



Budget 2024-25

This information is accurate as of 14 May 2024.

Reforms to Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services

This measure will implement a client-centric program to improve settlement service delivery for refugees.

Current humanitarian settlement service arrangements expire in June 2024. This measure establishes a reform to Australia's humanitarian settlement services. It will promote better economic and social outcomes for refugees, earlier in their settlement journey.

Services Australia will implement a new Humanitarian Integration and Settlement Program (HISP) which is being led by the Department of Home Affairs.

This measure also extends Medicare eligibility for Ukrainian nationals granted a Bridging Visa E (BVE) by the Department of Home Affairs on or after 1 August 2022. This includes their immediate non-Ukrainian family members. Access to Medicare will extend for a further 3 years, from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2027.

This Medicare eligibility is granted through a Ministerial Order under the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

This measure will apply to up to 1,200 eligible Ukrainian nationals during the 3 year period.

This measure will also allow Services Australia to support the reformed HISP and extended Medicare eligibility for Medicare through:

- website content
- forms
- internal guidance for Services Australia staff.

This measure isn't subject to legislation passing.

Who this measure affects

This affects refugees settling into Australia.

When this starts and finishes

This measure starts on 1 July 2023 and ends on 30 June 2025.