



## **FACT SHEET: Information on TYPES OF PROTECTION VISA AVAILABLE**

Australia has two types of protection visas for refugees who apply for asylum in Australia:

- the Permanent Protection Visa (subclass 866); and
- the Temporary Protection Visa (subclass 785).

### **What is a Permanent Protection Visa?**

A Permanent Protection Visa (PPV) is a visa that is granted to people who entered Australia with a valid visa (student, visitor etc) and who are successful in their application for a protection visa.

The PPV allows permanent residence, English classes, Social Security benefits, a right to sponsor immediate family members, settlement support services and an ability to leave and re-enter Australia.

### **What is a Temporary Protection Visa?**

A Temporary Protection Visa (TPV) is a visa that is granted to people who applied for a permanent protection visa after 20 October 1999, were recognised as refugees and who entered Australia without a valid visa, or with a visa that was obtained 'fraudulently'. The TPV is valid for 36 months.

The TPV allows you to work and reside in Australia for 36 months and limited access to social services. It does not entitle you to either sponsor immediate family services, re-enter Australia if you leave or free English classes. Temporary Protection Visa holders must pay overseas student rate fees (full fees) if they want to study.

**All the information in this fact sheet is correct at June 2005.**

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