



ImmiAccount enhancements from 17 April 2015



This information is also available as a webpage.

Summary of Enhancements

A number of important enhancements will be introduced to ImmiAccount on 17 April 2015.

Show me the general enhancements

Show me the application specific enhancements

Show me how to prepare for these enhancements



Summary of general enhancements

These general enhancements will be introduced to ImmiAccount on 17 April 2015. Click a button to find out more.

New application statuses

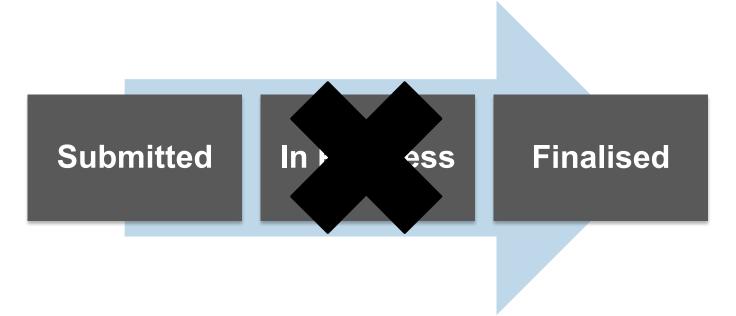
Forgotten TRN functionality

New Request complete button

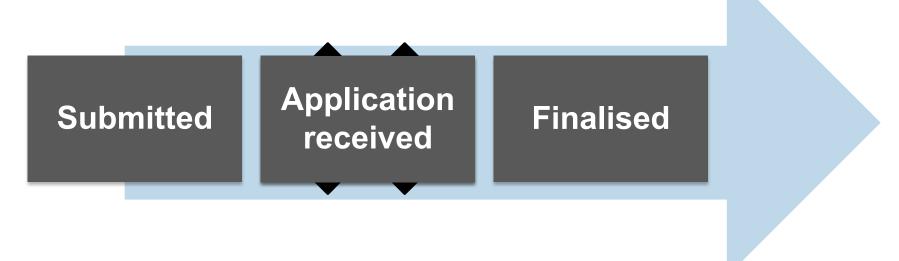
Usability enhancements

New **Health** button

Application Statuses redefined



The status of In Progress is being retired and three new statuses introduced



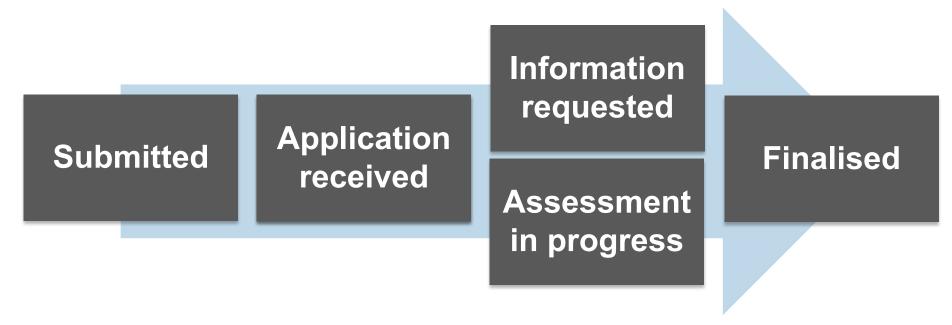
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 Application Received – indicating your application has been successfully submitted and will be assessed within advertised application processing timeframes

Submitted Application received Finalised

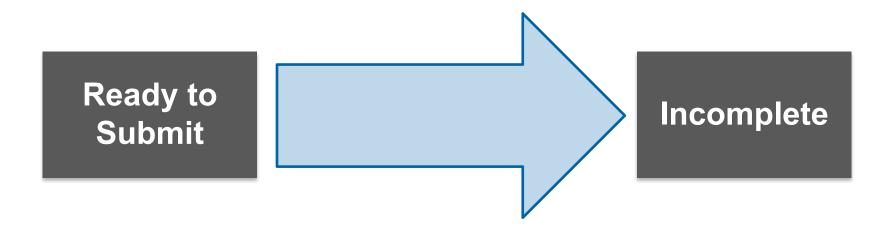
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• Information Requested – indicating an immigration officer has assessed the application and found that more information is required, so they have requested that you provide further evidence in support of the application

