



TRANSITIONING TO PERMANENT RESIDENCE FROM A 457 VISA

The Immigration Department has confirmed that there will be transitional arrangements to permanent residence for those who held a 457 visa or applied for a 457 visa when the visa changes were announced by the Government on 18 April 2017. Stay sharp with our update on transitioning to permanent residence from a 457 Visa.

TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EMPLOYEES HOLDING A 457 VISA ON 18 APRIL 2017



Can I apply for permanent residence if I held / applied for a 457 visa on 18 April 2017?

We can confirm that 457 visa holders and those who had lodged a 457 visa application up to and on 18 April 2017 will still be able to transition to permanent residence under the existing Temporary Residence Transition Stream arrangements. This means you will be able to take advantage of the existing transitional provisions, which allow you to apply for permanent residence if you:

- Are under 50 years of age
- Have worked at least 2 out of the 3 years prior to being nominated on a 457 visa with your sponsoring employer



Will it matter whether my occupation is listed on the updated Skilled Occupation Lists?

If you held or lodged an application for a 457 visa up to and on 18 April 2017, you will be unaffected by the new occupational skills list restrictions, as long as you continue to work in your originally nominated position with your sponsoring employer.

NEW ARRANGEMENTS TO TRANSITION FROM A 457 VISA TO PERMANENT RESIDENCE



Can I apply for permanent residence if my 457 Visa application was lodged after 18 April 2017?

Your eligibility to transition from a 457 Visa to permanent residence will not be considered under the existing transitional arrangements. Instead, your eligibility will depend on the new legislation, which is still being confirmed by the Immigration Department.

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