



## **Government delivers new temporary Sponsored Parent Visa**

The Australian Government will deliver on its commitment to introduce a new temporary Sponsored Parent visa, with sponsors able to lodge an application to sponsor their parent from 17 April 2019.

The Sponsored Parent (Temporary) subclass 870 visa provides parents and grandparents with a new pathway to reunite and spend time together through having the opportunity to visit Australia for a continuous period of up to five years.

There is also the opportunity to apply for a second visa for another five years after a short period outside Australia, meaning parents and grandparents will be able to spend up to 10 years in Australia.

Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs David Coleman said the new visa demonstrates the Government's commitment to supporting migrant communities.

"This new visa will deliver great social benefits to families across Australia" Mr Coleman said.

"Up to 15,000 Sponsored Parent (Temporary) visas may be granted each year, ensuring reunions are possible for many families. This will make a big difference to many Australian families."

Measures have been put in place to strengthen the visa framework, and require Australian sponsors to act as a financial guarantor for any outstanding public health costs incurred by the visa holder whilst in Australia, including hospital and aged care fees. This ensures taxpayers are not required to cover additional costs.

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