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This version of the single application form is for informational purposes only. All applications, including all required documentation, must be completed and submitted via the <u>online</u> application form found on the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme website.

Application to become an approved employer for the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme

The Australian Government's PALM scheme connects workers with Australian businesses, while supporting the economic prosperity of 9 participating Pacific island countries and Timor-Leste.

Participating workers contribute positively to their host communities in Australia and create important people-to-people links between Australia and the Pacific. When workers spend time in Australia, they also gain valuable income and skills to take home, making a positive difference to the livelihoods of thousands of families in the region.

Through the PALM scheme, eligible Australian employers can access a pool of reliable staff from Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu to help them meet their workforce needs.

Australian employers will need to ensure they meet Australian Government criteria for participation in the PALM scheme. Completing the <u>online application form</u> is the first step in this process. Applicants can use the online form to apply for both seasonal labour (up to 9 months) and longerterm labour (up to 3 years), subject to signing the relevant Deed of Agreement.

The Department of Home Affairs and the Fair Work Ombudsman will also undertake necessary integrity checks with prospective employers. Participating employers will also be required to become a temporary activities sponsor (TAS) through the Department of Home Affairs. TAS approval is needed before the Australian Government will execute a Deed of Agreement with a prospective employer.

Instructions

All applications must be completed and submitted via the <u>online version of the application</u> <u>form</u>.

Please ensure all parts of the online application form are completed. Please state all answers clearly and provide detailed information when lodging the application.

Short-term (seasonal) employment (up to 9 months)

When there is not enough local labour available, employers in the agriculture sector nationally and in the accommodation sector in rural and regional areas can recruit unskilled and low-skilled seasonal workers for up to 9 months through the Seasonal Worker Programme (SWP).

Once approved, an applicant is referred to as an approved employer under the SWP. SWP approved employers enter into an agreement with the Australian Government through **the Department of Education**, **Skills and Employment (DESE)** and a sponsorship arrangement with the Department of Home Affairs.

Organisations, including labour hire entities, contractors, growers, and trusts, can apply to become SWP approved employers in the agriculture industry and in identified regions in the accommodation industry.

Contractors and labour hire entities must have been in operation for the previous 5 consecutive years to participate in the SWP. All SWP applicants must have a record of compliance with applicable Commonwealth, state and territory laws to be eligible.

New SWP approved employers are generally approved to recruit a specified number of seasonal workers for their first placement (known as a 'recruitment cap'). This provides new SWP approved employers the opportunity to adjust to their obligations and responsibilities under the program.

SWP approved employers must have DESE's written approval to participate in the program and recruit workers prior to seasonal workers commencing a placement. DESE will monitor SWP approved employers during each placement to ensure compliance with program requirements. The recruitment cap will be reviewed at the end of the placement and changes will be made where appropriate.

For further information on how to manage your short-term seasonal employment needs, please contact (SWPapplications@dese.gov.au) or call (+61 2 6240 5234).

Longer-term employment (one to 3 years)

When there are not enough local workers available, agriculture employers and rural and regional employers in any other sector looking for a longer-term solution can express their interest in recruiting low-skilled and semi-skilled workers for between one and 3 years through the Pacific Labour Scheme (PLS).

Once approved, applicants are referred to as approved employers under the PLS. PLS approved employers enter into an agreement with the Australian Government through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and a sponsorship arrangement with the Department of Home Affairs.

Organisations, including labour hire entities, contractors, growers, and trusts, can apply to become PLS approved employers. Contractors and labour hire entities must have been in operation for the previous 5 consecutive years to participate in the PLS. All PLS applicants must have a record of compliance with applicable Commonwealth, state and territory laws to be eligible.

PLS approved employers must have written approval from DFAT or the Pacific Labour Facility (PLF) prior to longer-term workers commencing a placement. DFAT and the PLF will monitor PLS employers during each placement to ensure compliance with program requirements. The PLF is a project team within Palladium International Pty Ltd, a contractor to DFAT.

For further information on how to manage your longer-term employment needs, please phone (+61 7 3557 7750) or email (enquiries@pacificlabourfacility.com.au).

