



Budget 2019-20

This information is accurate as at 2 April 2019.

New Regional Visas — Population Package

This measure supports regional Australia through the Government’s migration planning package.

The government has announced two new regional provisional visas. Holders of these new visas will be able to live and work in regional Australia. These new visas provide a pathway to permanent residency.

Holders of the new visas will have access to the same welfare payments and services available to permanent resident visa holders. Existing waiting periods, including the Newly Arrived Resident Waiting Period will apply.

This measure is subject to the passage of legislation.

Who is affected by this measure?

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When will this start and finish?

This measure starts November 2019 and is ongoing.