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Temporary Graduate Visa (COVID-19 Replacement Stream)

Important: This stream will be available for new applications from 1 July 2022. Further details will become available over the coming months. Please continue to check back for updates.

The COVID-19 replacement stream is a replacement for the initial Temporary Graduate visa. It is only available for Temporary Graduate visa holders impacted by the Australian travel restrictions. This means, people who could not stay in Australia for the full period allowed by their previous Temporary Graduate visa can have a replacement visa issued that will permit the same length of stay as the original visa.

On **18 February 2022**, certain eligible Temporary Graduate (subclass 485) visa holders will have their visas extended or enlivened to **30 September 2022**. Visa holders eligible for an extension will be notified directly by the Department.

This interim measure allows eligible Temporary Graduate (subclass 485) visa holders who were affected by COVID-19 travel restrictions to enter, or remain in, Australia to live and work.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a Temporary Graduate visa EXTENSION:

- visa holders must have held a Temporary Graduate visa on **15 December 2021**
- the current visa expires before **30 September 2022**
- the primary visa holder was in Australia at time of the visa grant
- the primary visa holder has been outside Australia for any period between **1 February 2020** and **14 December 2021** (inclusive)
- the visa has not been cancelled since 15 December 2021
- the holder has not been granted a further substantive visa since 15 December 2021.

To be eligible for visa ENLIVENING:

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- visa holders must have held a Temporary Graduate visa that visa expired between **1 February 2020** and **14 December 2021** inclusive
- the primary visa holder was in Australia at time of grant
- the primary holder of the visa has been outside Australia for any period between **1 February 2020** and **14 December 2021** inclusive
- the visa was not cancelled
- the visa holder has not been granted a further substantive visa.

Staying in Australia

Applicants will receive the full validity of their initial Temporary Graduate visa. This is determined by the level of their qualification.

Cost

The visa extension is free and will occur automatically. You do not need to contact the Department.

The visa extension will include family members that were included in the original Temporary Graduate visa.

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