



LIN 25/086

Migration (Australian Values Statement for Public Interest Criterion 4019) Instrument 2025

I, Matt Thistlethwaite, Assistant Minister for Immigration, make the following instrument.

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Migration (Australian Values Statement for Public Interest Criterion 4019) Instrument 2025*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences **on the day after registration.**

3 Authority

This instrument is made under clause 3.1 of Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the *Migration Regulations 1994*.

4 Definitions

In this instrument:

Regulations means the *Migration Regulations 1994*.

5 Application

This instrument applies in relation to an application for a visa that is made on or after the commencement of this instrument, if the application is for a subclass of visa that is mentioned in a table in Schedule 1.

6 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

7 Values statement for specified subclasses of visas

- (1) For the subclasses of visas mentioned in table 1 in Schedule 1, the statement under Part 1 of Schedule 2 is approved as the values statement.
- (2) For the subclasses of visas mentioned in table 2 in Schedule 1, the statement under Part 1 of Schedule 2, combined with the statement under Part 2 of that Schedule, is approved as the values statement.

Schedule 1—Specified subclasses of visas

Note: See section 6.

Item	Column 1 Subclasses
1	Subclass 163 (State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (Provisional))
2	Subclass 164 (State/Territory Sponsored Senior Executive (Provisional))
3	Subclass 165 (State/ Territory Sponsored Investor (Provisional))
4	Subclass 173 (Contributory Parent (Temporary))
5	Subclass 188 (Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional))
6	Subclass 300 (Prospective Marriage)
7	Subclass 309 (Partner (Provisional))
8	Subclass 403 (Temporary Work (International Relations))
9	Subclass 405 (Investor Retirement)
10	Subclass 407 (Training)
11	Subclass 408 (Temporary Activity)
12	Subclass 410 (Retirement)
13	Subclass 417 (Working Holiday)
14	Subclass 445 (Dependent Child)
15	Subclass 461 (New Zealand Citizen Family Relationship (Temporary))
16	Subclass 462 (Work and Holiday)
17	Subclass 476 (Skilled—Recognised Graduate)
18	Subclass 482 (Skills in Demand)
19	Subclass 485 (Temporary Graduate)
20	Subclass 489 (Skilled—Regional (Provisional))
21	Subclass 491 (Skilled Work Regional (Provisional))
22	Subclass 494 (Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (Provisional))
23	Subclass 500 (Student)
24	Subclass 590 (Student Guardian)
25	Subclass 785 (Temporary Protection)
26	Subclass 790 (Safe Haven Enterprise)
27	Subclass 820 (Partner)
28	Subclass 870 (Sponsored Parent (Temporary))
29	Subclass 884 (Contributory Aged Parent (Temporary))

Table 2: Specified subclasses of visas

Item	Column 1 Subclasses
1	Subclass 100 (Partner)
2	Subclass 101 (Child)
3	Subclass 103 (Parent)
4	Subclass 114 (Aged Dependent Relative)
5	Subclass 115 (Remaining Relative)
6	Subclass 116 (Carer)
7	Subclass 124 (Distinguished Talent)
8	Subclass 132 (Business Talent)
9	Subclass 143 (Contributory Parent)
10	Subclass 151 (Former Resident)
11	Subclass 186 (Employer Nomination Scheme)
12	Subclass 187 (Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme)
13	Subclass 189 (Skilled—Independent)
14	Subclass 190 (Skilled—Nominated)
15	Subclass 200 (Refugee)
16	Subclass 201 (In-country Special Humanitarian)
17	Subclass 202 (Global Special Humanitarian)
18	Subclass 203 (Emergency Rescue)
19	Subclass 204 (Woman at Risk)
20	Subclass 800 (Territorial Asylum)
21	Subclass 801 (Partner)
22	Subclass 802 (Child)
23	Subclass 804 (Aged Parent)
24	Subclass 808 (Confirmatory (Residence))
25	Subclass 835 (Remaining Relative)
26	Subclass 836 (Carer)
27	Subclass 838 (Aged Dependent Relative)
28	Subclass 851 (Resolution of Status)
29	Subclass 852 (Referred Stay (Permanent))
30	Subclass 858 (Distinguished Talent)
31	Subclass 864 (Contributory Aged Parent)
32	Subclass 866 (Protection)
33	Subclass 887 (Skilled—Regional)
34	Subclass 888 (Business Innovation and Investment (Permanent))
35	Subclass 890 (Business Owner)
36	Subclass 891 (Investor)
37	Subclass 892 (State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner)

Table 2: Specified subclasses of visas

Column 1	
Item	Subclasses
38	Subclass 893 (State/Territory Sponsored Investor)

Schedule 2—Values Statement

Note: See section 6.

