

Eligibility Determination for Services: A Comprehensive Guide

Simplifying Processes and Supporting Refugees and People Seeking Asylum Needs

Objectives of the Session

- Learn the Criteria for determining eligibility
- Understand the assessment process
- Access resources like checklist and flowcharts
- Align practices with legal requirements

What is ASVET?

The Asylum Seeker VET (ASVET) program allows people seeking asylum and refugees to be exempt from the usual citizenship and residency requirements for Skills First-funded training in Victoria.

- This enables eligible individuals to enroll in Skills First-funded courses at the subsidised rate, including the concession rate where available, without needing a healthcare card or additional proof of concession.

Eligible Courses:

- Foundation Studies (e.g., EAL, VCE, VCAL)
- VET Certificates I to IV
- Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas
- Skill Sets

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Where to Enroll:

- TAFEs
- Learn Locals
- Government-contracted Registered Training Organisations (RTOs)

Additional Notes:

- ASVET funding does not affect AMEP (Adult Migrant English Program) or SEE (Skills for Education and Employment) funding.

Eligibility Criteria Overview

From 1 July 2023, eligibility to participate in the Asylum Seeker VET program is for **individuals or dependants of individuals**, who

- **hold** any humanitarian, protection, or refugee visa in Australia, or
- have **applied** for a humanitarian, protection or refugee visa and hold a **bridging visa** for this purpose.
- have made an application under s.417 or s.48b of the *Migration Act 1958 (Cth)* which is yet to be determined and hold a bridging visa.

Refugee and Humanitarian Visas

Permanent

- Protection Visa (XA 866)
- Refugee Visa - Refugee (XB 200)
- Refugee Visa - In country Special Humanitarian (XB 201)
- Refugee Visa - Global Special Humanitarian (XB 202)
- Refugee Visa - Emergency Rescue (XB 203)
- Refugee Visa - Women at Risk (XB 204)
- Resolution of Status (CD 851)

Temporary

- Humanitarian (Temporary) (UJ 449)
- Temporary Humanitarian Concern (UO 786)
- Temporary Protection Visa (XD 785)
- Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (XE 790)

This list may change or be incomplete. If you are unsure about a visa type please contact the [Department of Home Affairs](#)

Bridging Visas

Visa given while waiting the outcome of a substantial visa

Not exclusive to people seeking asylum - will need to check which visa they have applied for - see evidence of application

- Bridging visa A (WA 010)
- Bridging visa B (WB 020)
- Bridging visa C (WC 030)
- Bridging visa D (WD 040)
- Bridging visa E (WE 050 and WE 051)
- Bridging Visa F (WF 060)

In some cases, individuals may hold this visa for over 5 years

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Other Eligibility Requirements

Individuals must have study rights, and work rights are required for programs that include work placement.

All applicants must:

- have a proficient level of English to participate in the chosen course
- be able to pay for: course concession fees (where applicable), course materials, student amenity fees, and transport costs

ASRC cannot pay any fee gaps

- live in Victoria

For any further eligibility requirements or limitations please check your Skills First contract, or contact your contract manager at the DJSIR.

What does it mean to ‘seek asylum’?

