

Edupi have prepared a Managing Covid-19 and Overseas Workers Fact Sheet for sponsors to help understand your obligations in managing overseas workers. You can download your copy by [clicking here](#).

The Minister for Social Services has stated she is working out if there are options available to visa holders. We will monitor the situation for further announcements. In the meantime, the Department of Home Affairs has recommending contacting them for specific questions.

Visa holders in Australia

The below advice was taken from the [Department of Home Affairs website](#).

You must apply for a new visa before your current visa expires. You may be eligible to be granted a bridging visa that will keep you lawful until a decision is made on your visa application. See what you need to do to [stay longer](#).

No further stay condition (includes 8503, 8534 and 8535)

This means you can't apply for most other visas until you leave Australia. If your visa has less than 2 months validity remaining you can [request to waive this condition](#). The Department will advise you of the outcome of your request. If your request is approved, you can make a new visa application.

Condition 8558 (Non-resident cannot stay for more than 12 months in any 18 months period)

You will need to apply for a new visa [Explore your visa options](#).

If your visa has expired, you need to apply for Bridging E visa (BVE) immediately in order to become lawful.

Complying with visa conditions

Can't provide additional information due to office closure (Health or Police clearances, Biometrics, English Language Testing)

You will be given additional time to complete checks and provide requested information.

Can't return to Australia before my visa expires and want to return

You will need to apply for a new visa once the travel restrictions are lifted.

Can't complete Australian Study Requirement or periods of stay under the regional initiatives for Temporary graduate visa holders

The Department is looking at concessions on a case-by-case basis.

Processing visa applications

Some services relating to the visa application process may be impacted by COVID-19.

The Department is aware of issues for certain visa holders overseas accessing the VEVO system. If you can't use VEVO to check your visa status and conditions, you can still access your visa grant letter and visa conditions online using your ImmiAccount.

Visa cancellation

The Department will notify you in writing if your visa has been cancelled in response to the temporary travel restrictions. This will include information on how to seek revocation of the visa cancellation.