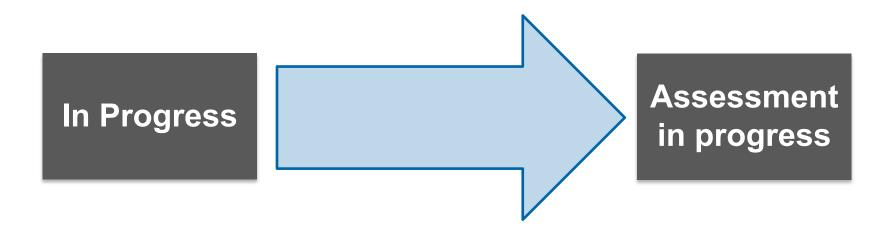


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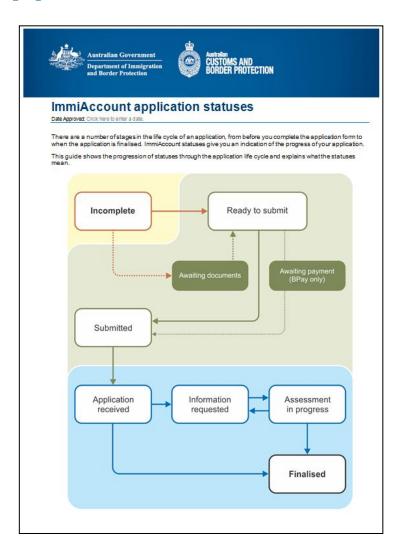
 Assessment in Progress – You have provided all the requested information. The department may proceed to make a decision on your application. The department may also ask you for further information. In this case, the status will return to Information requested.



On April 17, all applications with a status of **Ready to Submit** will automatically change to **Incomplete**. This is to ensure that any new questions are answered before the application is submitted.



On April 17, all applications with a status of **In Progress** will automatically change to **Assessment in progress**.



For more information on
Application Statuses, see the
ImmiAccount application
statuses guide available from the
Help tab at

http://www.immi.gov.au/Services/Pages/immiaccount.aspx

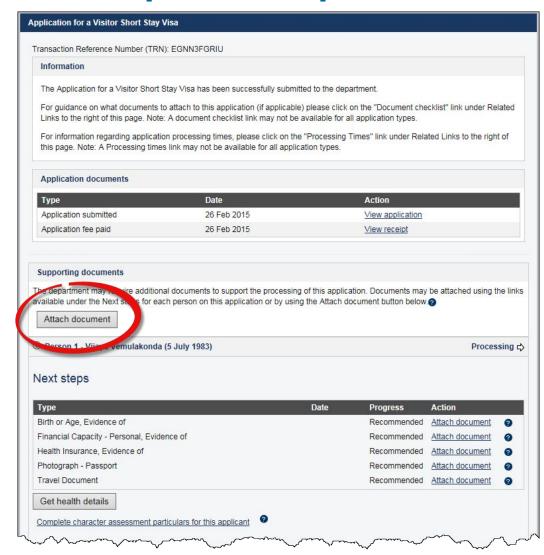
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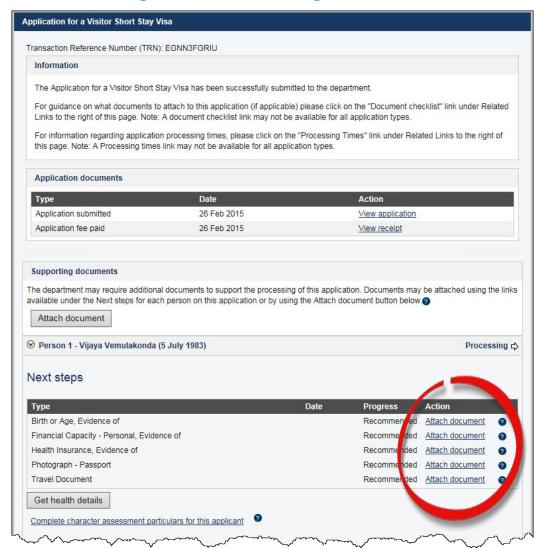
Look at the list of application specific enhancements

Check what I need to do before the April 17, 2015

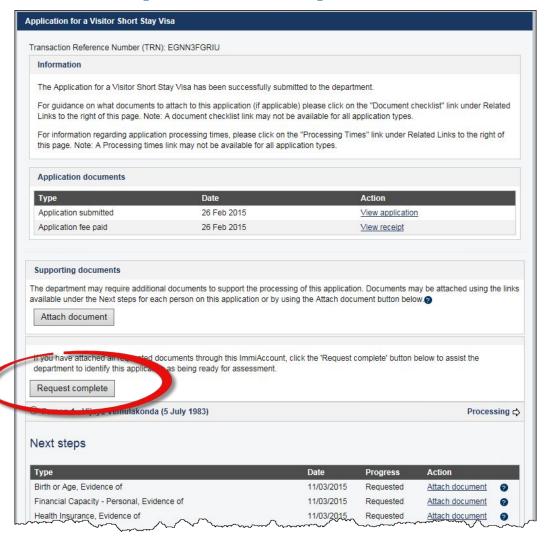




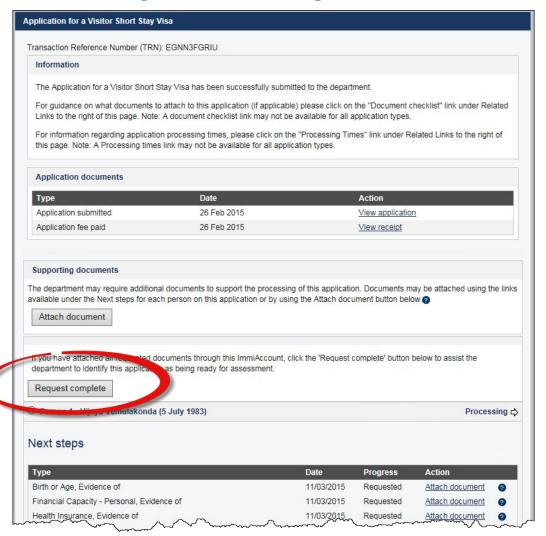
You can currently attach document copies to most visa applications using the **Attach document** button



