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Family Visa Processing Times

The table below details the processing time service standards for people wanting to migrate on a Family Stream visa as a spouse, de facto partner, **fiancé**, child or **parent**.

Note: We aim to process applications within these service standards, however, **actual processing times may vary depending on a range of factors.**

See:

[Family Migration – Questions and Answers](#)

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Visa Application	Lodged in Australia		Lodged outside Australia	
	Low Risk	High Risk	Low Risk	High Risk
Prospective Marriage (subclass 300)	n/a	n/a	5 months	12 months
Partner (temporary) (subclass 309, 820)	6 months	8 months	5 months	12 months
Partner (permanent) (subclass 100, 801)	6 months	8 months	6 months	8 months
Child (subclass 101, 102, 117, 445, 802, 837)	7 months	8 months	3 months	14 months
New Zealand Citizen Family Relationship (Temporary) (subclass 461)	2 months	3 months	2 months	3 months
Parent (subclass 103, 804)	capped and queued	capped and queued	capped and queued	capped and queued
Contributory Parent (subclass 143, 173, 864, 884)	capped	capped	capped	capped
Other Family (subclass 114, 115, 116, 835, 836, 838)	capped and queued	capped and queued	capped and queued	capped and queued

The terms 'Low risk' and 'High risk' show whether passport holders are eligible to apply for an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA). **Low risk** applies to nationals from countries which issue ETA eligible passports. A list of these can be found on the department's website. **High risk countries are those which are not ETA eligible.**

See: [ETA Eligible Passports](#)

Partner (permanent) visas: The service standard applies from the time the application for the permanent Partner visa becomes eligible for decision. In the majority of cases, this is two years after the lodgement of the combined temporary/permanent Partner visa application.

Parent and Contributory Parent queue: There are a limited number of places available each year for Parent and Contributory Parent category visas. If you are a new applicant for a **Parent (non-contributory) visa**, you will be queued and can expect an **approximate 15 year wait** after your queue date has been allocated. If you are a new applicant for a **Contributory Parent visa**, you can expect to **wait 12 to 24 months** before visa grant consideration. More information on the waiting times for parent visas is available.

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See: [Parent Visa Queue](#)

Other Family: There are a limited number of places available each year for a range of other family category visas and applicants will be queued. More information on these arrangements is available.

See: [Other Family Visa Queue](#)

More information about migrating to Australia as a family member is available on the department's website.

See:

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