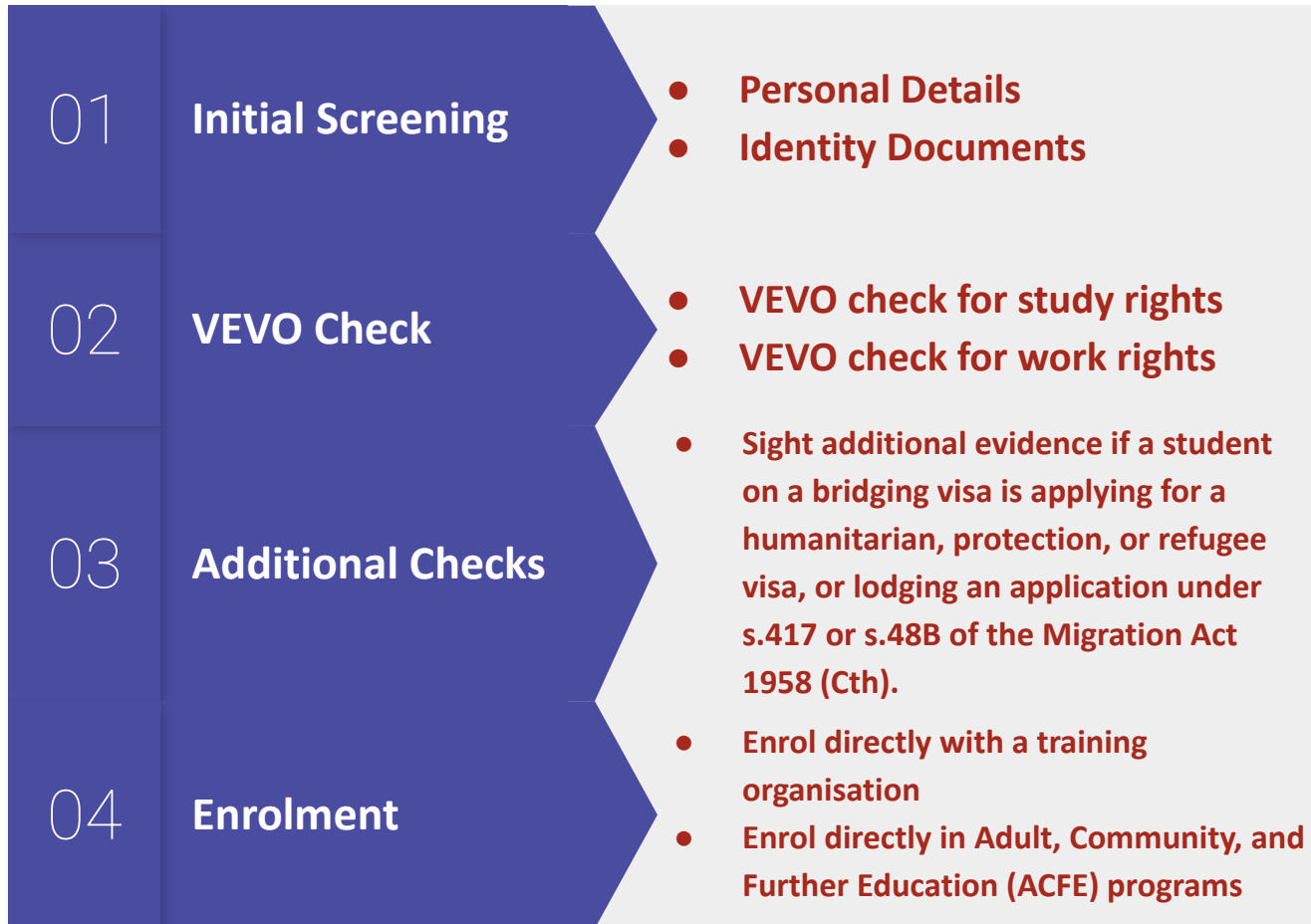
Refugees are people who have been forced to flee their homes and have crossed an international border to find safety in another country. - **UNHCR**

In Australian law a person is ‘recognised’ as a refugee when they legally apply for protection and are granted it by the federal government.

In contrast a **person seeking asylum** is someone who has applied for legal protection as a refugee but whose claim has not yet been assessed or finalised.

However, according to the international law, a person qualifies as a ‘refugee’ as soon as they meet the definition, regardless of whether or not their claim has been assessed by the Australian Government. - **Refugee Council of Australia**

Step-by-Step Eligibility Assessment Process



Conducting a VEVO (Visa Entitlement Verification Online) check

Visa Entitlement Verification Online (VEVO) enables visa holders, employers, education providers, and other organizations to verify visa details and conditions.

It is commonly used to confirm study rights, work rights, and current visa status.

VEVO checks can be conducted by an organization or the visa holder themselves.

The appearance and details of a VEVO check may vary depending on whether it is performed by a training provider, lawyer, or the individual.

More information: [VEVO - Check Visa Details and Conditions](#).

VEVO check by organisation

What you will need:

A copy of one of the following documents:

- ImmiCard
- Passport
- Titre de Voyage
- DFTTA
- PLO56 (M56)

The student must provide consent if the VEVO check is conducted by a third party.

