

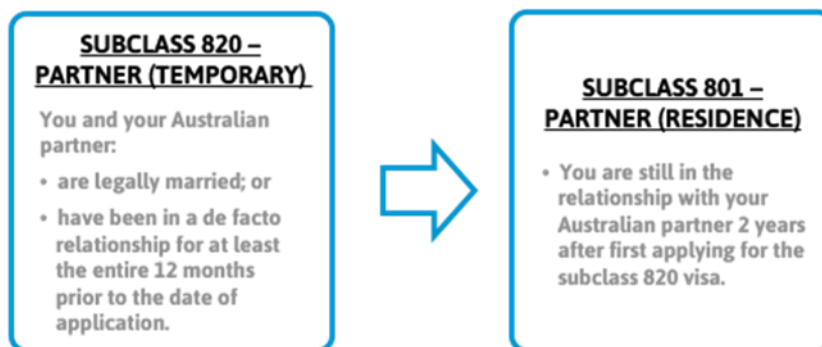
Partner Visas

The Partner Visa – SC820 and SC801

Permanent Residency on a Partner Visa is a two-step process involving Partner Visa (SC820) followed by Partner Visa (SC801). Over the years the number of Partner Visas has been steadily growing as the number of Australians marrying and partnering internationally increases.

The SC820 is a temporary Visa (provisional visa), and the first step to gaining permanent residency in Australia. It is for spouses, de facto partners of Australian citizens, permanent residents or eligible New Zealand citizens who live in Australia. You can apply for the Subclass 820 Visa if you are currently in Australia.

The SC801 is a permanent visa, which allows the spouse or de facto partner of an Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen to live in Australia. It is the second step to gaining permanent residency in Australia. You can apply for the Subclass 801 if you hold a Subclass 820 Visa, and are residing in Australia.



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The Partner Visas (SC820 and SC801) may be suitable if:

- you are in either a heterosexual, or same sex, relationship
- you and your Australian partner are legally married or
- you have been in a de facto relationship for at least 12 months prior to the date of your application
- you are in Australia at the time of your application
- A Subclass 801 Visa would suit you if:
- you hold a SC820 Visa
- you and your Australian partner have been in a genuine and continuing relationship for 2 years after applying for the Subclass 820 Visa
- you pass the assessment conducted by the Department against the criteria for the permanent Partner Visa
- you are in Australia at the time of your application

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