



Australian Government

Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority

What does it cost to use an Agent?

Agent Fees

The fees charged by Registered Migration Agents are expected to be reasonable. While fees are not set, the Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority provides details of the average range of fees charged by agents.

All registered migration agents provide the Office of the MARA with information on an annual basis on the average fees they charge for the services they provide.

The following table represents the range of fees charged by 70% of registered migration agents during the period from 1 March 2011 to 30 June 2011. These fees include GST.

Agent Fee Data – 1 March 2011 to 30 June 2011		
Permanent Residency Services	Employer Sponsored Migration	\$2,650 - \$5,500
	General Skilled Migration	\$1,500 - \$4,000
	Business Skills Entry	\$4,000 - \$10,000
	Partner Migration	\$1,500 - \$3,600
	Child Migration	\$1,450 - \$3,500
	Parent Migration	\$1,500 - \$4,000
	Other Family Migration	\$1,500 - \$4,000
	Special Migration	\$2,000 - \$5,000
	Humanitarian Offshore	\$1,000 - \$3,300
	Onshore Protection	\$1,000 - \$4,000
Temporary Residency Services	Students	\$400 - \$1,800
	Temporary Business	\$1,750 - \$4,500
	Temporary Non-business	\$500 - \$3,000
Other	Review Application	\$1,200 - \$4,400
	Other	\$440 - \$3,000

Note: Fees quoted are in Australian Dollars and include GST

Why do fees vary?

Fees charged for work performed can vary as a result of a number of factors.

A Registered Migration Agent might charge lower fees due to:

- their inexperience as an agent
- the desire to enter a particular market
- their desire to assist in unusual circumstances

- the ease of that particular application
- the applicant having already partly completed the assignment
- the current marketplace fee levels.

An agent might charge higher fees due to:

- their level of experience as a senior registered migration agent
- the specific difficulties or complexities of a particular case
- the costs associated with running a larger business or practice
- the desire of the applicant for high personal levels of service

You should check with your registered migration agent whether there are additional charges that are not included in the quoted fees, for example; photocopying, phone calls and couriers.

More information about how to choose a migration agent (including what questions to ask) is available on our website www.mara.gov.au.