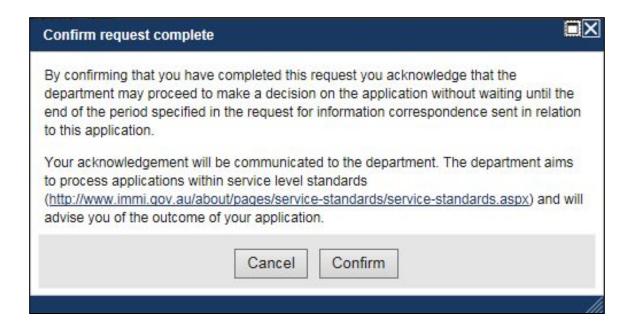
Where attachment lists exist, you can also attach the copy of a document using the **Attach** document link



If an Immigration officer requests copies of supporting documentation in a standardised department letter, a new Request complete button will display



Use this button to indicate that you have supplied all the requested documentation and would like the department to progress with assessing the application



If you click **Request complete**, a message displays. If you click **Confirm**, you are waiving the requirement for the department to wait for the period specified in the letter before assessing the application.

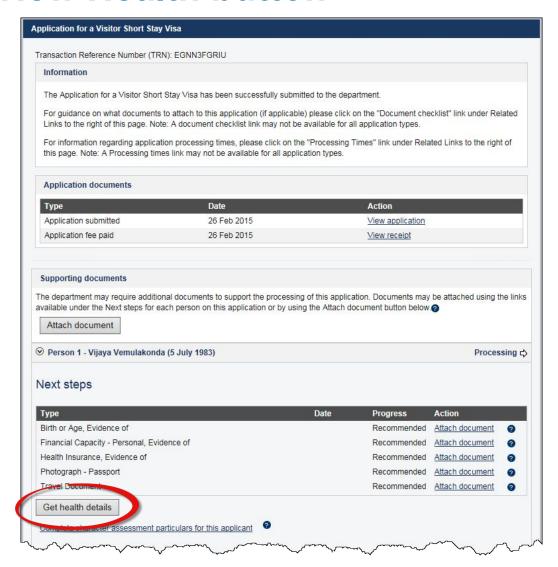
You have learned about the new **Request complete** button. What would you like to do now?

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A new Get health details button will display in the **Next Steps** section of the application. Click this button to update the application with the current health status for the applicant.

By clicking the **Get health details** button, a client's health status in ELP/eVisa will be updated to provide additional information.

Here is an example of a message that could display:

Next steps

Health requirement - examinations in progress

A panel clinic is currently processing this person's health examination(s) in eMedical. This screen will be updated once they have submitted this person's case to the department for processing. This may not occur until all results are finalised after the person has left the clinic. Ongoing delays should be followed up with the clinic in relation to the progress of your health examination results. Do not contact the department about this matter.

The next three slides provide examples of other messages that could be displayed.

Improved health messaging

Message

Health requirement - required examinations not yet determined

This person may be required to undergo health examinations as part of this visa application process. The message on this page should continue to be monitored for any updates.

Note: Updates to health information will not occur until a case officer investigates this person's case in line with published processing times for the visa that has been applied for. There is no need to contact the department at this time concerning this matter.

Health requirement – no examinations required [Note: MHD version of message]

No health examinations are required for this person for this visa subclass based on the information provided to the department. Once this person lodges a visa application, additional health examinations may be requested where circumstances have changed or additional information is provided to the case officer.

Health requirement – no examinations required [Note: visa app version of message]

Health has been finalised for this person for this visa subclass based on the information provided to the department. If this person needs to do anything further to meet the health requirement, they will be contacted by the department. There is no need to contact the department at this time concerning this matter.

Health requirement – required examinations not yet determined

The health examinations required for this person have not yet been determined. If health examinations are required, a link containing the details will be displayed when the person returns to this page.

Health requirement – required examinations not yet determined

This person may be required to undergo health examinations as part of this visa application process. The message on this page should continue to be monitored for any updates.

Note: Updates to health information will not occur until a case officer investigates the person's case in line with published processing times for the visa that has been applied for. There is no need to contact the department at this time concerning this matter.

Improved health messaging

Message

Health requirement - examinations required

This person is required to complete health examinations for their proposed visa application. Click on the link below to organise these health examinations.

Organise your health examinations.

Note: The department will not provide this person with advice regarding health examination results until they have lodged a visa application.

