen Howes and Finn Clarke. Note: Waiting periods for permanent residents apply to visas granted from 1 January 2019 as this was when the [Newly Arrived Resident's Waiting Period](#) came into effect. In some cases, the matrix simplifies the requirements and entitlements. See the various links for more detail.