Which option are you/your business interested in?

ш	employing seasonal workers in unskilled and low-skilled positions for up to 9 months only
	(SWP)
П	employing workers in low-skilled or semi-skilled positions for between one and 3 years

- employing workers in low-skilled or semi-skilled positions for between one and 3 years only (PLS)
- both of the above (if your employment needs will be addressed through a combination of workers from both options above).

Incomplete applications

Incomplete applications will not be assessed. Please ensure all parts of the application form are completed.

Application process

Please note this version application form is for informational purposes only. All applications must be completed and submitted via the online version of the application form.

To participate in the SWP or PLS as an approved employer, all applicants must successfully complete a 4-step application process:

- 1. Complete the <u>online application form</u> found on the PALM scheme website and click submit.
- 2. If the application is successful and if you have not already done so, apply to become a TAS through the Department of Home Affairs. Businesses must be approved as a TAS to be able to sponsor workers from participating countries to come to Australia.
- 3. Enter into a Deed of Agreement with either DESE or DFAT or both.
- 4. Employ workers under the SWP or PLS, in accordance with obligations imposed under the Deed/s of Agreement, applicable program guidelines and the temporary activities sponsorship.

The minimum processing time of an application is 6-8 weeks after all required documentation has been submitted (unless there are exceptional circumstances). This timeframe is indicative only. It does not include receipt of a temporary activities sponsorship from the Department of Home Affairs. To ensure the timely processing of an application, entities are encouraged to provide all requested information and to respond to questions fully and truthfully at the time of submission.

An applicant may only apply for approved employer status in the SWP or the PLS twice in any 12-month period from the date of submitting their first application. If an applicant does not achieve approved employer status within 12 months of the date of submitting an application, its application will lapse. The applicant will then need to submit a new application if it remains interested in becoming an approved employer for the SWP or PLS.

Should DESE or DFAT require further information in order to complete the assessment, the applicant will be sent a request for information via email, outlining additional information required and stating a closing date for response. If the applicant does not respond to the request for information prior to the closing date, DESE or DFAT will close the application.

Eligibility criteria for the PALM scheme

To become an approved employer, the applicant must demonstrate it:

- is an eligible business registered and operating in Australia and has an Australian Business Number (ABN) and/or an Australian Company Number (ACN) (entities must be incorporated in Australia or be an incorporated limited partnership sole traders are not an eligible business)
- has if it is an entity that operates on a labour hire and/or contractor business model 5
 years of continuous operation
- is an 'organisation' for the purposes of the Migration Regulations 1994 (the Department of Home Affairs will assess this criterion)
- has good immigration practices and a history of compliance with immigration legislation (the Department of Home Affairs will assess this criterion and will conduct an immigration integrity check)
- has a history of compliance with Australian workplace relations, work health and safety legislation, and other relevant laws and can also demonstrate that its directors, partners or trustees have a history of compliance with the above laws (noting where there has been non-compliance, this must be disclosed, and non-disclosure can result in the application being rejected)
- has or can obtain a labour hire licence as applicable
- is in a sound financial position (a financial viability assessment will be conducted to determine if the business can meet the upfront costs associated with recruiting seasonal workers).

The applicant must also demonstrate it understands and will comply with the requirements of becoming an approved employer (as outlined in the SWP and PLS deeds and approved employer guidelines).

If an approved employer provides information in its application that the department considers incorrect, dishonest or misleading, this may be a breach of scheme requirements and may result in the Australian Government seeking to terminate the relevant Deed of Agreement. Termination of the deed/s may impact any other agreements or sponsorship arrangements.

<u>IMPORTANT</u> - <u>BEFORE SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION</u>: If after reading through the below you are unsure which information is required when applying to become an SWP approved employer, please contact DESE via email (<u>SWPapplications@dese.gov.au</u>) or call (+61 2 6240 5234). If you have questions about which information is required when applying to become a PLS approved employer, please call the PLF (+61 7 3557 7750) or email (<u>enquiries@pacificlabourfacility.com.au</u>).