Health requirement – examinations required

This person is required to complete health examinations for this visa application. Click on the link below to organise these health examinations.

Organise your health examinations.

Once this person's health examinations results have been assessed by the department this page will be updated to reflect this.

Note: If this person does not complete the required health examinations the visa application can be refused.

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Health requirement – examinations ready for assessment – no action required

The required health examinations have been completed and submitted by the panel clinic to the department. This person's case will be processed or referred to the department's migration medical services provider, Bupa Medical Visa Services, for further assessment.

Improved health messaging

Message

Health requirement – health clearance provided – no action required [Note: MHD version of message]

All health examinations required for the specified visa subclass have been finalised. Once this person lodges a visa application, additional health examinations may be requested where circumstances have changed or additional information is provided to the case officer.

Health requirement – health clearance provided – no action required [Note: visa app version of message]

All health examinations required for the specified visa subclass have been finalised. Processing of this person's visa application can now continue. This will not occur until a case officer investigates the case in line with published processing times for the visa that has been applied for. Do not contact the department about health examinations in the meantime.

Health requirement – examinations assessed but further information required

A Medical Officer has determined that additional health information is required to determine whether this person meets the health requirement for the visa subclass specified. Further information will be provided by the department or the department's migration medical service provider, Bupa Medical Visa Services. Do not contact the department about health examinations in the meantime.

Health requirement – awaiting lodgement of visa application

Processing of health examinations is unable to continue until a visa application is lodged. Do not contact the department about health examinations in the meantime.

Health requirement – health assessed – wait for further advice from the department

Health examination results for this person have been assessed but further action may be required. The case officer will contact the person with further information. This will not occur until a case officer investigates the case in line with published processing times for the visa that has been applied for. Do not contact the department about health examinations in the meantime.

Health requirement – health not completed

This person's health was unable to be assessed as they did not complete the required health examinations.

You have learned about the new **Health** button. What would you like to do now?

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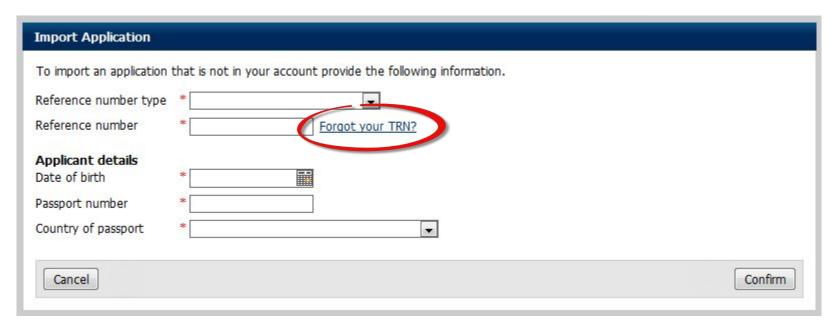
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Forgotten TRN functionality

Forgotten TRN functionality



The forgotten TRN functionality existed to help people import existing applications when ImmiAccount was first introduced. As ImmiAccount is well established, the functionality is no longer required so the **Forgot your TRN?** link will be removed on 17 April.

Forgotten TRN

You have learned about changes to the Forgotten TRN functionality. What would you like to do now?

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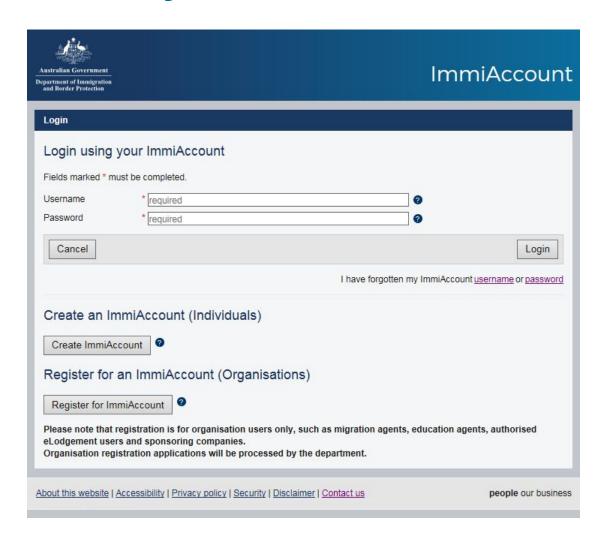
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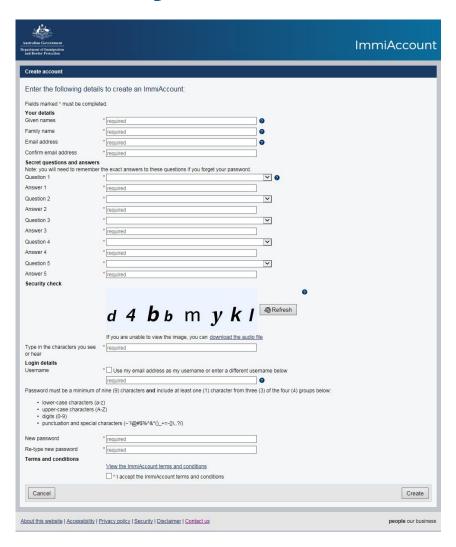
On April 17, a number of enhancements will be made to ImmiAccount to make it easier to use. These include:

