

# Information About Applying for a SHEV for People with Undecided TPV Applications

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## This information is suitable for you if:

- You came to Australia by boat; **AND**
- The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (**Department**) invited to you to apply for a visa; **AND**
- You applied for a Temporary Protection Visa (**TPV**); **AND**
- Your TPV application has not yet been granted or refused; **AND**
- You have decided that you want a Safe Haven Enterprise (**SHEV**) instead of a TPV.

## Can I change my TPV application into a SHEV application?

You cannot change one kind of application into another kind. If you want a SHEV instead of a TPV you must withdraw your TPV application and make a new SHEV application. You should do these two things at the same time.

## How do I withdraw a TPV and lodge a SHEV application?



See over the page for more information about each step.

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1. Write a letter to the Department saying that you want to withdraw your TPV application. The letter should state your DIBP file number, client ID or boat ID and your name and date of birth.
2. Prepare a new SHEV application by:
  - completing [a Form 790 Application for a Safe Haven Enterprise visa](#); **AND**
  - making sure that you **write all your reasons for needing protection** in Australia, **in the same way as you did in your TPV application**; **AND**
  - attaching certified copies of all your supporting documents, including your identity documents; **AND**
  - paying the \$35 visa application charge, unless you are in detention.

You must include all your information and copies of your documents, even if you already gave them to the Department with your TPV application.

3. Put the letter on top of the SHEV application and then place the whole bundle in an envelope. Take the envelope to your nearest Department office. If you are in Western Australia, this is 836 Wellington Street, Perth.

## What will happen after I withdraw my TPV and lodge a SHEV application?

The Department will send you a letter confirming that your TPV application has been withdrawn and you have lodged a SHEV application.

The Department will then assess your SHEV application in the normal way.

## Will my bridging visa continue?

If you withdraw your TPV application at the same time as lodging your SHEV, you will not need to apply for a new bridging visa.

## Where can I get more information?

If you are unsure about the difference between a TPV and SHEV, you can read [this fact sheet](#) from the Refugee Advice & Casework Service. The Department website also has information on [SHEVs](#) and [TPVs](#).

**If you do not understand something in this fact-sheet or have more questions, you can come to The Humanitarian Group's TPV/SHEV Drop in Day, Thursdays from 9am to 3pm.**

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