A ONE-PAGE GUIDE

When a couple asks you a visa question

Many couples you work with are on a visa. They often ask their celebrant or photographer what to do. This page helps you answer kindly, and stay safe.

Why it matters. In Australia, only registered migration agents and Australian lawyers may give visa advice, with a few exceptions such as close family. Advice from anyone else can cause problems for the couple, and for you.

Happy to help with

- The Notice of Intended Marriage and its timing
- The documents you need for the marriage
- The ceremony and the marriage certificate

Best to pass on

- Which visa the couple should apply for
- Whether getting married will help their visa
- Visa end dates, visa conditions or visa forms

What you can say

> "That's a visa question, and I'm not able to advise on it. A registered migration agent can help you. Please check with one before you set the date."

One thing worth mentioning

If one partner holds a **Prospective Marriage visa (subclass 300)**, the wedding must happen before that visa ends. The couple then needs to apply for a partner visa. A gentle reminder to check their visa end date early (it is on their grant letter) can save them a lot of stress.

Where to send them

- Official visa information: **immi.homeaffairs.gov.au**
- Find any registered migration agent: **portal.mara.gov.au**
- Partner visas only: **Partner Visa Ready**, partnervisaready.com.au

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