<u>Please note</u>: If the financial information requested below is incomplete or does not demonstrate compliance with the requirements, the application could be delayed or not accepted.

It is important to show the applicant is financially sound and has the finances in place to cover the upfront and ongoing costs of engaging the requested number of workers.

Please include the following documents with your online application form:

- 1. Copies of the last 3 years of financial statements for the business. Applicants whose primary business is that of a grower may seek an exemption to demonstrate they or related business entities have an established business history.
- 2. If these are 'year to date', please also include statements for at least the previous financial year. These need to include, at a minimum, a full profit-and-loss statement and balance sheet and be prepared by an accountant. It is preferred that the statements are also audited by a qualified accountant.
- 3. If the applicant is applying as a trustee for a trust, a copy of the trust deed must also be supplied.

If these financial statements do not demonstrate access to sufficient funds to meet the upfront or ongoing costs, other documentation must be provided to show that the applicant has access to the required funding. This additional documentation could include:

- a document from the applicant's financial institution setting out the current balance of undrawn loans; and/or
- a signed financial guarantee from a director or another entity (this needs to be supported
 with evidence such as current financial statements of the guaranter or documentation to
 substantiate their capacity to meet the guarantee).

Please note:

- 1. Financial information provided should be for the applicant that is, or is applying to be, the approved employer. If this is a trust, the statements should also be for the trust and not the trustee.
- 2. Applicants should not include financial statements for related entities unless there is a legal financial obligation between the entities (e.g., a deed of cross guarantee). Evidence, such as a copy of the guarantee, will need to be provided otherwise the related entity information will <u>not</u> be considered.

To further demonstrate financial capacity, applicants may also wish to include:

- a recently signed statement of credit worthiness, which states the business is financially viable and there are no known adverse credit matters affecting the business
- a current statement from a chartered accountant confirming the business is financially sound and can meet all outstanding contingent liabilities.

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If you are unable to complete the form online, please contact the SWP information line during business hours on (+61 2 6240 5234) or by email (SWPapplications@dese.gov.au); or contact the Pacific Labour Facility on (+61 7 3557 7750) or by email (enquiries@pacificlabourfacility.com.au).

Applicant's business/entity information

Q1. What is the legal name of the business/entity?
Q2. What is the business/entity's trading name?
Q3. What is the trustee name, if applying as a trust?
Q4. What is the ABN of the business?
Q5. What is the date of approval for the ABN?

Q6. What is t	he ACN of the b	ousiness?				
Q7. What is t	he ACN of the t	rust (where ap	plicable)?			
Q8. What is t	he date of appr	oval for the AC	CN?			
Q9. What typ	oe of entity is th	nis business?				
	company					
	incorporated l	imited partner	ship			
	incorporated a	association				
	trust					
	other					
If other, plea	se describe:					
	olicant's emplo		ess currently have	e?		
Employmen type	t Number	Males	Females	Indigenous Australians	People living with a disability	
Full time:						
Part time:						
Casual:						
Contractor:						
Total						
Q11. How maresidents?	iny permanent	employees in t	he business are A	Australian citizens o	r permanent	
Australian c	itizens					
Permanent r	esidents					

Q12. How many foreign workers are currently employed in the PLS)?	business (not under the SWP or
Total	
Full time:	
Part time:	
Casual:	
Contractor:	
Entity addresses Q13. What is the registered address of the business (not a post	office box)?
Q14. What is the trading address of the business (if different fr	om the registered address)?
Q15. What is the postal address of the business (if different fro	m the registered address)?
Contact details	
Q16. Please enter the contact person(s) for any communication	ns about this application.
<u>Please note</u> : the Australian Government will only correspond regarding this application. If the nominated contact person i entity, evidence of authorisation must be submitted.	
Primary contact	
Name:	
Position:	
Contact number:	
Email:	
Postal address:	

Secondary contact Name: Position: Contact number: Email: Postal address: Q17. If the applicant wishes to authorise and identify third parties that the Australian Government may contact to provide further information, please provide details below (e.g., an accountant, lawyer or industry body). **Primary contact** Name: Position: Contact number: Email: Postal address: **Secondary contact** Name: Position: Contact number: Email:

Q18. Please supply a Financial and Credentials Information Form.

