

## **FIANCÉ VISA (PROSPECTIVE MARRIAGE PARTNER)**

This Prospective Marriage visa permits Australian citizens, permanent residents or eligible NZ citizens, to sponsor a fiancée to immigrate to Australia. The visa is for people who genuinely intend to marry and the marriage must take place within 9 months of arrival in Australia —*The law requires that the applicant and sponsor have met and are known to each other personally and in a genuine and continuing relationship.*

The first stage of processing occurs when the Prospective Marriage Visa application is submitted in the overseas country.

If the application is approved, you are granted a Temporary Fiance Visa, which allows for to travel to Australia for the wedding.

After the marriage, you can apply for a Temporary Provisional Spouse Visa. When you have lived here for two years and the relationship is considered successful, you are granted a permanent Spouse Visa.

## **PARTNER (SPOUSE)**

This visa is for married couples in a genuine, continuing and exclusive relationship and allows an Australia citizen, permanent resident or eligible NZ citizen to sponsor a partner to Australia. Initially a 2 year temporary visa is granted and later a permanent resident visa is granted, if you are still in a genuine relationship.

If the relationship has been ongoing for 5 years, or 2 years if you have children ,you may be eligible for permanent residency immediately.

Applications may be made either inside or outside Australia.

## **PARTNER (DE FACTO SPOUSE)**

This visa is for de facto couples in a genuine, continuing and exclusive relationship and is similar to the Spouse visa.

The couple must have lived together, or not been living apart permanently, for a 12 month period before applying for this visa.

There are some circumstances where this condition may be waived also in compelling or compassionate instances.

## **INTERDEPENDENT PARTNER MIGRATION VISA**

These visas are for people of the same sex who live together interdependently. They are for Australian citizens or residents to bring a partner to Australia who does not fit into the de facto or spouse visa category. Both partners must be committed to each other in a shared relationship. Both must be over 18 years of age, and be able to show that they have a commitment to each other which is ongoing and genuine. Application may be made either inside or outside Australia.

Australian government fees for the above applications range from AUD\$1,390 to AUD \$2,060 (as at July 2007) and there are also related costs for police and health checks. The fees are not refundable and it is therefore worthwhile seeking advice before proceeding.

Please contact us on our secure enquiry form [HERE](#) for expert advice and assistance.