

# TEMPORARY RESIDENTS PROGRAM

## Fact sheet - ImmiCards

Visa holders or non-visa holders who do not have, or cannot obtain, a passport recognised by the Australian government are issued an ImmiCard by the Australian Department of Home Affairs.

ImmiCards are official, secure immigration credentials that contain a photograph and personal details such as surname, given names, date of birth and gender.

Under the National Identity Proofing Guidelines, the ImmiCard is an official Commencement of Identity credential.

There are four versions of ImmiCards issued by the Department of Home Affairs. Each ImmiCard reflects a different visa status for the holder:

- The Evidence of Immigration Status ImmiCard (EIS ImmiCard)
- Australian Migration Status ImmiCard (AMS ImmiCard)
- Permanent Resident Evidence ImmiCard (PRE ImmiCard)
- Residence Determination ImmiCard (RDI ImmiCard)

From 1 July 2017, the number of ImmiCard versions was simplified from four card types down to two card types.

The Permanent Resident Evidence (PRE) and Residence Determination (RDI) ImmiCards are no longer issued to new applicants. Permanent Resident Evidence (PRE) and Residence Determination (RDI) ImmiCards issued before 1 July 2017 are still valid.

### Evidence of Immigration Status ImmiCard



Evidence of Immigration Status ImmiCards may be issued to holders of the following temporary resident visa subclasses:

- subclass 050 or 051 Bridging visa E granted to Illegal Maritime Arrivals
- subclass 070 Bridging (removal pending) visa
- subclass 449 Humanitarian Stay (temporary) visa holders
- subclass 785 Temporary Protection visa
- subclass 786 Temporary (humanitarian concern) visa
- subclass 790 Safe Haven Enterprise visa

Evidence of Immigration Status ImmiCards may be issued to holders of the following permanent resident visa subclass:

- subclass 866 Permanent Protection visa.

## Australian Migration Status ImmiCard



Australian Migration Status ImmiCards are issued mainly to Refugee and Special Humanitarian Programme (RSHP) visa holders, and a small number of non-RSHP visa holders, who do not have or cannot obtain, a passport recognised by the Australian government.

Australian Migration Status ImmiCards may be issued to holders of the following visa subclass:

- subclass 200 Refugee
- subclass 201 In-Country Special Humanitarian
- subclass 202 Global Special Humanitarian
- subclass 203 Emergency Rescue
- subclass 204 Woman at Risk

## Permanent Resident Evidence ImmiCard



From 1 July 2017, the Department of Home Affairs ceased issuing the Permanent Resident Evidence ImmiCard to new applicants. Permanent Resident Evidence ImmiCards issued before 1 July 2017 are still valid.

Permanent Resident Evidence ImmiCards may be issued to holders of the following visa subclass:

- subclass 866 Permanent Protection visa

## Residence Determination ImmiCard



From 1 July 2017, the Department of Home Affairs ceased issuing the Residence Determination ImmiCard to new applicants. Residence Determination ImmiCards issued before 1 July 2017 are still valid.

The Residence Determination ImmiCards may be issued to immigration detainees accommodated in the community who do not have a visa, or, are not Australian citizens

### Checking the visa status for students with an ImmiCard

The ImmiCard number allows visa holders and registered Australian organisations to check visa entitlements and status information, including visa subclass and visa grant date, through the Visa Entitlement Verification Online system known as VEVO. VEVO is a free online service that gives visa holders, employers and other registered organisations easy and quick access to visa status and entitlement information 24 hours a day.

ImmiCard holders can send organisations information about their visa status. Card holders should go to VEVO and select *Check your own visa details with VEVO*, enter their visa grant number, their ImmiCard number and their date of birth and enter *Australia* as the country of passport/ImmiCard.

Once a visa entitlement check is returned, the cardholder can select print or email and provide their visa details to a third party. Residence Determination ImmiCards are not verifiable through VEVO because community detainees do not have an Australian visa.

### Expiry dates on ImmiCards

The ImmiCard expiry date is not linked to the visa expiry date. Expired ImmiCards can be used after the expiry date to check a visa status through VEVO.

### Need more information

To find out more about the Temporary Residents Program, please visit [deinternational.nsw.edu.au/trp](http://deinternational.nsw.edu.au/trp), or call our Customer Service Team on 1300 300 229 (then option 1).