All applicants must complete and submit a Financial and Credentials Information Form as part of their online application. Applications submitted without this form will not be assessed by the Australian Government.

<u>Please note</u>: the information identified through the financial viability and credentials assessment will be used to verify the business/entity's financial state. This includes its capacity to meet the upfront cost of recruiting Pacific island and Timorese workers and the sustainability and profitability of the business in all facets of financial credibility. This includes cash flow and asset ownership as well as having a robust operational team to support Pacific island and Timorese workers.

Postal address:

Proposed employment of Pacific island and Timorese workers

Q19. What type of approved employer are you/your business applying to become?

Definitions:

- **Direct employer:** A direct employer will employ workers to perform work in their own business.
- Contractor: A contractor will negotiate with eligible businesses for the provision of a service and will enter into agreements with eligible businesses that specify the work to be undertaken and a piece or paddock rate for the work (if applicable). The business pays the contractor a fee for the service.
- Labour hire company: A labour hire company will negotiate with eligible businesses for the provision of labour and will enter into agreements with eligible businesses that specify the number of workers to be provided, the type of work to be undertaken and on-hire rates. The business pays the labour hire company a fee for providing on-hire employees to work for them and 'hosts' the workers on their property.
 direct employer
 contractor
 labour hire company
 If you selected 'contractor' or 'labour hire company', please upload a valid labour hire licence here:

Q20. In which of the following eligible sectors will Pacific island and Timorese workers be employed?

Further information on the Australian and New Zealand Statistical Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO) skill levels can be found on the Australian Bureau of Statistics website.

agriculture
accommodation*
aged care (ANZSCO skill levels 3-5 only, PLS only)
aquaculture
disability (ANZSCO skill levels 3-5 only, PLS only)
horticulture
hospitality (PLS only)
meat works (ANZSCO skill level 3-5 only, PLS only
viticulture
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If you select	ed 'other', please describ	oe:	
	ted 'accommodation' an egional Australia:	d workers are only required for up to	9 months, are you located
Q21. In whi	ch state(s) or territories v	vill workers be recruited?	
☐ Aus	tralian Capital Territory		
☐ New	V South Wales		
☐ Nor	thern Territory		
☐ Que	ensland		
☐ Sou	th Australia		
☐ Tası	mania		
☐ Vict	oria		
☐ Wes	stern Australia		
Q22. Please	e list the town and postco	ode where workers would be located.	
Town/s or	region/s	Postcode/s]
	UV.		
Q23. What i	is the skill level necessary	to complete the tasks required in the	e business?
Further info	ormation on the ANZSCO	skill levels can be found on the <u>Aust</u>	ralian Bureau of Statistics
unsl	killed (ANZSCO skill level	5)	
☐ low	-skilled and semi-skilled	(ANZSCO Skill Levels 3 to 5)	

Q24. How many workers would be required for the first recruitment?

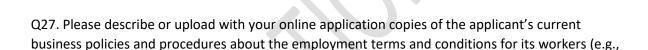
	For up to 9 months	Between one and 3 years
Full time		
Part time (must be 30 or more hours per week on average)		
Total numbers		

Q25. Please state which Fair Work Instrument/s (such as the Horticulture Award) or other entity
enterprise agreement workers may (or will) be employed under, and if relevant, upload the
supporting documents with your online application.

lf	relevant,	please	include	with	your	online	application	any	supporting	award	or	enterprise
ag	greement d	locumen	tation.									

Q26. Describe the proposed duties the workers would perform.

work health and safety, induction programs, dispute resolution procedures).



If you have not described them above, you can include with your online application any relevant documents outlining any business policies and procedures about worker employment terms and

Q28. Please describe or upload with your online application documents outlining how the business intends to support workers' arrival and integration into the local community, including how it will comply with health directives (e.g., policies on COVID-19 regulations and restrictions).

If you have not described them above, you can include with your online application any relevant documents outlining how the business supports workers' arrival and integration into the community.

conditions.

