

485 GRADUATE VISA

The following information is general in nature.

Always consult a registered migration agent before lodging an application

WHAT IS THE 485 VISA?

The 485 graduate visa is a **work visa** with **unlimited work rights** that the Immigration Department gives to **some** students who complete certain courses in Australia. You still need to be eligible, apply and **pay** for it. Importantly, **not** all courses lead to a 485 graduate visa.

The student must study in Australia for at least **16 months**. The course or combination of related courses must be registered in CRICOS for at least **92 weeks**.

THERE ARE 2 DIFFERENT STREAMS

GRADUATE WORK (GWS)

This is the stream for students who study VET Vocational courses such as Certificates, Diplomas, and Advanced Diplomas.

You must have completed 92 weeks of study.

The visa will last 24 months.

POST STUDY WORK (PSW)

This is the stream for students who study higher education such as Bachelor, Master or PhD.

It does not matter what you studied as long as you did it for **2 years**.

You will need to apply through the GWS if you ever applied for a student visa before **5 November 2011** or if you studied Graduate Diplomas and Graduate Certificates.

This visa will last 24 months if you did it in Brisbane, Melbourne or Sydney.

This visa will last 36 - 48 months if you completed the whole course (not half) in regional areas like Adelaide or Perth.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

Passport
Completion letter
Insurance
Australian Federal Police Check
Health checks (if necessary)

Birth certificate
Graduation Certificate
Transcripts
Relationship evidence (if applying with a spouse or children)
English test (IELTS no less than 5 on each band but average 6)

HOW LONG DOES IMMIGRATION TAKE TO REPLY? About 1 - 5 months after you apply. When your current student visa expires you would go onto the Bridging Visa A until immigration gives their decision.

CAN YOU GET THE 485 VISA IF YOU STUDIED DIPLOMAS IN LEADERSHIP, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, BUSINESS, SOCIAL MEDIA AND MARKETING?

Until June 2023 you may be eligible to apply for a 485 visa with those courses.