

DIAC Port Moresby

Standard Processing Times

Our processing timeframe starts once your application is received by the Australian Visa Application Centre, and stops once we finalise your application.

Complete applications

Our processing timeframes are for complete applications lodged at the AVAC. If you lodge an application without all of the supporting documentation we may decide the application based on what you have provided. However, if we ask for additional documents, the processing timeframe will start only after you provide us with all outstanding documents.

We aim to process most applications within the listed timeframes, but there are reasons why your application may take longer to process. Therefore, you should lodge your application well in advance of your travel dates. Do not pay for tickets, leave your job or enter into commitments based on your travel plans unless you hold a valid visa.

Why might your application take longer to process?

You may be required to undergo medical examinations or you may be requested to provide us with additional documentation, such as a police check. Alternatively, we may need to undertake additional checking in relation to you. Time taken to complete such checks is in addition to the standard timeframe.

Category	Subclass	Description	Standard Timeframe
Transit	771	Transit	2 days
	600	Visitor	10 days
Visitor	602	Medical Treatment Visas	4 weeks
	400	Short Stay Activity	10 days
	570- 580	Assessment Levels 1 and 2	1 Month
Student Visas	570-580	Assessment Levels 2 and 3	1 Month
Temporary Residence	401, 402, 403	All Temporary Residence visas - time taken to approve sponsorship and/or nomination application is in addition to this standard timeframe.	3 Months
	300	Prospective Marriage	12 Months
	309	Partner (Provisional)	12 Months
Family Migration (Temporary and Permanent)	445, 101, 102, 117 114, 114, 116	Dependent Child, Child, Adoption, Orphan Relative Aged Dependent Relative, Remaining Relative, Carer	12 Months 12 Months
Resident Return Visa		RRV - residence met	3 working days
(RRV)	155	RRV - residence not met	2 weeks
Citizenship		Australian Citizenship by Descent	2 weeks