Q29. Please describe or upload documents outlining the accommodation arrangements provided for workers.
If you have not described them above, you can include with your online application any relevant documents on workers' accommodation arrangements.
Q30. Has the business/entity previously employed workers through its own entity, labour hire companies or contractors? This could include Australian citizens, permanent residents or workers under the SWP or the PLS.
□ Yes
□ No
If you selected 'yes', please outline this experience.
Previous applications
Q31. Has the applicant, any related business entity/s or any relevant person/s in the business previously submitted an application to become an approved employer under the SWP or PLS?
□ Yes
□ No
<u>Please note</u> : previous applications include applications which were closed by DESE or DFAT or withdrawn by the applicant.
If you selected 'yes', please provide details including status of the application (successful/unsuccessful), date(s) of application(s), names and ABN numbers and type of employer (i.e., direct employer, labour hire business or contractor).

Compliance

<u>Please note</u>: all answers to the following questions will be checked and verified by the assessing bodies and taken into consideration in assessing the eligibility of the business/entity to become an approved employer. Non-disclosure or any answers found to be false, misleading or inaccurate may result in rejection of this application and may result in the termination of any future Deeds of Agreement entered into by the parties.

Q32. Have any of the directors or relevant persons involved with the business/entity previously held the position of director in another business/entity in the past 5 years?
□ Yes
□ No
If you selected 'yes', please provide the director's name, the business/entity names and ABN/ACN details for those entities.
Q33. Has the business/entity or relevant persons within the organisation owned, worked in, managed or similarly been associated with any other entity (e.g., a company, partnership or trust) which has been subject to a government investigation including compliance with workplace relations, work health and safety, immigration, taxation or criminal laws as a result of business dealings, both within and outside of Australia?
□ Yes
□ No
If you selected 'yes', please provide details.
Q34. Does the business/entity have a relationship with any existing SWP or PLS approved employers (e.g., as a related entity or a previous host organisation for an approved employer)?
□ Yes
□ No
If you selected 'yes', please provide details. For example, please describe what happened, when it happened and what was the outcome.

Conflict of interest

Q35. Does the business/entity have any conflict of interest relating to this application? State whether the entity has any conflict/s of interest relating to this application or (if applicable) outline the entity's known real, perceived or potential conflict of interest relating to this application. If none, please advise 'no'. If you need help answering this question, please call DESE on (+61 2 6240 5234) for more information. ☐ Yes ■ No If you selected 'yes', please provide details. Community engagement Q36. Please explain how the business/entity will work with key community stakeholders (e.g., community organisations, church groups, sporting clubs, service providers) to support workers to integrate into their host communities. Please provide the contact details of representatives from relevant community organisations or industry groups who can support these claims. Both contacts may be contacted. **Community contact 1** Name: Contact number: Email: Relationship to applicant: **Community contact 2** Name: Contact number: Email:



Relationship to applicant:

Agreement to application conditions

obligations set out in the relevant deed(s) and guidelines. These obligations may include, but may not be limited to, those set out below. Noting this, does the business/entity agree to (please tick each box): genuinely test the local labour market for suitable Australian job seekers before seeking to access workers through the SWP or PLS by following guidance provided by DESE or DFAT, including advertising available vacancies on the Australian Government's Jobsearch website obtain and maintain approval as a TAS through the Department of Home Affairs Please note: if the business/entity does not obtain approval as a TAS within 3 months of being granted provisional approval of your application, either DESE or DFAT may revoke its provisional approval and a new application will need to be submitted. If the business/entity does not maintain approval as a TAS, its Deed of Agreement may be terminated by the Australian Government. only offer positions to workers in eligible occupations and at appropriate skill levels within eligible industries listed on the PALM scheme website offer a cash advance to workers on arrival to cover reasonable initial living expenses (note these expenses may be recouped as reasonable authorised deductions from the workers' pay during the employment period, in compliance with the SWP and PLS deeds and approved employer guidelines) pay prior to the arrival of the workers in Australia the full cost of international airfares as required under the deed provide each worker with a minimum of 30 hours of work per week on average as stipulated in the relevant deed/s ensure the ongoing wellbeing and welfare of the workers while they are in Australia, including monitoring progress, placement and wellbeing of workers on a regular basis ☐ arrange accommodation for workers that: o meets relevant state, territory or council regulations or legislative requirements o meets the program's minimum accommodation standards o represents value for money and does not exceed the cost to the business/entity. Please note: this expense can be recouped by authorised deductions from the workers' pay during the employment period. provide weekly/fortnightly pay slips to workers that clearly set out gross pay, net pay, itemised deductions, tax and superannuation, and to instruct each worker how to read their pay slip ensure any deductions from the workers' pay are authorised under the deed/s, are