Steps for Logging in and Running a VEVO Check:

1. Log in using your organisation's ImmiAccount username and password (Organisation Holder VEVO Login): [VEVO Login](#).
2. Once logged in successfully, click the "Continue" button.
3. Enter the required details to match the document.
4. Download or print the document as a PDF for your records.

VEVO Check by Student

You can accept a VEVO record generated by the student themselves.

You must sight the document used to perform the VEVO check (e.g., ImmiCard, passport, etc.) and ensure the following details match:

- Name
- Date of birth
- Document number
- Country of origin

Note that you can still perform a Vevo check with an expired passport but you will not be able to check vevo with an expired immicard.



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Visa Entitlement Verification Online (VEVO) Visa Details Check

This document contains the result of a Visa Entitlement Verification Online (VEVO) Visa Details Check and is valid as at Wednesday August 09, 2023 13:44:27 (AEST) Canberra, Australia (GMT +1000).

Important information about VEVO

A VEVO check shows the visa details and conditions associated with a particular visa holder, such as work or study rights.

VEVO Visa Details Checks are only current at the time conducted and should only be considered valid when received directly from the VEVO system.

Not all visas allow people to work. Some Australian visas have work conditions which may include not being able to work at all or only being able to work with a certain employer or a specific number of hours.

Foreign nationals who do not have a valid visa are not allowed to work in Australia. This might include a person whose visa has expired or been cancelled.

Employers are strongly encouraged to conduct their own VEVO Visa Details Check as it is a criminal offense to hire or refer illegal workers in Australia.

Employers who hire, or refer workers without the right to work, face serious penalties including fines or imprisonment.

With the permission of the visa holder, registered employers may conduct a VEVO Visa Details Check to confirm the visa details and conditions of employees. For more information about employing a visa holder, please go to: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/legals/workers>

Want to know more about VEVO?

For more information about VEVO, including how eligible organisations can register to conduct VEVO Visa Detail Checks, please go to: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/VEVO>

Visa Detail Check

Valid as at [REDACTED] 13:44:27 (AEST) Canberra, Australia (GMT +1000)

Family name	[REDACTED]
Given name(s)	[REDACTED]
Visa description	BRIDGING
Document number	[REDACTED]
Visa class / subclass	WA / 010
Visa applicant	Primary
Visa grant date	[REDACTED]
Location	Onshore
Visa status	In Effect
Entries allowed	[REDACTED]
Period of stay	Indefinite
Visa type	Bridging visa

Reading a VEVO check

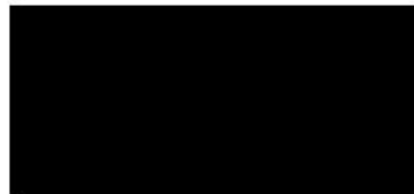
Visa Detail Check

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Date VEVO check was run

Enquiry details

Family name
Given name(s)
Date of birth
ImmiCard number



Enquiry details will be the same as the details you entered

Current visa details as per departmental records

Category selected
Family name
Given name(s)
ImmiCard number
Visa class / subclass
Visa grant date
Location
Study condition(s)

Study entitlements
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
WE / 050
[Redacted]
Onshore
No limitations on study.

Code corresponding to visa type

Common that the VEVO check doesn't list an expiry date

Student-Generated VEVO Check

Visa Detail Check

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Given name(s)	[REDACTED]
Visa description	BRIDGING
Document number	[REDACTED]
Visa class / subclass	WA / 010
Visa applicant	[REDACTED]
Visa grant date	[REDACTED]
Location	[REDACTED]
Visa status	[REDACTED]
Entries allowed	[REDACTED]
Period of stay	[REDACTED]
Visa type	Bridging visa

Screenshots from
a Two-Page
VEVO Check

Work entitlements

The Visa Holder has unlimited Work Entitlements

Workplace rights

All employees in Australia are protected by workplace laws, including visa holders, for further information see:
<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/working-in-australia/work-rights-and-exploitation>

Study entitlements

The Visa Holder has unlimited Study Entitlements

Key Details to Check

- **Bridging visas** may or may not include study or work rights – always check.

