

TEMPORARY **RESIDENTS** PROGRAM

Fact sheet - ImmiCards

An ImmiCard provides an individual with evidence of identity in Australia. 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.

Who receives an ImmiCard

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.

Contact information for ImmiCard inquiries

Contact the Department of Home Affairs if your ImmiCard is lost, stolen, damaged, or expired.

Website: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/already-have-a-visa/immicard>

Telephone: 131 881

Types of ImmiCards

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

- The Evidence of Immigration Status ImmiCard
- Australian Migration Status ImmiCard
- Permanent Resident Evidence ImmiCard (PRE ImmiCard not issued after 1 July 2017)
- Residence Determination ImmiCard (RDI ImmiCard not issued after 1 July 2017)

From 1 July 2017, the number of ImmiCard versions was reduced to two card types.

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

Evidence of Immigration Status ImmiCard

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

- subclass 050 or 051 Bridging visa E granted to Illegal Maritime Arrivals
- subclass 070 Bridging (removal pending) visa
- subclass 449 Humanitarian stay
- subclass 785 Temporary protection visa
- subclass 786 Temporary (humanitarian concern) visa
- subclass 790 Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (SHEV)
- 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
- subclass 449 Humanitarian stay



Permanent Resident Evidence ImmiCard (not issued after 1 July 2017)

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

- subclass 866 Permanent protection visa



Residence Determination ImmiCard (not issued after 1 July 2017)

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 (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. Cardholders 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.

Things to know about the expiry date on the ImmiCard

- ImmiCards are generally issued with a 5-year expiry date.
- ImmiCards are not automatically renewed on the expiry date.
- 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

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