- enhancements to the log-in screen
- enhancements to the account creation screen
- changes to declarations in online forms to reflect legislation changes
- an updated list of documents that can be added to an application
- an updated list of proof of identity options
- updated country lists
- more descriptive warning messages





The log-in screen has been redesigned to make the Create ImmiAccount and Register for ImmiAccount options stand out

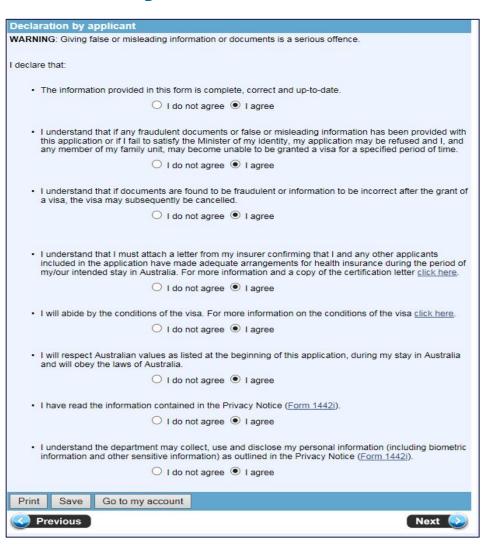


The Create Account screen has been redesigned

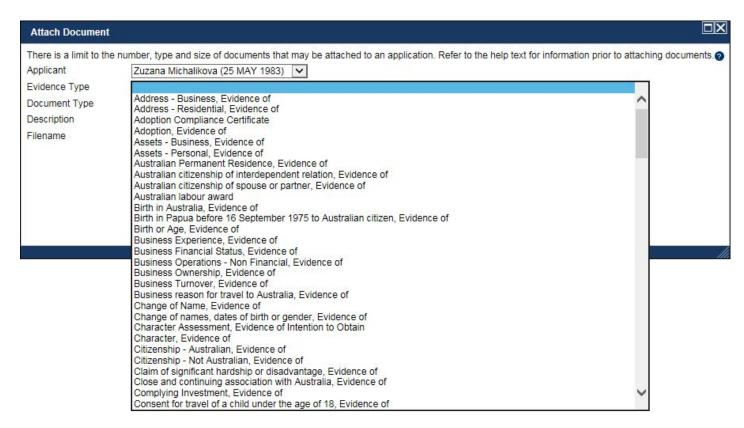
- the password text boxes have been moved to appear just before the **terms and conditions** section
- the password description text has been updated

Character declarations
Has any applicant ever been charged with any offence that is currently awaiting legal action? Yes No
Has any applicant ever been convicted of an offence in any country (including any conviction which is now removed from official records)? \(\sum \text{Yes} \sum \text{No} \)
Has any applicant ever been the subject of an arrest warrant or Interpol notice? ○ Yes ○ No
Has any applicant ever been found guilty of a sexually based offence involving a child (including where no conviction was recorded)? O Yes O No
Has any applicant ever been named on a sex offender register? ○ Yes ○ No
Has any applicant ever been acquitted of any offence on the grounds of unsoundness of mind or insanity? Yes No
Has any applicant ever been found by a court not fit to plead? Yes No
Has any applicant ever been directly or indirectly involved in, or associated with, activities which would represent a risk to national security in Australia or any other country? O Yes O No
U Tes U No
Has any applicant ever been charged with, or indicted for: genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, torture, slavery, or any other crime that is otherwise of a serious international concern? Ores One
Has any applicant ever been associated with a person, group or organisation that has been or is involved in criminal conduct? O Yes O No
Has any applicant ever been associated with an organisation engaged in violence or engaged in acts of violence (including war, insurgency, freedom fighting, terrorism, protest) either overseas or in Australia? Yes O No
Has any applicant ever served in a military force, police force, state sponsored / private militia or intelligence agency (including secret police)? Yes O No
Has any applicant ever undergone any military/paramilitary training, been trained in weapons/explosives or in the manufacture of chemical/biological products?
U Tes U No
Has any applicant ever been involved in people smuggling or people trafficking offences? Yes No
Has any applicant ever been removed, deported or excluded from any country (including Australia)? Yes \(\subseteq No \)
Has any applicant ever overstayed a visa in any country (including Australia)? ○ Yes ○ No
Has any applicant ever had any outstanding debts to the Australian Government or any public authority in Australia? Yes No

- The Character declarations will be updated to reflect changes in legislation
- The application for a Resident Return visa (RRV) will be updated to include Character declarations

