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AUSTRALIA OFFERS 300 PACIFIC ENGAGEMENT VISAS FOR SOLOMON ISLANDERS IN 2026

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The Australian Government will open the Pacific Engagement Visa (PEV) ballot from 1 July until 29 July 2026.

This offers an exciting opportunity for interested Solomon Islanders to become permanent residents in Australia.

Prime Ministers Anthony Albanese and Matthew Wale made a joint statement on 3 June 2026 at the Australia-Solomon Islands Leaders' Meeting, announcing the doubling of Pacific Engagement visa to be offered to Solomon Islanders from 150 to 300 in 2027.

Solomon Islanders who are successful with PEV can move freely between Australia and their home countries over their lifetime, delivering education, skills and economic dividends for both countries. The PEV enables holders to access Australia's universal healthcare, education system, English language programs, and financial support for further study and training.

As with the previous PEV ballots in 2024 and 2025, Solomon Islanders have the chance to bring their partners and dependent children to Australia.

The Australian Government continues to provide a free PEV Support Service online and in participating countries to provide information about the ballot and visa application processes, connect those selected in the ballot with Australian employers and provide them with information about life in Australia.

To support Solomon Islanders through their PEV process, a dedicated local PEV Support Service is available. This team is running a series of free information sessions, including:

- Ballot Information Sessions (online and in-person)
- Pre-departure Briefings (for singles and couples)
- Online Employment Support Check-ins.

For more information or to register for a session, contact the PEV local service at Solomons@pevsupport.com.au.

The Pacific Engagement Visa continues to be more than just a migration program – it is Australia's mobility partnership to strengthen links between Australia and Solomon Islands.

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Australian Department of Home Affairs banner confirming the 2026-27 PEV ballot will open on 1 July 2026.