



# Change to processing location for partner and family migration applications lodged by clients in Pakistan or Afghanistan

## Location of processing from 1 December 2011

The Australian High Commission in Islamabad, Pakistan will process all new partner, child and family migration applications lodged by clients who live in Pakistan or Afghanistan from 1 December 2011, except for applications made by Afghan nationals.

**Note:** Afghan nationals who live in Afghanistan or Pakistan should still lodge all partner, child and other family migration applications with the Australian Consulate-General in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. These applications will continue to be processed in Dubai.

## Lodging a new application

Due to the change in processing location, from 1 December 2011, clients living in Pakistan or Afghanistan (except for Afghan nationals) should lodge their new partner, child or family migration application directly with the Australian High Commission, Islamabad.

Send your application by courier service to:

Visa Section  
Australian High Commission  
Constitution Avenue and Ispahani Road  
Diplomatic Enclave No. 1  
Sector G-5/4  
ISLAMABAD - PAKISTAN

## Affected visa subclasses

The change applies to the following permanent visa subclasses:

- Child (Permanent) (subclass 101) visa
- Adoption (Permanent) (subclass 102) visa
- Aged Dependent Relative (subclass 114) visa
- Remaining Relative (subclass 115) visa
- Carer (subclass 116) visa
- Orphan Relative (subclass 117) visa
- Prospective Marriage (subclass 300) visa
- Partner (Temporary and Permanent) (subclass 309 and 100) visas
- Dependent Child (subclass 445) visa.

**Note:** Visa application charges apply. Applications lodged directly with the office in Islamabad must be accompanied by the correct visa application charge in the form of a bank draft in Pakistani rupees. Payment cannot be made by cash, personal cheque or credit card.

For more information about lodging an application and the visa application charge, visit the department's website at [www.immi.gov.au/migrants/family/visa-options.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/migrants/family/visa-options.htm). You can also visit the Pakistan Australian High Commission website at [www.pakistan.embassy.gov.au](http://www.pakistan.embassy.gov.au).

## **Contacting the department**

For pre-lodgement enquiries, visit the department's website at [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au) or contact your nearest immigration office. For contact details of your nearest immigration office go to [www.immi.gov.au/contacts/offices.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/offices.htm).

## **Contacting the Visa Section, Australian Embassy, Bangkok, Thailand**

If you lodged your application for migration before 1 December 2011 with the Bangkok Office, your application will continue to be finalised in Bangkok. You should continue to contact the Bangkok office by telephone on +66 2 3446400 from Monday to Friday 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm (Bangkok time) or email at [immigration.bangkok@dfat.gov.au](mailto:immigration.bangkok@dfat.gov.au)