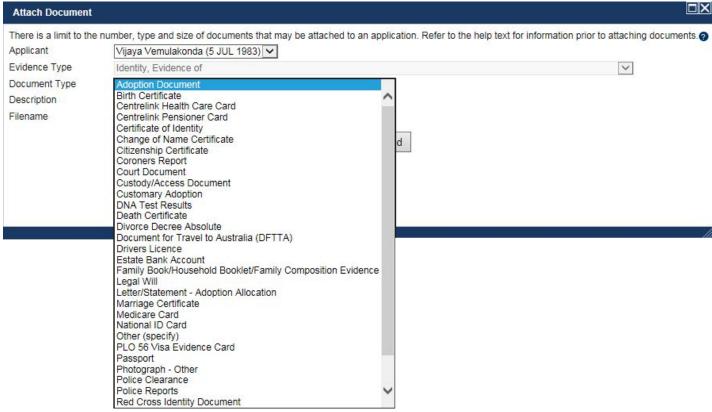


- The declarations for visa
 applications that relate to
 PIC4020 have been updated to
 reflect changes in PIC4020
 and privacy legislation
- Warning messages related to PIC4020 have also been added



The list of documents that can be uploaded as part of an application will be amended to remove documents that must be supplied either in person or by mail.

Usability Enhancements



The list of identity documents that can be uploaded as part of an application will be amended to add four new options – Divorce certificates, Utilities Notice, Form 119 and the ImmiCard

Usability enhancements

AFGHANISTAN - AFG ALBANIA - ALB ALGERIA - DZA AMERICAN SAMOA - ASM ANDORRA - AND ANGOLA - AGO ANGUILLA - AIA ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA - ATG ARGENTINA - ARG ARMENIA - ARM ARUBA - ABW AUSTRALIA - AUS AUSTRIA - AUT AZERBAIJAN - AZE BAHAMAS - BHS BAHRAIN - BHR BANGLADESH - BGD BARBADOS - BRB BELARUS - BLR BELGIUM - BEL BELIZE - BLZ BENIN - BEN BERMUDA - BMU BHUTAN - BTN **BOLIVIA - BOL** BONAIRE, SAINT EUSTATIUS AND SABA - BES BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA - BIH BOTSWANA - BWA BRAZIL - BRA

The drop down list for Country of passport and Nationality of passport holder will be updated to include more countries, including:

- Falkland islands
- Marshall Islands
- Virgin Islands
- Congo
- the United Kingdom

Usability enhancements

You have learned about the usability enhancements.

What would you like to do now?

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Application specific enhancements

Application specific enhancements will be introduced to ImmiAccount on 17 April 2015. Click a button to find out more.

Citizenship

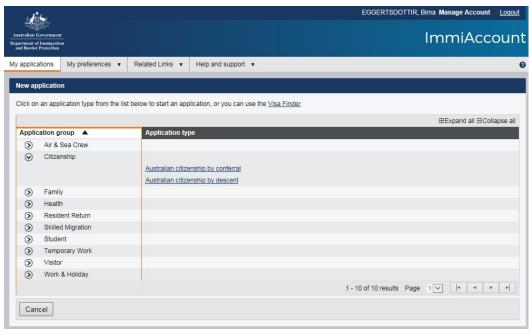
Skilled Migration

Family

Temporary Work

Resident Return

Visitor



eCitz online conferral application forms will be migrated to ImmiAccount.



After 17 April 2015, the eCitz platform will no longer support new or in-flight applications. Existing conferral applicants who have commenced and saved draft applications using the eCitz platform will lose their applications if they are not lodged before 17 April.

Movement of conferral applications forms to ImmiAccount will have a number of benefits, including:

- Online conferral application fields will be pre-populated using data previously entered within the online application form
- Applicants will have greater security through a password protected ImmiAccount
- Applicants can upload their facial image (front of an endorsed photograph) as part of the application



You have learned about the changes to Citizenship applications. What would you like to do now?

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Family

Family



- The names of the online partner visa application forms will be amended
- The Date of Marriage, Date of Intended Marriage and Date
 Relationship Began fields in the Relationship Status component of
 partner visa applications will be made non-mandatory

Family

You have learned about the changes to Family visa applications. What would you like to do now?

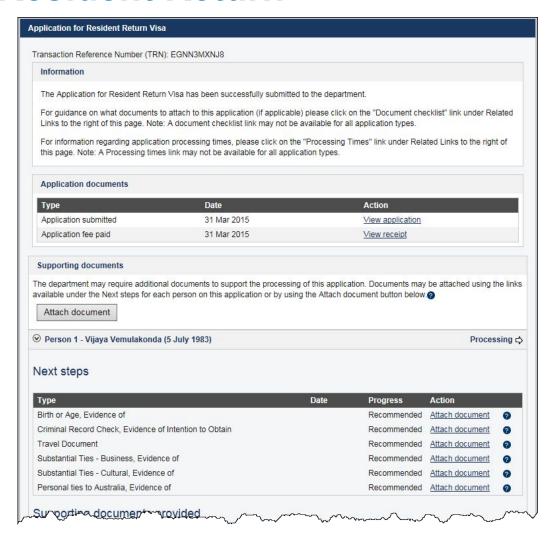
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Resident Return

