



Update - 408 Visa application processing times

Dear Member,

LPA has been advised that the Department of Home Affairs (Home Affairs) cannot continue to facilitate the increasing number of requests for late and urgent visa applications.

Should you wish to access LPA's 408 visa service, we strongly advise that you send the required information to LPA well in advance of the applicants' arrival date. Failing to meet the below deadlines may delay the decision on the visa application.

Required LPA processing times

Citizens of low-risk countries: 6 weeks

Click [here](#) for a list of countries that have been assessed as low risk on the LPA Members website.

Citizens of other countries: 10 weeks

Click [here](#) for a link to the Home Affairs website. This page is updated monthly and provides an indicative timeframe for processing applications.

It is a legislative requirement of the subclass 408 visa that applicants **genuinely** intend to stay temporarily in Australia.

Home Affairs consider matters such as the applicant's economic and employment circumstances in their home country, personal circumstances, incentive to return home, financial situation and their ability to support themselves while in Australia.

The processing of applications may take longer if the applicants:

- **have health or character issues;**
- **are not an internationally recognised entertainer;**
- **are from a country where there are limited incentives to return (civil unrest, economic circumstances etc.) and**
- **have had no significant travel outside their country/region of residence.**

If applicants are not internationally recognised entertainers or there is no publicly accessible information relating to their status as entertainers, evidence of recent entertainment engagements should be provided with the visa application.

Click [here](#) for an overview of the **408 Temporary activity visa process on the LPA Members website**.

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