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Historical queue release date for Parent visa subclasses 804 (Aged parent visa) and 864 (Contributory Aged Parent visa), published by the Department of Home Affairs from 1 June 2021 to 15 September 2022

Queue release excerpts from previous versions of the *Parent visa – queue release dates and processing times* webpage from June 2021 to September 2022	
Date published	**Queue release update**
18 May 2021	As at May 2021, we have released for final processing: • 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
3 August 2021	As at June 2021, we have released the following applications for final processing: • 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
9 February 2022	As at January 2022, we have released the following applications for final processing: • Contributory Parent visa applications with a queue date up to June 2016 • Parent visa applications with a queue date up to October 2010 • Aged Parent visa applications with a queue date up to December 2012

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Date published	**Queue release update**
10 June 2022	As at 30 April 2022, we have released for final processing: • Contributory Parent visa applications with a queue date up to July 2016 • Parent visa applications with a queue date up to October 2010 • Aged Parent visa applications with a queue date up to December 2012

Queue release dates

	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 July 2016	Date Queued up to October 2010

*as at 30 Apr 2022

Please note that the Department is required to process Parent and Contributory Parent applications in date order and within annual limits.

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6 September 2022	All Contributory Parent visa applications lodged before 1 June 2018 have been given a queue date of the application lodgement date and applications lodged on or after 1 June 2018 are assessed and given a queue date when it meets the initial visa criteria. As at 31 July 2022, we have released for final processing: • Contributory Parent visa applications with a queue date up to August 2016 • Parent visa applications with a queue date up to October 2010 • Aged Parent visa applications with a queue date up to December 2012

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Notes:

1. Source: Department of Home Affairs (internal documents)
2. The Department is unable to give exact processing timeframes for Parent visas as they are subject to capping and queuing. Estimated processing timeframes based on the current number of places available per year and monthly queue release updates are published on the Parent visas – queue release dates and processing times webpage. This webpage includes information on all Parent visas, including Aged Parent visa (subclass 804) and Contributory Aged Parent visa (subclass 864). Excerpts from previous versions of the Parent visas – queue release dates and processing times webpage are included in the table above.

Caveats:

- *This information is provided for the specific purpose of this request.*
- *It is the responsibility of the area providing the Department of Home Affairs information to external stakeholders to ensure that the disclosure is in accordance with the ABF Act, Australian Privacy Principles or other relevant legislation.*
- *Regarding Immigration data, the Department's current policy is to mask numbers which are less than five as <5, noting we are reviewing the confidentiality method for the future.*

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