If the business/entity becomes an approved employer, it will be required to comply with the



reasonable, are at actual cost, and have been explained to the workers and agreed to by

the workers in advance and in writing, prior to those deductions being made

	help workers comply with their visa obligations (including ensuring they have adequate health insurance during the period of their stay in Australia, and assisting them to depart Australia before their visa expires)					
	facilitate access to personal banking, a superannuation account and a tax file number for each worker					
	assist workers to participate in Australian Government-funded eligible training while they are in Australia					
	ensure workers have freedom of choice, association and movement outside of working hours, and facilitate access to religious, recreational, shopping, health and other facilities as required.					
	ousiness/entity is offered an SWP or PLS Deed of Agreement, does it or its entatives agree:					
	to sign and return a copy of the deed/s within 20 business days of receipt of the deed/s (it a deed is not returned within the time frame, the offer to become an SWP or PLS approved employer may be withdrawn)					
	to engage in a respectful manner at all times with the Australian Government and its representatives and with partner countries' governments and their representatives					
	that any deed/s will be subject to obtaining and maintaining any labour hire licence(s) applicable in any states/territories where workers may be placed.					
Q37. PI	lease tell us how you heard about the PALM scheme?					
	PALM scheme website					
	DFAT website					
	Facebook					
	print media (e.g., newspaper article, magazine, pamphlet)					
	recommendation from another SWP/PLS approved employer					
	recommendation from DFAT					
	recommendation from DESE					
	involvement in the SWP					
	involvement in the PLS					
	attendance at exhibition or event					
	involvement in Northern Australia Worker Pilot Program					
	direct contact from the PLF					
	other					
If you selected 'other', please provide details.						
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Privacy statement

What is personal information?

Personal information is information or an opinion about an individual. Personal information includes a person's name and contact details.

Personal information is protected by law, including under the federal Privacy Act 1988 (Privacy Act).

Sensitive information is a type of personal information which attracts a higher level of protection and includes information about an individual's criminal record, cultural or linguistic background and health information.

Who collects applicants' personal information?

The SWP and the PLS are together known as the PALM scheme (the **scheme**). The two programs are Australian Government initiatives and are run by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment (DESE) and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). The Pacific Labour Facility (PLF) is a project team within Palladium International Pty Ltd. Palladium acts as a managing contractor for DFAT, by assisting with assessing worker suitability for the scheme, promoting the SWP and PLS and administering the PLS. This form is provided by DESE and the PLF.

Collection, use and disclosure of personal information

DESE, DFAT and the PLF may collect personal information (and sensitive information) from and disclose personal information (and sensitive information) between each other. They may also collect personal information from and disclose personal information to:

- you
- your referees/community contacts
- Commonwealth agencies and their contracted providers, including, but not limited to
 - the Department of Home Affairs
 - o the Fair Work Ombudsman
 - the Department of Health
 - the Australian Taxation Office
 - the Australian Federal Police
 - the Australian National Audit Office; and/or
- state or territory agencies and their respective contracted providers, including, but not limited to
 - law enforcement agencies
 - o health agencies
 - workplace health and safety agencies
 - o workers compensation agencies and/or

- local governments and their authorities
- Ministers and their offices, members of Australian parliaments and parliamentary committees
- · diplomatic missions and consulates within Australia
- universities, colleges, schools and other educational or training institutions, and
- any other person, agency or organisation which may be able to contribute information relevant to your suitability to participate in the relevant program
 - o if consent has been provided, or
 - where it is otherwise permitted, including where it is required or authorised by or under an Australian law or a court or tribunal order.

