

Immigration is a new beginning  
It is a bridge to new horizons  
and a long way to go.



## Australian Temporary Resident vs. Australian Permanent Resident vs. Australian Citizen

In regards to your questions about Australia Permanent Resident vs. Citizenship benefits, social welfares and etc. We discussed in following paper some concepts and answered your questions. Please don't hesitate to contact us when you need more information.

### Australian Temporary Resident:

Australia's temporary residence program is designed to allow overseas people to come to Australia for **specific purposes** that **benefit Australia**. The program consists of three streams:

- Economic
- social and cultural, and
- international relations.

Temporary residents are required to pay taxes on income earned in Australia. **They do not have access to social welfare benefits or national public health cover.**

### Australian Permanent Resident:

An Australian Permanent Resident can stay legally in Australia. It gives an opportunity to live, to work, to study in Australia permanently. Newly-arrived migrants may be eligible to a range of entitlements subject to meeting criteria.

- Federal government
  - Medicare

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Medicare is a key part of ensuring health care for all eligible people in Australia. Medicare provides universal access to free public hospital care and assistance with doctors' fees.

- Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme
    - The PBS provides all Australian residents with access to necessary medicines at affordable prices.
  - Centrelink
    - Family Tax Benefit Part A
    - Family Tax Benefit Part B
    - Child Care Benefit
    - Maternity Allowance
    - Maternity Immunisation Allowance
    - Special Benefit (for people in severe financial need due to circumstances outside their control)
    - Disability Support Pension (for people unable to work for 2 years due to illness, injury or disability)
  - Job Network
    - Job Network is a national network of private & community organisations dedicated to finding jobs for unemployed people, particularly the long term unemployed.
  - First Home Owner Grant
    - Eligible applicants, who are buying or building their first home in Australia, are entitled to a one-off \$7,000 payment.
  - Bridging for Overseas-Trained Professionals Loan Scheme (NOOSR)
  - Assessment Fee Subsidy for Overseas Trained Australian Residents (NOOSR)
- State governments
    - Legal aid

### **Australian Citizen:**

Having the citizenship of a particular country generally means you are recognised officially as a 'member' of that country, with certain **responsibilities and privileges**.

Australian citizenship formalises your membership of the Australian community. It entitles you to **the same rights** as other Australian citizens.

It is an important way to show your commitment to Australia and share in its future. It also carries with it substantive legal rights, such as the right to vote in elections, stand for Parliament, work in the public service, or serve in the armed forces.

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Australian citizenship also entitles you to hold an Australian passport, which can make it easier to re-enter the country if you leave to travel overseas. You also have the right to register your children as Australian citizens if they're born overseas.

### **Citizens' rights and responsibilities**

As an Australian citizen, you will enjoy the same rights as all other Australian citizens:

- The right to vote to help elect Australia's governments;
- The right to apply for any public office or to nominate for election to Parliament (subject to *s44 (i) of the Australian Constitution*);
- The right to apply for an Australian passport and to leave and re-enter the country without a resident return visa;
- The right to seek assistance from Australian diplomatic representatives while overseas;
- The right to apply to enlist in the defence forces and for government jobs requiring Australian citizenship; and
- The right to register your child (under 25 years of age born overseas) as an Australian citizen by descent.

With citizenship, there are also certain responsibilities expected of all Australians. You will, for example, be required to:

- Obey the laws and fulfill your duties as an Australian citizen;
- Enrol on the Electoral Register and vote at Federal and State/Territory elections and referenda;
- Serve on a jury, if called on;
- Defend Australia, should the need arise.

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### **FAQs**

#### **1. May you write Centrelink payments and services that I (a permanent resident) can get?**

Centrelink give following payments and services:

- ABSTUDY
- Age Pension
- Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme
- Austudy Payment
- Bereavement Allowance
- Carer Allowance (Adult)
- Carer Allowance (Child)
- Carer Payment
- Child Care Benefit
- Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP)
- Crisis Payment
- Disability Support Pension
- Double Orphan Pension
- Family Tax Benefit Part A
- Family Tax Benefit Part B
- Maternity Payment
- Maternity Immunisation Allowance
- Mature Age Allowance
- Mobility Allowance
- Newstart Allowance
- Parenting Payment
- Partner Allowance
- Pensioner Education Supplement
- Pharmaceutical Allowance
- Remote Area Allowance
- Rent Assistance
- Sickness Allowance
- Special Benefit
- Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme
- Telephone Allowance
- Widow Allowance
- Widow 'B' Pension
- Wife Pension
- Youth Allowance

In general, social security payments from Centrelink are only available to people who reside in Australia and are either Australian citizens or holders of permanent visas.

In addition, **most social security payments and concession cards**, except some of them, have a **two year newly arrived resident's waiting period**. **You will have to serve a waiting period if you have not been an Australian resident, and in Australia, for periods totalling 104 weeks.** Periods spent in Australia as

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an Australian resident at any time in your life can be counted towards the waiting period.

