

Parent Visa Options Pros and Cons

Sponsored Temporary Visa

Subclass 870

Score

-6

Pros	Weight	Cons	Weight
No Family Balance Test	1	Sponsorship must meet income test and be approved first	1
Stay in Australia for up to 10 years	1	Only offshore unless has Minister's permission to apply onshore	1
No assurance of support	1	Sponsor is liable for public medical health expenses	1
Manageable application fee	1	No option of applying for another Parent visa while holding Subclass 870	1
Faster processing	1	No pathway to PR	1
		Must be offshore for at least 90 days after the first expiry of Subclass 870 (3 or 5 years)	1
		Maximum 10 years of stay	1
		No Medicare	1
		Must have private health insurance	1
		No health waiver, except onshore applications	1
		Can not work	1
Total	5	Total	11

Permanent Residency Visa

Subclass 143

Score

2

Pros	Weight	Cons	Weight
Permanent Residency - Indefinite stay in Australia	1	Family balance test	1
Medicare Access	1	High Application Fee + Assurance of Support required	1
Live and work in Australia	1	No health waiver	1
Social security after 2 years stay in Australia	1	Long processing times	1
Age and disability pension after 10 years stay in Australia	1		
Second Application fee instalment paid only upon applicant meets all visa requirements	1		
Total	6	Total	4