

CARER VISA PERMANENT SUBCLASS 836/116

MIGRATE TO AUSTRALIA AS CARER

Ferguson Cannon are Migration Lawyers and Registered Migration Agents (Registered Number 0105779) located on the Sunshine Coast and Brisbane in Queensland, Australia. We specialise in complex and difficult applications.

This visa is for people who are needed to care for an Australian relative or a member of their family unit who has a medical condition. This visa requires the applicant to be sponsored by their Australian relative or their Australian relative's spouse.

With this visa you can:

- Live in Australia with your family as Australian Permanent Residents
- Work and study in Australia
- Receive subsidised healthcare through Medicare and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS)
- Access certain social security payments (subject to waiting periods)
- Be eligible for Australian citizenship (subject to the residency eligibility criteria)
- Sponsor people for permanent residence (subject to waiting periods and visa specific restrictions)

To be eligible for this Visa the following requirements must be met:

The Applicant

- Must have a relative in Australia who is either an Australian citizen, a permanent resident, or an eligible New Zealand citizen, and who is an eligible sponsor.
- You must be willing and able to provide assistance to your sponsor/ sponsor's spouse which cannot be reasonably obtained from any other relative or from welfare, hospital, nursing or community services in Australia.
- You must meet health and character requirements.

The Relative with the medical condition

The relative with a medical condition can be an Australian relative or member of their family unit. They must have a medical condition that meets the following criteria:

- the medical condition must be causing physical, intellectual or sensory impairment of their ability to attend to the practical aspects of daily life

- the type of assistance required must be of a type which cannot reasonably be obtained from any other relative or from welfare, hospital, nursing or community services in Australia
- the need for assistance must be likely to continue for at least two (2) years
- the medical condition must be assessed and verified by Health Services Australia who will determine whether the level of impairment and the type and extent of care required is congruent with the criteria set out by the Carer Visa.

Family Members

The following family members can be included in your application:

- your spouse;
- your dependent child; and
- other relatives

Every family member must pass health and character requirements and complete an Australian Values Statement.

Sponsor

Your sponsor must continue to help the applicant (and their family) settle in Australia by providing:

- support
- accommodation
- financial assistance

For this visa, the sponsor must comply with these obligations for two (2) years from the date the applicant (and any accompanying family members) arrive in Australia.

Australian Values Statement

If you are aged 18 years or over, you are required to sign an Australian values statement. The statement is included in your visa application form and all applicants aged 18 years and over will need to sign it to confirm that they will respect the Australian way of life and obey Australian laws. Before signing this statement you are required to have read, or had explained to you, material made available by the government on life in Australia which is contained in the Life in Australia book.