

PARTNER VISA

The following information is general in nature.
Always consult a registered migration agent before lodging an application

THE COUPLE NEEDS TO BE **LIVING TOGETHER AS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Married, or
2. Registered, or
3. Have lived together as de facto couple for 12 months prior to application (with evidence)

THE COUPLE NEEDS TO SHOW 4 AREAS OF INTERDEPENDENCE (AMOUNTING TO 100%)

FINANCIAL (40%)

Evidence the couple shares financial obligations. Example: joint Account

SOCIAL (10%)

Evidence other people know the couple. Example: Declarations from friends

HOUSEHOLD (40%)

Evidence the couple lives together. Examples: joint lease

COMMITMENT (10%)

Evidence the couple are committed to each other. Examples: Personal statements

SAMPLE APPROXIMATE TIMELINE

- 1 JANUARY 2021** ● **FIRST STEP: APPLY FOR 820 VISA (PROVISIONAL)**
Cost: \$7,715
Applicant receives Bridging Visa A (BVA) but remains on their current visa until it expires.
- 1 JANUARY 2022** ● **SECOND STEP: RECEIVE 820 VISA (PROVISIONAL)**
The 820 can take 12-18 months but once granted it comes with full travel and work rights
- 1 JANUARY 2023** ● **THIRD STEP: APPLY FOR 801 VISA (PERMANENT)**
If applicant receives 820 visa, then exactly 2 years after first application was made they can request the 801 visa free of charge. New evidence in all categories needs to be provided.
- 1 JANUARY 2024** ● **FOURTH STEP: RECEIVE 801 VISA (PERMANENT)**
Here the applicant is now a full permanent resident. If the couple breaks up after this, the applicant keeps their permanent resident status.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU BREAK UP BEFORE 801 VISA GRANT?

The couple must report permanent separation **within 28 days**

CAN THE APPLICANT GET PR EVEN AFTER THE BREAK UP BUT BEFORE GRANT OF 801 VISA?

Potentially yes, but in limited circumstances :
 1. If applicant suffers domestic violence, or
 2. If sponsor dies (not killed by applicant), or
 3. If couple share joint custody of a child.