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Domestic and Family Violence Visa Support

Domestic and family violence and your visa

- Domestic and family violence is a crime in Australia and is not acceptable under any circumstance.
- We do not encourage visa holders to remain in an abusive relationship for a visa outcome under any circumstance.
- Visa holders will not have their visa cancelled if their relationship breaks down because of domestic and family violence.
- Only the Minister or a delegated officer (the Department) has the power to refuse or cancel a person's visa. A perpetrator of domestic and family violence cannot cancel a person's visa.
- A perpetrator of domestic and family violence may have their visa refused or cancelled.
- You can check your visa status online through Visa Entitlement Verification Online (VEVO). VEVO will show you what visa you hold, when it expires and any conditions attached to it.
 - See: <u>immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-</u> <u>conditions/overview</u>
- It is important that the Department has the most up-to-date contact details for you, so we can communicate important information about your visa.
- You should ensure that you have your own ImmiAccount, where you can manage any current or future visa applications. It is important that this is established with a separate email address and password, to which only you have access.
 - See: online.immi.gov.au
- The immigration system can be difficult to navigate, so we encourage you to seek immigration assistance from a registered migration agent or legal practitioner. Some providers specialise in domestic and family violence and migration issues.
 - See: <u>immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview</u>
 - See: <u>familyviolencelaw.gov.au/</u>
- Certain partner visa holders and applicants can apply for consideration under the special provisions relating to family violence (the family violence provisions) to be granted their permanent visa.
 - See: immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/domestic-family-violence-and-your-visa/how-we-canhelp-you
- If you are concerned about your visa status, you can contact the Department so that we can assist you to resolve your visa status and provide information on support services.