Part 1

I confirm that I have read, or had explained to me, information provided by the Australian Government on Australian society and values.

I understand that Australian society values:

- *respect for the freedom and dignity of the individual;*
- *freedom of religion (including the freedom not to follow a particular religion), freedom of speech, and freedom of association;*
- *commitment to the rule of law, which means that all people are subject to the law and should obey it;*
- *parliamentary democracy whereby our laws are determined by parliaments elected by the people, those laws being paramount and overriding any other inconsistent religious or secular “laws”;*
- *equality of opportunity for all people, regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, race, or national or ethnic origin;*
- *a ‘fair go’ for all that embraces:*
 - *mutual respect;*
 - *tolerance;*
 - *compassion for those in need;*
 - *equality of opportunity for all;*
- *the English language as the national language, and as an important unifying element of Australian society.*

I undertake to conduct myself in accordance with these values of Australian society during my stay in Australia and to obey the laws of Australia.

Part 2

I undertake to make reasonable efforts to learn the English language, if it is not my native language.

I understand that, if in the future I meet the legal qualifications for becoming an Australian citizen and my application is approved, I will need to pledge my loyalty to Australia and its people.

Schedule 3—Repeals

Migration (LIN 20/166: Australian Values Statement for Public Interest Criterion 4019) Instrument 2020

1 The whole of the instrument

Repeal the instrument.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Issued by authority of the Assistant Minister for Immigration

Migration Regulations 1994

Migration (Australian Values Statement for Public Interest Criterion 4019) Instrument 2025

The instrument, departmental reference LIN 25/086, is made under clause 3.1 of Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the *Migration Regulations 1994* (the Migration Regulations).

The instrument repeals, and replaces, *Migration (LIN 20/166: Australian Values Statement for Public Interest Criterion 4019) Instrument 2020* (LIN 20/166) in accordance with subsection 33(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*. That subsection provides that a power to make a legislative instrument includes a power to amend or repeal that instrument in the same manner, and subject to the same conditions, as the power to make the instrument.

Purpose of the instrument

Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the Migration Regulations provides the Minister with an instrument-making power to approve one or more values statements for the subclasses of visas specified in the instrument.

By signing the values statement, the applicant declares that they will undertake to conduct themselves in accordance with Australian values and will obey the laws of Australia during their stay in Australia. This requirement is codified as public interest criterion (PIC) 4019.

If PIC 4019 applies to a visa subclass, the values statement must be signed, or agreed if lodging an online application, by certain visa applicants, before being granted a visa in accordance with Part 3 of Schedule 4 of the Migration Regulations.

The purpose of LIN 25/086 is to approve the values statement for the subclasses of visas specified in the instrument:

- for the temporary visa subclasses specified in table 1 of Schedule 1 – Part 1 of Schedule 2 is approved as the values statement.
- for the permanent visa subclasses specified in table 2 of Schedule 1 – Part 1 combined with Part 2 of Schedule 2 is approved as the values statement.

In addition to the visa subclasses covered previously by LIN 20/166, this instrument also includes a reference to the Subclass 851 (Resolution of Status) visa (Subclass 851 visa) in Table 2 of Schedule 1. The Subclass 851 visa is a permanent visa that allows for the permanent resolution of status for certain visa holders, including holders of a Subclass 785 (Temporary Protection) visa or Subclass 790 (Safe Haven Enterprise) visa who arrived in

Australia before 14 February 2013. The instrument does not make any changes to the content of the values statement that was approved in LIN 20/166. Other drafting changes have been made to align with Office of Parliamentary Counsel drafting practice and to clarify references to tables and statements in the Schedules to the instrument.

The instrument is exempt from disallowance under section 42 of the *Legislation Act 2003*. This is because a legislative instrument made under Schedule 4 to the Migration Regulations is prescribed under table item 20(b) of section 10 of the *Legislation (Exemptions and Other Matters) Regulation 2015* as an instrument that is not subject to disallowance. A Statement of Compatibility with Human Rights is therefore not required.