If you are in **hardship** because of a substantial change of **circumstances beyond your control**, you may be **eligible for Special Benefit**. Strict income and assets tests apply to this payment. Not being able to find or keep a job is not considered a change of circumstances.

**Note:** Some pension payments have their own 'qualifying residence' requirements with some exceptions. Also, some services are only available when receiving a payment from Centrelink.

**Note:** Income and assets tests apply to the most of the Centrelink services and payments.

**Note:** Age Pension and Disability Support Pension have qualifying residence requirements of ten years.

### **2. I am an Australian permanent resident and I would like to attend university. Do the university consider me as an international student or national one?**

If you are a permanent resident, the university consider you as an Australian student.

### **3. As an university student can I get Austudy Payment?**

You qualify for Austudy payment if you have lived in Australia for long enough (a two year newly arrived resident's waiting period) to satisfy qualifying residence periods.

### **4. I would like to know about a university tuition and other charges?**

Tuition is something related to your course, university and state that you have chosen. You may ask directly the university for their tuition and other charges.

### **5. I am pregnant. I guess I will give birth to my baby after getting permanent residency in next three weeks, do I qualify to get any payment or assistance in Australia?**

Yes, you are. you qualify for Child Care Benefit, Maternity Allowance and Maternity Immunisation Allowance. In addition, you qualify for Family Tax Benefit Part A and B.

### **6. How much Maternity Payment and Maternity Immunisation Allowance do I get?**

Maternity Payment is AU\$3,042 per child and Maternity Immunisation Allowance is AU\$213.60. Maternity Payment and Maternity Immunisation Allowance are non-taxable lump sum payment.

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### **7. I would like to buy a house or an apartment? Can I get loan? Is there any government help?**

Of course you can get loan. As you may know, mortgage system is popular in Australia same as the other first world countries. In addition, if you are buying or building your first home in Australia, you are entitled to a one-off \$7,000 payment.

### **8. Are there any factors affecting payment rates and eligibility from Centrelink?**

Yes, your payment and the amount you are paid can be affected by things including:

- Income
- Assets
- whether you provide Centrelink with information such as Proof of Identity and your Tax File Number
- whether you are a member of a couple
- how many dependent children you have
- whether your Circumstances Change while you are getting a payment
- how much rent you pay and who you pay it to
- your age
- whether you live away from home
- if you live in a remote area
- when you arrived in Australia (newly arrived residents waiting period)
- whether you are paid under an international social security agreement
- any maintenance and child support you, your partner or your children receive
- any compensation payments you or your partner receive
- whether you need to Pay Tax on Your Payment from Centrelink
- your parents' income and assets (in some cases)
- if you go on holiday or move permanently Overseas
- if you go to jail
- whether you have a telephone.

**Note:** These factors are to be used as a guide only. Contact Centrelink to find out what factors may affect your particular payment.

### **9. On arrival can I get the most of social security payments from Centrelink?**

No. In general, social security payments from Centrelink are only available to people who reside in Australia and are either Australian citizens or holders of permanent visas. In addition, most social security payments and concession cards, except Family Tax Benefit, Child Care Benefit, Maternity Allowance and Maternity Immunisation Allowance, have a two year newly arrived resident's waiting period.

### **10. How much Austudy Payment do I get during study?**

It varies from AU\$326.50 to AU\$427.80 per fortnight and it depends on your status. For example:

Single	AU\$326.50
Partnerd	AU\$326.50

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Single, with children	AU\$427.80
Partnerd, with children	AU\$358.50

If you are in a long term unemployment status you will get special rates:

Single	AU\$396.60
Partnerd	AU\$358.50

### **11. Are there any other payments and benefits that I can get during study?**

Yes, there are. You may be entitled to Fares Allowance, Remote Area Allowance and Advance Payment if you are eligible.

### **12. Is there any advantage when I have a AU\$100,000 in my permanent residency application?**

Sure! It gives you 5 bonus points, most It saves your time during application process.

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### **Fact Sheet**

#### **Citizenship statistics**

At the 2001 Census, there were 16.56 million Australian citizens in Australia, which means that Australia's citizenship rate is at 95 per cent.

Based on population 2001 census data, an estimated additional 949,000 people would be entitled to take out citizenship if they wished. In recent years, the number of people conferred citizenship has been:

1997-98	112,343
1998-99	76,474
1999-2000	70,836
2000-01	72,070
2001-02	86,289

In 2001-2002, people from over 150 different countries took out Australian citizenship. The major countries of former nationality or citizenship were:

New Zealand	17,334
United Kingdom	16,411
China	6,416
South Africa	3,922
Philippines	2,849
Bosnia-Herzegovina	2,192
India	2,510
Iraq	2,182
Vietnam	2,090
Fiji	1,567

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