



Freedom of Information Request - FA 24/11/00862

Queue release and processing times excerpts from current and previous versions of the *Capping and Queuing of Parent visa applications* webpage from December 2018 to September 2024.

Date	Queue release update and estimated processing time
December 2018	<p>As at December 2018, we have released for final processing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contributory Parent visa applications with a queue date up to June 2015• Parent visa applications with a queue date up to August 2010• Aged Parent visa applications with a queue date up to June 2010 <p>Based on current planning levels, we estimate new Contributory Parent visa applications lodged that meet the criteria to be queued are likely to take approximately at least 46 months to be released for final processing.</p> <p>New Parent and Aged Parent visa applications lodged that meet the criteria to be queued are likely to take approximately 30 years for final processing.</p>
December 2019	<p>As at December 2019, we have released for final processing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contributory Parent visa applications with a queue date up to November 2015• Parent visa applications with a queue date up to August 2010• Aged Parent visa applications with a queue date up to May 2012 <p>Based on current planning levels, we estimate new Contributory Parent visa applications lodged that meet the criteria to be queued are likely to take approximately at least 52 months to be released for final processing.</p> <p>New Parent and Aged Parent visa applications lodged that meet the criteria to be queued are likely to take approximately 30 years for final processing.</p>

September 2020	<p>As at September 2020, we have released for final processing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributory Parent visa applications with a queue date up to May 2016 • Parent visa applications with a queue date up to August 2010 • Aged Parent visa applications with a queue date up to May 2012 <p>based on current planning levels, we estimate new Contributory Parent visa applications lodged that meet the criteria to be queued are likely to take approximately at least 58 months to be released for final processing.</p> <p>New Parent and Aged Parent visa applications lodged that meet the criteria to be queued are likely to take approximately 30 years for final processing.</p>
June 2021	<p>As at June 2021, we have released for final processing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributory Parent visa applications with a queue date up to May 2016 • Parent visa applications with a queue date up to October 2010 • Aged Parent visa applications with a queue date up to December 2012 <p>We estimate new Contributory Parent visa applications lodged that meet the criteria to be queued are likely to take at least 64 months to be released for final processing.</p> <p>New Parent and Aged Parent visa applications lodged that meet the criteria to be queued are likely to take at least 30 years for final processing</p>
December 2022	<p>As at 31 December 2022, we have released for final processing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributory Parent visa applications with a queue date up to March 2017 • Parent visa applications with a queue date up to August 2011 • Aged Parent visa applications with a queue date up to December 2012.

		Temporary to Permanent	Contributory Parent (143) Contributory Parent (Temp) (173) Contributory Aged Parent (864) Contributory Aged Parent (Temp) (884)	Parent (103) + Aged Parent (804)
	Acknowledge New Application	Approx 4 weeks	Approx 4 weeks	Approx 4 weeks
	Queue Assessment	N/A	Lodged September 2018	Lodged May 2019
	Visa Assessment (Queue release date)	January 2022	Lodged/queued up to March 2017	Date queued up to August 2011
<p>We estimate new Contributory Parent visa applications lodged that meet the criteria to be queued are likely to take at least 12 years to be released for final processing.</p> <p>New Parent and Aged Parent visa applications lodged that meet the criteria to be queued are likely to take at least 29 years for final processing</p>				
December 2023	<p>As at 31 December 2023, we have released the following applications for final processing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributory Parent visa applications with a queue date up to June 2017 Parent visa applications with a queue date up to November 2011 Aged Parent visa applications with a queue date up to January 2013 			
		Temporary to Permanent (173 to 143 and 884 to 864)	Contributory Parent (143) Contributory Parent (Temp) (173) Contributory Aged Parent (864) Contributory Aged Parent (Temp) (884)	Parent (103) Aged Parent (804)
	Acknowledge New Application	Approx 4 weeks	Approx 4 weeks	Approx 4 weeks
	Queue Assessment	N/A	Lodged July 2019	Lodged May 2021

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	<p>If you lodge a new visa application, we estimate that, based on the current number of places available per year, your application may be processed according to the following timeframe:</p> <table><tr><td>Visa</td><td>New applications may be processed in at least</td></tr><tr><td>Contributory Parent visas</td><td>12 years</td></tr><tr><td>Parent & Aged Parent visas</td><td>29 years</td></tr></table>	Visa	New applications may be processed in at least	Contributory Parent visas	12 years	Parent & Aged Parent visas	29 years
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Contributory Parent visas	12 years						
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September 2024	<p>As at 30 September 2024, we have released the following applications for final processing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Contributory Parent visa applications with a queue date up to October 2017Parent visa applications with a queue date up to September 2012Aged Parent visa applications with a queue date up to January 2013.						

	Milestone	Temporary to Permanent (173 to 143 and 884 to 864)	Contributory Parent (143) Contributory Parent (Temp) (173) Contributory Aged Parent (864) Contributory Aged Parent (Temp) (884)	Parent (103) Aged Parent (804)
	Acknowledge New Application	Approx 4 weeks	Approx 4 weeks	Approx 4 weeks
	Queue Assessment	N/A	Lodged October 2021	Lodged June 2022
	Visa Assessment (Queue release date)	September 2024	Lodged/queued up to October 2017	Parent Subclass 103 - Date queued up to September 2012 Aged Parent subclass 804 - Date queued up to January 2013
If you lodge a new application, the processing time frame will vary. This depends on the type of visa you apply for. We estimate these time frames on the current number of places available per year.				
Visa		Processing time frame (estimate)		
Contributory Parent visas		14 years		
Parent & Aged Parent visas		31 years		

Notes:

Source: Department of Home Affairs.

- The new Departmental website was launched in 2018, earlier information not available.

Caveats:

- This information is provided for the specific purpose of this request.
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