

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: APPLYING FOR A FURTHER TPV OR SHEV

People who hold a 3 year Temporary Protection Visa (TPV) or a 5 year Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (SHEV) must make a further application for a TPV or SHEV before their current visa expires, in order to remain lawfully in Australia.

It is essential that people seek legal assistance to apply for a further TPV or SHEV.

The following is a summary of key information provided by the Australian Government on the process to make a further application.

When to apply for a further TPV/SHEV?

- People must apply before the expiry of their current TPV or SHEV.
- The application can be made at any time before the expiry of the current TPV or SHEV.
- A reminder about the process will be sent by the Department around 90 days before expiry where the Department holds an email address or mobile number.
- Within three to six months before expiry, people should start preparing and then lodge their further TPV or SHEV application.
- Once a further TPV or SHEV application has been made, the current TPV or SHEV will be extended until a decision is made on the further application.

How to apply

- [Form 1505 - Application for a subsequent Temporary Protection visa or Safe Haven Enterprise visa](#)
- Applications can be lodged by post or online through [ImmiAccount](#) (and following this they will be able to check the status of their application and correspondence sent to them).
- People can apply for a TPV or SHEV regardless of which of these they hold or previously held.

Assessment of further visa application

- The focus of the visa assessment will be on whether there have been any changes in:
 - the claims for protection; and/or
 - personal circumstances (e.g. overseas travel, address information, changes in family composition, criminal offences, or changes in reasons for claiming protection).
- The assessment will be 'strongly informed' by country information, and whether there have been substantial changes in the relevant country, indicators or risk (such as travel without permission), character, and national security matters will be a sharp focus.
- People may be interviewed, particularly where the Department considers that there have been changes in the country situation or personal circumstances that may affect the outcome of the application (e.g. substantial change in COI, credibility, identity or travel back to country of reference).
- An "individualised approach" will be taken to the assessment, including in relation to procedural fairness.

Visa grant

- If the application is approved:
 - a further TPV or SHEV will be granted, and
 - the same conditions, including work rights and access to support services, will continue to apply.

Review

- If the Department refuses the application, merits review will be available (unless the applicant is found to be an excluded fast track applicant).

Legal assistance

Refugee Legal can provide free legal assistance if you need to make a further TPV or SHEV application (even if your visa has expired). It is essential that you seek urgent legal assistance. For free legal assistance, contact [Refugee Legal](#) on (03) 9413 0101.

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