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Attachment lists will be added to the **Next Steps** section of Resident Return visa applications

Resident Return

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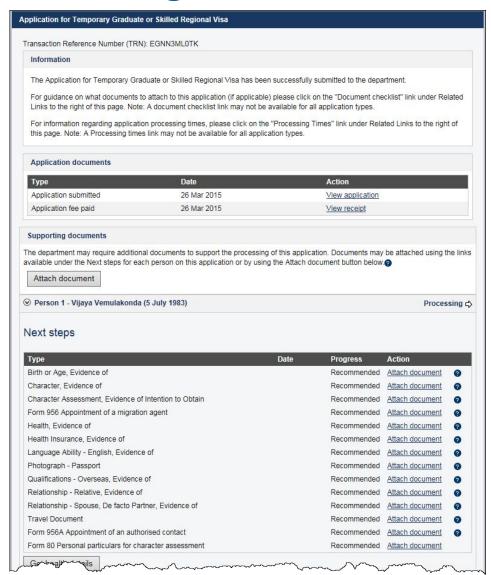
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There are a number of small enhancements to Skilled Migration visa applications, including:

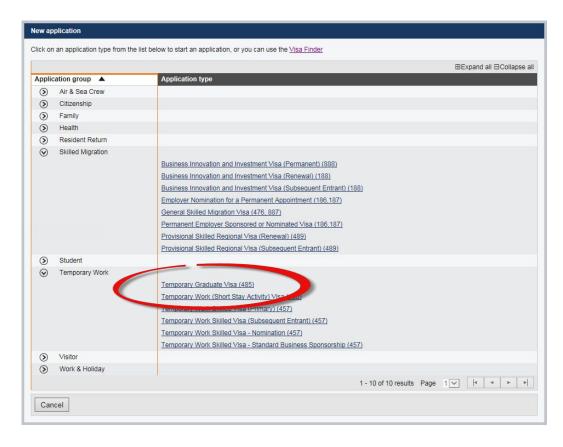
- When employers complete an Employer Nomination Scheme (subclass 186) or Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (subclass 187) nomination, they will need to either provide all passport details, or none. They will not be able to provide partial passport details.
- When completing a Skilled Regional visa (subclass 887) application, applicants will no longer be required to provide a health examination booking number.





Attachment lists will be added to the **Next Steps** section of application for these visa types:

- Skilled Regional visa (subclass 887)
- Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485)



The Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) application has been moved from the Skilled Migration grouping to the Temporary Work grouping

The application form for this visa type is also being amended to:

- remove questions about upfront health examinations
- update the values statement

You have learned about the changes to Skilled Migration visa applications. What would you like to do now?

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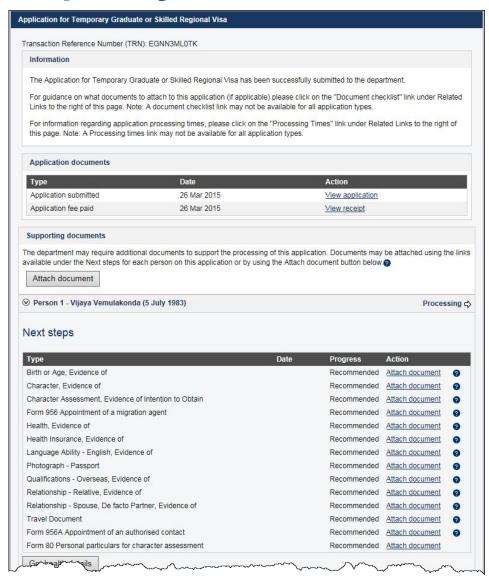
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There are a number of small enhancements to Temporary work visa applications, including:

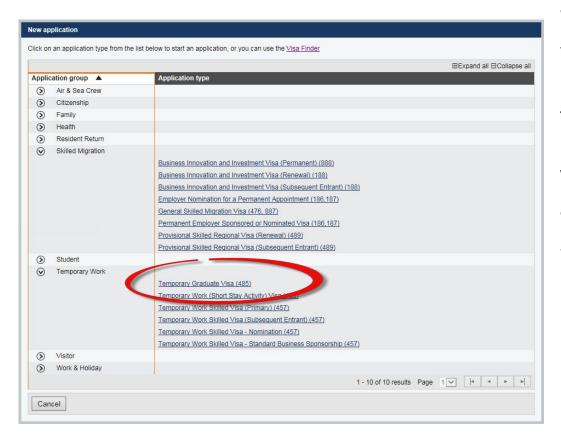
- When completing a Temporary Work (Skilled) visa (subclass 457) visa application, an error will display if the applicant does not provide a nomination ID
- The ability to submit an online application for a Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity) visa (subclass 400) will be extended to include people who hold passports from:
 - Bangladesh
 - Nepal
 - Sri Lanka
 - Palestinian Authority





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- Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485)
- Temporary Work (Skilled) visa (subclass 457)



The Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) application has been moved from the Skilled Migration grouping to the Temporary Work grouping

The application form for this visa type is also being amended to:

- remove questions about upfront health examinations
- update the values statement

You have learned about the changes to Temporary Work visa applications. What would you like to do now?