Common phrases to look for in VEVO checks:

- *“No limitations on study”* or *“Unlimited study entitlements”* – The visa holder has unrestricted study rights.
- *“No study entitlements”* – The visa holder is not permitted to study.
- *“This work right check is valid for three months only. The visa holder has unlimited work rights in Australia. If you wish to employ the visa holder, their work rights must be checked every three months.”* – Indicates unlimited work rights, but the VEVO check must be updated every three months from the ‘valid’ date listed.
- *“CAN work, unlimited work rights, but the VEVO check expires 3 months after the ‘valid’ date listed at the top”* – Confirms the visa holder can work without restrictions, but VEVO checks need to be refreshed regularly.

VEVO issues

If You Cannot Run a VEVO Check:

- Verify if the individual has any other identification documents. For example, if a person with an ImmiCard is also granted a Titre De Voyage, only one of these documents may work for VEVO checks.
- Ask if the individual can run a VEVO check themselves through their ImmiAccount and provide the result, or if someone else (e.g., caseworker, lawyer) can assist in providing it.
- Consult with ASRC for further assistance.

If the Individual Does Not Have Study Rights:

- Do not proceed with enrolment. Encourage them to speak with ASRC and/or their lawyer, as they may be able to request study rights.

If the Individual Does Not Have Work Rights:

- They cannot immediately enrol in a course with a work placement component. However, they can explore requesting work rights.

Support Available:

- ASRC may be able to provide assistance in these situations.

Evidence of application for protection for bridging visa holders

Additional Documents Required to Confirm Protection Visa Applications:

- Since VEVO checks only display a person's current visa, extra documents are required to verify that they have applied for a protection-type visa.

Examples of Acceptable Documents:

- Bridging visa grant notice
- Acknowledgement of application
- Receipt from ImmiAccount

Requirements for the Documents:

- Must be from an official source
- Must clearly indicate that they are linked to a protection, humanitarian, or refugee visa application

How to Obtain These Documents:

- The individual can request the documents through their ImmiAccount.
- Alternatively, they can consult their caseworker or lawyer to assist in obtaining the necessary paperwork.

Acknowledgement of Application Letter



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Dear [REDACTED]

We received your Protection (subclass 866) visa application on [REDACTED] June 2023.

Application status	
Protection (subclass 866) visa:	Received

Application summary

Primary applicant	[REDACTED]
Visa	Protection (subclass 866)
Date of application	[REDACTED] June 2023
Application ID	[REDACTED]
Transaction reference number	[REDACTED]

Providing documents

We may make a decision on your application without requesting additional information. You should provide us with all the information you feel is relevant.

As you lodged your application online, you should log in to your ImmiAccount to see the documents required for your application.

Do not send us original documents unless we ask for them. If you send copies of your documents, ensure that they are certified copies.

If you provide us with fraudulent documents or claims, this may result in processing delays

Verify that the visa type and class correspond with the list provided on Slide 14.

Bridging Visa Grant Notice



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BRIDGING VISA GRANT NOTICE

Application details

Date of Visa Application
Application ID
Transaction Reference Number
(TRN)
File Number
Visa Application Charge
Receipt Number

A Bridging visa (class WA) has been granted to the applicant listed in the table below to allow you to remain in Australia during the processing of your application for a Protection (class XA) Protection (subclass 866) visa.

Bridging visa grant details

Client Name	[REDACTED]
Date Of Birth	[REDACTED]
Client ID	[REDACTED]
Bridging Visa Class	Bridging A (class WA)
Bridging Visa Subclass	Bridging A (subclass 010)
Visa Grant Number	[REDACTED]
Visa Grant Date	[REDACTED]
Passport Number	[REDACTED]
Travel Facility	[REDACTED]
Visa Conditions	[REDACTED]

About your bridging visa

This bridging visa is not in effect because your Electronic Travel Authority visa is currently in effect.

Key Resources and Links

List of Visas:

[Australian Visa Types and Classes - Legislation](#)

Conduct a VEVO Check:

[Visa Entitlement Verification Online \(VEVO\)](#)

VEVO Check Screenshots and Process:

[ASVET Referral Process and Visa Checks Guide \(PDF\)](#)

General Information:

[Victorian Asylum Seeker VET Program](#)

[Skills First Program](#)

[ACFE Eligibility](#)



Thank you!

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