DESE, DFAT and the PLF use the collected personal information for the purposes of administering the scheme and related purposes. Related purposes include:

- assessing applications to become an approved employer
- program deed administration
- sending SMS alerts related to the scheme
- program evaluation and research, and
- facilitating the appropriate monitoring of the safety of premises associated with the scheme.

Overseas disclosure of personal information

For the purposes outlined above, DESE, DFAT and the PLF may disclose the personal information collected about you or from you, including the name and contact details of the individuals nominated by you as relevant contacts, to third parties operating outside Australia, including Australian external territories, foreign governments, non-government agencies and/or individuals who are able to contribute information relevant to your suitability to participate in the relevant program.

DESE, DFAT and PLF seek your consent to disclose this personal information to the overseas recipients.

These overseas recipients may not have the same privacy protection obligations as Australia for personal information.

By submitting this form, you confirm that you consent to your personal information being disclosed overseas and that you will always gain consent of other individuals to the overseas disclosure of their personal information prior to providing information about them. This means that Australian Privacy Principle 8.1, as set out in the Privacy Act, will not apply to the disclosure of the personal information provided to overseas recipients.

Does personal information have to be provided?

If you do not provide some or all of the personal information requested in the application form, DESE, DFAT and/or the PLF may not be able to adequately assess your suitability, and therefore the processing of your application and your participation in the scheme may be impacted.

Privacy policies

DESE, DFAT and the PLF each have a privacy policy which includes further information about how you may access and seek correction of personal information and how you can make a privacy-related complaint and the complaint-handling process.

DESE's privacy policy is available at: dese.gov.au/privacy or by requesting a copy from the department at (privacy@dese.gov.au).

DFAT's privacy policy is available at: dfat.gov.au/about-us/corporate/privacy.

The PLF's privacy policy is available at: pacificlabourmobility.com.au/privacy.

Please tick the box below to indicate you have read and understood the privacy statement and the linked privacy policies.

☐ Yes

Privacy consent and declaration

By submitting this form, you confirm that:

- if you have provided your own personal information in this form, you have read, understood and consent to the collection, use and disclosure of your personal information, including sensitive information, in accordance with the above privacy statement and the relevant privacy policies
- if you provide another person's or other peoples' personal information in this form, or otherwise as part of your participation in the relevant program, the individual's to whom the personal information, including sensitive information, relates has/have:
 - been made aware of the privacy statement, the relevant privacy policies and advised to familiarise themselves with the content of the privacy statement and the relevant privacy policies
 - consented to DESE, DFAT and the PLF collecting, using and disclosing their personal and sensitive information
 - consented to DESE, DFAT and the PLF disclosing their personal information overseas
- you understand that overseas recipients may not be subject to laws which protect your information in a similar way to the Privacy Act, which means you may not be able to seek redress in a foreign jurisdiction
- you understand that overseas recipients may also be subject to a law which compels them to disclose your information to a third party, and
- having read the above points about overseas disclosure:



- you agree that we are not required to ensure that overseas recipients handle personal information in compliance with the Australian Privacy Principles and subject to your consent to overseas disclosure, we will not be accountable if any overseas recipient contravenes the Australian Privacy Principles, and
- o you consent to the disclosure of your personal information outside of Australia. If you do not consent, please contact us to discuss this and don't select 'yes' below.

Please tick the box below to indicate you have read and understood the privacy consent and declaration.

☐ Yes

Disclaimer

Submission of this application form is not to be taken to be or relied upon as an offer capable of acceptance by any person or as creating any form of contractual, quasi contractual, restitutionary or promissory estoppel rights, or rights based on similar legal or equitable grounds, whether implied or otherwise.

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- the contents of this application have been read and understood and I agree to observe the conditions noted in this form
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Full name:	>
Position:	
On behalf of (insert name of entity)	
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Contact number:	
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