

Arrival Control Determination Fact Sheet – Iran

The Federal Government has made an Arrival Control Determination relating to people outside Australia with visitor visas linked to their Iranian passport.

Who is impacted

This determination applies to people outside Australia who have a subclass 600 (Visitor) visa linked to an Iranian passport.

Subclass 600 (Visitor) visas are for tourists, business visitors or to visit family.

The Visitor visa is temporarily suspended, as a result of the Determination, unless an exemption applies. This means the visa cannot be used to travel to Australia while the determination is in force. The Determination does not affect the expiry date of a visa.

Who is not impacted

The Determination applies only to Subclass 600 (Visitor) visa holders – it does not apply to any other visas.

There are also exemptions. It does not apply to Visitor visa holders with Iranian passports who are:

- the spouse, de facto partner or dependent child of an Australian citizen, an Australian permanent visa holder, or an Australian resident who is not subject to a time limitation (such as a New Zealand citizen)
- the parent of a child who is under 18 and in Australia
- a person who was in Australia when the Arrival Control Determination commenced
- a person who has been issued a Permitted Travel Certificate (PTC) that is in force.

If you are a visitor visa holder who may be exempt, you will need to apply for an “ACD check” via the [Arrival Control Determination portal](#) accessed at [Arrival Control Determination page](#) and provide supporting documentation so that the Department can confirm your status and update your record to allow you to travel.

Where there are special circumstances

If the Determination applies to you, but you still wish to travel to Australia, you may request a Permitted Travel Certificate. All special circumstances can be considered by the Department.

A Permitted Travel Certificate allows the Department to consider an individual’s personal circumstances including where they can show they genuinely intend to stay in Australia temporarily.

The Minister has also made clear that sympathetic consideration will be taken in cases involving the parents of Australian citizens.

To request a permitted travel certificate, go to the Department’s secure online [Arrival Control Determination portal](#). Do not make travel plans unless you receive advice that you have been issued with a permitted travel certificate.

Questions and Answers

Why has this decision been made for Iran?

Because the situation in Iran has changed quickly. The Government needs time to assess risks and ensure the migration system remains fair and sustainable during this period.

Who does this apply to?

The Determination applies to Visitor visa (subclass 600) visa holders linked to an Iranian passport who are outside Australia . It does not apply to people already in Australia.

Does this mean visas are cancelled?

No. Visas are not cancelled when a determination is made. The visa is temporarily suspended while the determination is in force. The Determination does not affect the expiry date of a visa.

Will this separate families?

No. Partners and dependent children of Australian citizens and permanent residents, as well as the parents of children under 18 who are in Australia, are exempt. Other people can request a Permitted Travel Certificate.

What about parents of Australians?

The Minister has made clear that sympathetic care will be taken in cases involving the parents of Australian citizens.

Can someone still come to Australia during this period?

Yes. Individuals can apply for a Permitted Travel Certificate. This allows the Department to consider an individual's personal circumstances including where they can show they genuinely intend to stay in Australia temporarily.

Does this affect refugees or people needing protection?

No. Humanitarian and protection visa pathways remain available.

The Determination applies to Visitor visa holders - it would not affect other visa holders.

How long will this last?

The Determination will be in force for six months.

If circumstances change, the Minister may consider revoking the determination earlier.

A determination cannot be extended. Any further action would require a new determination including agreement from the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister.

Does this apply to all Iranian visa holders?

No. It applies only to Visitor visa (subclass 600) visa holders linked to an Iranian passport who are outside Australia . A determination cannot apply to permanent visa holders or visa holders in Australia.

Is this targeting the Iranian community?

No. This is a temporary measure based on changing conditions overseas. The Government values its Iranian community and their contribution to Australia.

What happens when the determination ends?

If a visa is still valid, the person will be able to travel to Australia again as normal.

Do I have to apply for an exemption?

If you intend to come to Australia, you can check your visa status through [VEVO](#). If your visa is temporarily suspended, but you believe the Arrival Control Determination does not apply to you, you can request a check through the [Arrival Control Determination portal](#).

People who are exempt from the Arrival Control Determination may continue to travel to Australia if they hold a valid visa. However, they will need to provide evidence that the restrictions do not apply to them before they travel to Australia.

Do I have to apply for a permitted travel certificate?

If the Determination applies to you, but you still wish to travel to Australia, you may apply for a Permitted Travel Certificate. If you are issued with a certificate your visa will come back into effect and you will be able to travel to Australia within the visa validity period. Applications are considered on a case-by-case basis.

Permitted travel certificates will only be issued in very limited circumstances, which may include individuals who:

- are the parent of an Australian citizen, or
- can show they genuinely intend to stay in Australia temporarily. The Minister has made clear that sympathetic care will be taken in cases involving the parents of Australian citizens.

To request a permitted travel certificate, go to the Department's secure online [Arrival Control Determination portal](#). Do not make travel plans unless you receive advice that you have been issued with a permitted travel certificate.

A person who began travel to Australia before the Arrival Control Determination came into effect, including those who are transiting in a third country for less than 24 hours, will generally be issued a Permitted Travel Certificate. They do not need to apply.

What if I have already begun my journey to Australia?

A person who began travel to Australia before the Arrival Control Determination came into effect, including those who are transiting in a third country for less than 24 hours, will generally be issued a Permitted Travel Certificate. They do not need to apply. More information is available on the [Arrival Control Determination page](#).