

END OF YEAR EDITION

GRANDFATHERING FOR 457 VISA HOLDERS

People who held, or had applied for, a subclass 457 visa on 18 April 2017 will be able to access certain existing provisions under the Temporary Residence Transition stream:

- Occupation requirements remain the same (as long as the nominee continues to work in the same position for the same employer as approved for their 457 visa);
- The age requirement will remain at less than 50 years of age;
- The work experience requirement, and the requirement to have worked at least two out of the three years prior to nomination on a subclass 457, will remain at two years.



CHANGES FOR TEMPORARY VISAS

Individuals who apply for, and are subsequently granted, a temporary visa on or after 18 November 2017 will be subject to new conditions during their stay in Australia:

- Visa condition **8303**: prohibits activities that endanger or threaten any individual, or activities disruptive to, or violence threatening harm to, the Australian community or a group within the Australian community.
- Visa condition **8304**: requires temporary visa holders to identify themselves by the same name in all dealings with Commonwealth, state or territory government agencies. If you change your name, you must inform all government agencies of this name change, including the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, as soon as possible.
- Visa condition **8564**: requires individuals not to engage in criminal conduct. Individuals who are subject to this condition, and who receive a criminal conviction during their stay in Australia, may have their visa cancelled.



AOIFE is our newest and most recent addition to the Aurec Migration Team. She comes from a strong client facing background, coupled with extensive marketing experience and a Degree in Communications. Hailing from Ireland and now calling Australia home, Aoife has been through the Migration journey herself and is looking to help others make the move!



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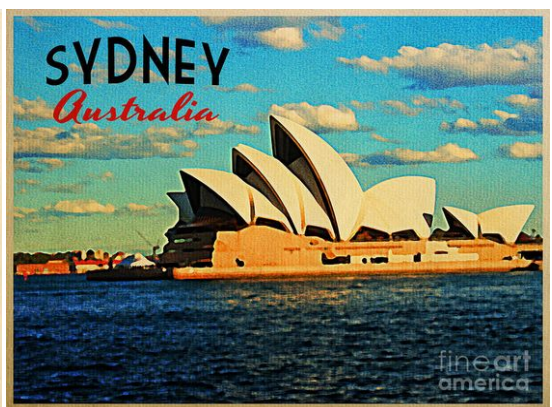
PARTNER AND PROSPECTIVE MARRIAGE VISA CHANGES

On or after 18 November 2017 the following changes will occur to Partner and Prospective Marriage Visa (PMV) application arrangements:

- Partner and PMV visas must be lodged online.
- Paper applications received after COB on 17 November 2017 at any office of the Department, Service Delivery Partner, overseas embassy or High Commission will be invalid.

The following policy will be applied to applications lodged before and after 18 November 2017 and not finally decided:

- Undocumented or poorly documented applications lodged by RMAs, e.g. applications that only meet the basic Schedule 1 requirements for lodging a valid application, may be refused without notice and without requests for further information.
- Where natural justice letters have been sent to RMAs, no follow up or subsequent reminders will be sent. The Department will decide the application on the information before it, unless an extension of time has been requested and granted.



BRID had joined the business 5 months ago and has been an integral addition to the Senior Advisory and Legal aspects of our business. Brid is a Registered Migration Agent and also comes from an extensive Recruitment background. Bringing her Scottish flair and strong solutions focus means that clients come first and follows in our tradition of thinking outside the box.



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