

Information about Applying for a SHEV for People who have been Granted a TPV

This information is suitable for you if:

- you came to Australia by boat; **AND**
- you have been granted a Temporary Protection Visa (**TPV**); **AND**
- you want a Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (**SHEV**) instead of a TPV.

If your TPV has been cancelled, or you think your TPV will be cancelled on character grounds, please see our information about [visa cancellation](#).

How can I get a SHEV instead of a TPV?

Applying for a SHEV is usually simpler than applying for your first TPV. You must:

- complete [Form 1505 Application for a subsequent Safe Haven Enterprise visa](#); **AND**
- pay the \$35 visa application charge; **AND**
- lodge your application (see below).

How to complete Form 1505

- **Make sure you answer all questions on the form.**
If you don't know the answer to a question, write 'I don't know'.
- **Everyone must give their current resident address at Question 4.**
- **If something has changed to do with the reasons you are a refugee you will need to tick YES at Question 9 and explain.**
Changes are anything new that make you more or less likely to be harmed if you go home. If you think that something like this has changed, we recommend you contact us for individual advice before answering Question 9.
- **If your personal circumstances have changed, you will need to tick YES at Question 10 and explain.**
If you think they may have changed, we recommend you contact us for advice before answering this question.

[Community focused legal services for people new to Australia](#)

How can I lodge my SHEV application?

Send your completed application form to:

IMA Protection Support
Department of immigration and Border Protection
GPO Box 9984
SYDNEY NSW 2001

You can also apply online if you have an [ImmiAccount](#).

What will happen after I apply?

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (**DIBP**) will decide whether you meet the SHEV requirements.

If nothing has changed since your TPV was granted you may not be interviewed. If you answered YES to Questions 9 or 10 or if DIBP believes your country has become safer, they may invite you to an interview.

It is important you understand that DIBP may make a new decision about whether or not are a refugee or in need of complementary protection.

This is more likely to happen if you have been in Australia for several years and applied for a permanent protection visa before the law changed. If you were recently granted a TPV and have never applied for a permanent protection visa, it is less likely that DIBP will decide you are no longer a refugee.

What will happen to my visa while my SHEV application is processed?

Your TPV will stay in force until a decision is made on your SHEV application. When your SHEV is granted, your TPV will cease.

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 factsheet or have more questions, you can come to the Asylum Seeker Hub at 1 Thorogood Street, Burswood on Thursdays from 9am to 12noon.

DISCLAIMER: This information sheet is current as at 28 August 2017. It is intended as a general guide only and should not be used as a substitute for legal advice. To the maximum extent permitted by law, The Humanitarian Group expressly disclaims liability for any direct or indirect loss or damage whatsoever suffered by the reader as a result of or in connection with any reliance by the reader of anything contained in this information sheet. The reader should obtain specific legal advice regarding his or her individual circumstances