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New 408 Visa Option for Temporary Visa Holders Unable to Leave Australia

On 4 April 2020 the Government signed off on a Migration Instrument to provide a Subclass 408 (Temporary Activity) visa pathway for former and current holders of temporary visas who are unable to leave Australia due to the COVID-19 crisis. Further details have been released this afternoon.

This Instrument is a measure to respond to workforce shortages during the COVID-19 pandemic in relation to areas including, but not limited to, agriculture, aged care and public health. The Instrument is designed to allow holders of temporary visas who **are engaged** in or have the **relevant skills** to **undertake** critical work relating to supply of essential goods and services.

Former and current holders of temporary visa holders can apply to remain lawful in Australia by meeting 408 visa criteria as follows:

- Must hold a visa that is 28 days or less from ceasing to be in effect,
OR
- Held a visa that is no more than 28 days from ceasing to be in effect, and are unable to apply for the same temporary visa they hold or held or any other subclass of temporary visa other than the Subclass 408 visa.

Applicable visa application fee: Nil

Please feel free to contact us if you have any question concerning this new sc408 visa pathway.

Kind regards
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