



EMPLOYER SPONSORED VISAS

AUSTRALIA

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How does the subclass 457 visa process work?

It is a 3 step process with the first 2 steps involving the employer more than the candidate. Firstly, the employer becomes a sponsor and then nominates the candidate for a position. The final step is for the candidate to apply for their visa.

How long does the process take?

Depending on the case load at DIAC the processing time can be from 4 – 6 weeks.

What documents are required for a 457 visa application?

Four Corners will provide a list of documents that will be required from the employing company e.g. job offer, job description, resume etc. Four Corners will also contact the candidate to collect their documents.

How long is the visa valid for?

A subclass 457 visa can be valid for up to 4 years. They can also be issued for a lesser period depending on the length of the contract.

Can any occupation/position be sponsored?

No. There is a gazetted list of occupations on which the position must be listed in order to be eligible for a 457 visa.

What happens when a candidate stops working for the business on a 457 visa?

You need to notify us within 5 days so that we can notify DIAC that the candidate is no longer working for you.

Can a candidate's spouse work on a 457 visa?

Yes they can. In fact, they have more freedom than the candidate in that they can change employers.

Will any candidate's children pay school fees on a 457 visa?

Yes, if the candidate is living in NSW or ACT, their children will be subject to school fees even at a government school. This amount is \$4500 per student per year for primary school and \$5500 for secondary school.

Can a candidate buy a house on a 457 visa?

Yes they can, but there are certain restrictions set down by the Foreign Investment Review Board. Candidates should contact Four Corners Emigration for more details on this.

Does a candidate have to take out private medical insurance on a 457 visa?

Yes they do, as they are temporary residents on this visa and thus not eligible for Medicare. Candidates should contact Four Corners for further advice on this matter.

Can a candidate be in Australia when a 457 visa is applied for and when it is issued?

The answer to this question depends on the type of passport the candidate is holding. If the country is an ETA approved country (e.g. UK, USA, Canada, Ireland), they can be either in Australia or outside Australia at the time of application and approval. If they are from a non-ETA country, whether or not they are able to remain for the processing of the application will depend on the conditions attached to their current visa. Please contact Four Corners with further questions on this issue.