The instrument commences on the day after it is registered on the Federal Register of Registration.

Further details of the instrument are set out in **Attachment A**.

No external consultation was undertaken or considered necessary and appropriate to undertake in relation to this instrument. This is because this instrument only makes minor technical amendments to LIN 20/166. The inclusion of a reference to the Subclass 851 visa is consistent with the existing legal requirement under subclause 851.225(b) of Schedule 2 of the Migration Regulations.

The Migration Regulations specify no conditions that need to be satisfied before the power to make the instrument may be exercised.

Details of the Migration (Australian Values Statement for Public Interest Criterion 4019) Instrument 2025

Section 1 – Name of Instrument

This section sets out the name of the instrument, which is the *Migration (Australian Values Statement for Public Interest Criterion 4019) Instrument 2025*.

Section 2 – Commencement

This section provides that the instrument commences on the day after registration.

Section 3 – Authority

This section provides that this instrument is made under clause 3.1 of Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the *Migration Regulations 1994* (Migration Regulations).

Section 4 – Definitions

This section provides definitions for expressions used in the instrument.

Section 5 – Application

This section is an application provision that provides that the instrument applies to an application for a subclass of visa listed in a table in Schedule 1, made on or after the commencement of this instrument.

Section 6 – Schedules

This section provides that each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Section 7 – Values statement for specified subclasses of visas

Subclause 3.1(1) of Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the Regulations provides that, for Public Interest Criterion (PIC) 4019, the Minister must, by instrument in writing, approve one or more values statements for the subclasses of visas specified in the instrument.

This section approves the values statements for the subclasses of visas that are specified in Tables 1 and 2 of Schedule 1 to the instrument:

- for the temporary subclasses of visas listed in Table 1 of Schedule 1, Part 1 of Schedule 2 is approved as the values statement (subsection 7(1));
- for the permanent subclasses of visas listed in Table 2 of Schedule 1, Part 1 combined with Part 2 is approved as the values statement (subsection 7(2)).

The effect is that an applicant for a visa subclass listed in Table 1 or Table 2 of Schedule 1 must sign the values statement that is approved for that subclass. This is unless the Minister exercises their power under subclause 4019(2) in Schedule 4 to the Regulations to decide that the applicant is not required to sign the values statement as compelling circumstances exist.

Schedule 1 – Specified subclasses of visas

Schedule 1 to this instrument specifies subclasses of visas for the purposes of subclause 3.1(1) of Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the Regulations. The approved values statement for these subclasses of visas are provided for in Schedule 2 to this instrument.

Table 1 in Schedule 1 specifies a number of temporary visa subclasses. No changes have been made to the list of visa subclasses in LIN 20/166.

Table 2 in Schedule 1 specifies a number of permanent visa subclasses. A reference to the Subclass 851 (Resolution of Status) visa has been inserted into Table 2. This is consistent with the requirement in subclause 851.225(b) of Schedule 2 to the Migration Regulations, which requires an applicant to the Subclass 851 visa who has turned 18 at the time of the application to satisfy PIC 4019.

Schedule 2 – Values statement

Schedule 2 to this instrument provides the values statements that are approved for the the visas subclasses in specified in Schedule 1 under subsections 7(1) and 7(2).

The values statements provided for under Parts 1 and Part 2 of Schedule 2 remain identical to that provided for under Schedule 2 to LIN 20/166. The values statements include provisions relating to the following, consistent with subclause 3.1(2) of Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the Migration Regulations:

- values that are important to Australian society;
- matters concerning Australian citizenship (if relevant); and
- compliance with laws of Australia.

Part 2 of Schedule 2 is only applicable for applicants to a permanent visa subclass listed in Table 2 of Schedule 1, and continues to set out an undertaking to make reasonable efforts to learn English, and a provision relating to matters concerning Australian citizenship.

Schedule 3 – Repeals

Migration (LIN 20/166: Australian Values Statement for Public Interest Criterion 4019) Instrument 2020

Item [1] – The whole of the instrument

This item repeals *Migration (LIN 20/166: Australian Values Statement for Public Interest Criterion 4019) Instrument 2020*.