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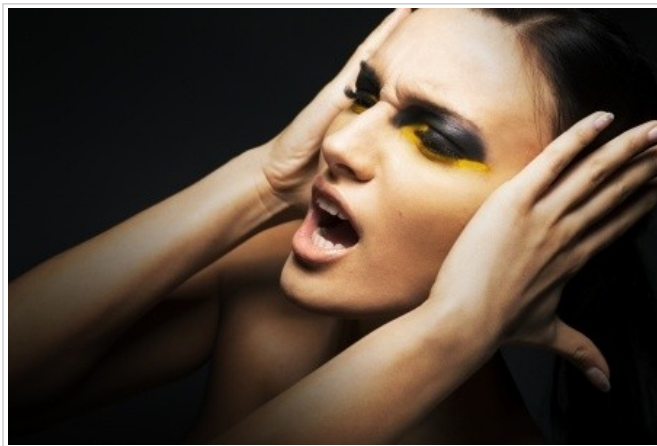
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Parent and Relative Visas

The Department of Home Affairs has released more information over the weekend on migration planning levels for the remainder of current financial year with particular focus on mature visa applicants.

In summary, the maximum number of classes of parent visas granted in the financial year 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 will be as follows:

- **Contributory Parent Visas – 7175**
- **Parent Visas – 1500**
- **Other family visas including Remaining Relative and Aged Dependent Relative – 500**

According to the Departmental website the current processing timeframe for Contributory parent visas is currently at **41 months**. The processing timeframe for other parent visas is not published, however, it is believed to be in excess of **25** years.

Remaining relative visas are taking **50** years to process according to the latest processing timeframes published on Departmental website and the same processing timeframe apply to aged dependent relative. An applicant for an aged dependent relative must be someone who would qualify for an Australian aged pension (which is 67 years of age).

The relevant legislative instrument can be found here:

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Investment Retirement Visas are Now Closed

Applications for an Investor Retirement (Class UY) Subclass 405 visa made on or after 1 June 2018 are only valid if the applicant is the holder of a Class UY visa, or if the last substantive visa held by the applicant since last entering Australia was a Class UY visa.

The closure of the Class UY visa, which consists of one visa subclass, the Subclass 405 (Investor Retirement) visa, was announced in the 2018-19 Federal Budget, as part of the establishment of a pathway to permanent residence for current holders of the Retirement (Temporary)(Class TQ) visas and the Class UY visa. The Class TQ visa, which consists of one visa subclass, the Subclass 410 (Retirement) visa, is already closed to new applicants. The reason for the closure of the Class UY visa is that the visa no longer aligns with Australia's economic priorities.

Temporary Parent Visas:

In lieu of permanent options, the Government confirmed that subject to the passage of relevant legislation, the temporary sponsored parent visa will be introduced during the 2017-18 Migration Programme year.

The temporary sponsored parent visa is designed to allow the parents of Australians to spend longer periods of time with their children in Australia without placing additional burden on Australia's health care system.

The introduction of the temporary sponsored parent visa is subject to passage of the Migration Amendment (Family Violence and other Measures) Bill 2016 (the Bill) through Parliament.

The new visa will allow Australians to sponsor their parents to stay in Australia for up to five years at a time. This new visa arrangement does not replace the existing Parent category visas.

According to the government, the new visa provides an important cultural link for children of Australian migrants, while recognising the social benefits afforded through parent reunification, such as assistance with minding of grandchildren. This new visa arrangement is for parents (biological or adoptive) and step-parents of Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents and eligible New Zealand Citizens.

The visa application charge for:

- a five year visa will be AUD10,000
- a three year visa will be AUD5,000

Further migration planning levels are expected to be made available in relation to other visa categories in the coming weeks.

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Frank-Richter Wednesday, 06 June 2018

It is only fair, that children and parents take responsibility for their care, if they want them to come and live here. Government figures at present show that on average each parent that comes in Australia on 143, 116, 835, 836 etc is costing Australian taxpayer about \$350,000. So if we let in about 9000 per year this adds more than \$3 billions to our expenditure each year. This is unfair for our own taxpayers, who like myself can not get one penny from our social security, though I have paid taxes for 45 years in Australia, yet we have people here who have never paid taxes and like one person I know came here when 60 years old and is now 84 so has received a pension here for last 15 years, had her cancer treatment and subsidised public housing and total cost to Australian taxpayers would so far be about \$0.5 million and counting. By all means allow children to bring parents here to live with them but not at taxpayers' expenses

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Robert Bock Monday, 11 June 2018

so I guess we will need to rethink allowing parents to be included as dependants on their



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