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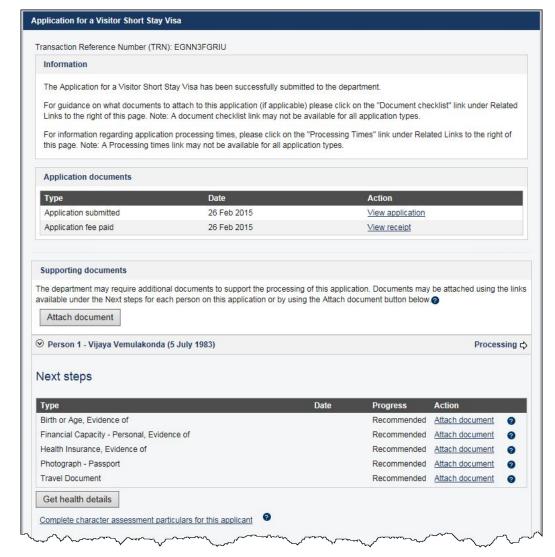
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There are a number of small enhancements to Visitor visa applications, including:

- The ability to submit an online application for a
 Visitor visa (subclass 600) will be extended to
 include people who hold passports from:
 - Bangladesh
 - Nepal
 - Sri Lanka
 - Palestinian Authority
 - Vietnam
 - Indonesia
- There will also be an Agent Only trial of online applications for Visitor visas (subclass 600) for people who hold a passport from India





Attachment lists will be added to the **Next Steps** section of **Visitor visa (subclass 600)** applications

You have learned about the changes to Visitor visa applications. What would you like to do now?

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What do I need to do before April 17, 2015?

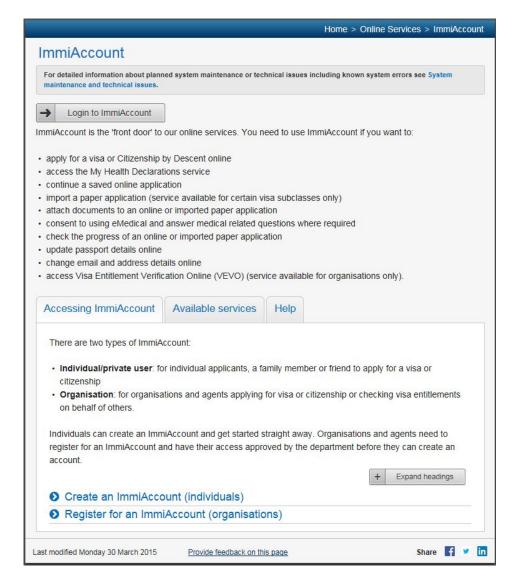
BR2 Preparation

There are a few things you can do on April 16 to ensure a smooth transition, including:

- Where possible, submit any applications that have a status of Ready to Submit. You will not lose these applications on April 17, but you will have to step through each page and answer any questions that have changed if you submit them after that date.
- Complete as many eCitz applications that have been commenced or saved as a draft as possible, as these applications will have to be re-entered into ImmiAccount following April 17.



ImmiAccount support page



http://www.immi.gov.au/Services/
Pages/immiaccount.aspx

The *ImmiAccount support* page has been revised to give agents access to succinct and useful information via a number of tabs.

The improvements include Quick Reference Guides, clearer guidance on attaching documents and a list of common error messages.

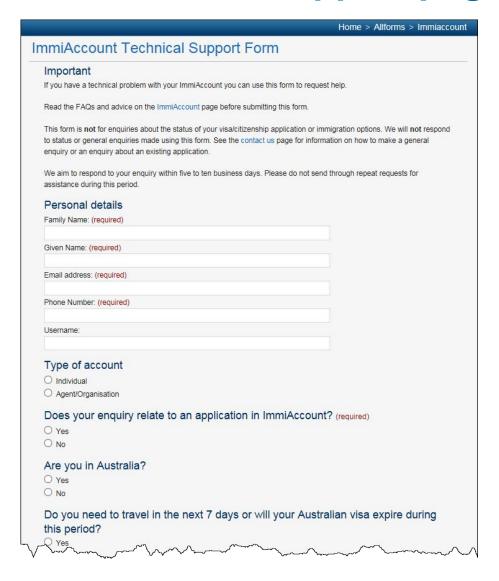
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Individual	
Agent/Organisation	
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) No	
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) Yes	
) No	
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Yes ~~ ~	~~

https://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/immiaccount/technical-support-form/

The ImmiAccount Technical
Support form can be used by
individuals, agents and
organisations to make an enquiry
or raise an issue in regards to
their ImmiAccount or online
application.

ImmiAccount support page



It will help ensure that the department receives the information they need in order to provide a timely response. It will also facilitate improved prioritisation of incoming queries.

This form replaces the existing Technical Support Form on the Agents Gateway.