



Life in Australia – Australian values

The Australian Government encourages people to gain an understanding of Australia, its people and their way of life, before applying for a visa to live in Australia.

This includes understanding that the English language, as the national language, is an important unifying element of Australian society. Australian society is also united through the following shared values:

- respect for the freedom and dignity of the individual;
- freedom of religion;
- commitment to the rule of law;
- Parliamentary democracy;
- equality of men and women;
- a spirit of egalitarianism that embraces mutual respect, tolerance, fair play and compassion for those in need and pursuit of the public good;
- equality of opportunity for individuals, regardless of their race, religion or ethnic background.

The *Life in Australia* booklet provides more information on the values that Australians share and their way of life. This booklet is available in a wide range of languages. If the applicant has not already received a copy of the booklet then it can be obtained from www.immi.gov.au

Each applicant aged 18 years or over, who is included in this form, must have read the *Life in Australia* booklet before completing this application form. If they have difficulty, or are unable to read the booklet, they may have the content of it explained to them, for example, by a friend or relative. This form contains a statement, that they must sign, that confirms they understand and will respect the values of Australian society (as explained in the booklet) and will obey the laws of Australia. This includes acknowledging what would be required if they later applied for Australian citizenship.

About this form

Important – Please read this information carefully before completing the application. Once the application is completed we strongly advise that the applicant keep a copy for their records.

Who the form covers

The application form covers the subclass 445 visa holding child and, if applicable, any dependants of that child.

Integrity of application

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (the department) is committed to maintaining the integrity of the visa and citizenship programs. Please be aware that if you provide us with fraudulent documents or claims, this may result in processing delays and possibly your application being refused.

Dependants

If the subclass 445 visa holding child has dependants, contact the department or an Australian mission for advice about including them in the application.

This application must be lodged before a decision is made on the parent's permanent partner visa application. Failure to do so may result in the child becoming unlawful.

Visa Application Charge

There is no Visa Application Charge.

Health and character

Applicants will have already undergone health and character checks. However, it may be necessary for them to be done again and the office of the department processing the application will advise if this is the case.

Custody requirement

If the child is under 18 years of age, the office of the department which granted the 445 visa will have asked for acceptable evidence that the parent has the sole legal right to decide where the child can live, or that all persons with this right consent to the applicant residing permanently in Australia. However, the office of the department processing this application **must** be advised if there are any changes to custodial and guardianship arrangements.

Making a valid application

To lodge a valid application:

- this form must be used (it is available from www.immi.gov.au/allforms/ or from any office of the department in Australia);
- provide the address where the applicant intends to live while the application is being dealt with. Failure to give a residential address will result in the application being invalid.
Note: A post office box address will not be accepted as an applicant's residential address;
- attach any documentation that is required to be provided with this application; and
- send or deliver this application to the office of the department that is processing the parent's permanent partner visa application.

The applicant must ensure that:

- the form is completed in English;
- all questions are answered truthfully; and
- supporting documents are provided where necessary.

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If incorrect information or documents are provided, this may affect whether a visa is granted or not, or whether the visa might subsequently be cancelled.

Read the notes on each question. If a question is not applicable, write 'N/A'. Any changes or corrections made to the form must be initialled and dated by each person who signs the form. If additional sheets of paper are attached to this application, ensure each page is signed and dated by all persons who sign the form.

Supporting documents

The department may ask for further documentation during the processing of this application. 'Certified copies' of documents mean copies authorised or stamped as being true copies of originals by a person or agency recognised by the law of the child's home country. In Australia, they must be certified by a justice of the peace or commissioner for declarations or by a person before whom a statutory declaration may be made. All documents not in English must be accompanied by a certified English translation of the original. Originals of the documents may be asked for at a later stage. Do not provide originals unless the department specifically asks for them.

About the information given

The department is authorised to collect information provided on this form under Part 2 of the *Migration Act 1958* 'Control of Arrival and Presence of Non-Citizens'. The information provided will be used for assessing eligibility for a visa to travel to, enter and remain in Australia and for other purposes relating to the administration of the Migration Act, for example, to assist migrants with settling in Australia, to monitor the conduct of migration agents, or for ensuring compliance with the Migration Act. The information provided might also be disclosed to agencies who are authorised to receive information relating to adoption, border control, business skills, citizenship, education, health assessment, health insurance, health services, law enforcement, payment of pensions and benefits, taxation, review of decisions and regulation of migration agents.

The information on this form, including the results of any tests for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), will be used to assess the applicant's health for an Australian visa. A positive HIV **or other** test result will not necessarily lead to a visa being denied. These result(s) may be disclosed to the relevant Commonwealth, state and territory health agencies.

Form 1071i *Health requirement for permanent entry to Australia* provides additional information on Australia's visa health requirements. Form 1071i is available at offices of the department or from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/

The *Privacy Act 1988* is the key law designed to safeguard personal information collected by government agencies. The information privacy principles in the Privacy Act must be obeyed by federal government agencies, including the department, when gathering, processing and disclosing information about the applicant.

Please read the information form 993i *Safeguarding your personal information*, which is available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/ or from an office of the department, so as to be better informed about the agencies to which personal information might be disclosed.

The department is authorised under the Migration Act 1958, in certain circumstances, to collect a range of personal identifiers including a facial image, fingerprints and a signature from non-citizens, including from visa applicants. The department requires personal identifiers to assist in assessing your identity. The department is authorised to disclose your personal identifiers and information relating to your name and other relevant biographical data to a number of agencies including law enforcement and health agencies and to other agencies who may need to check your identity with this department. Where the department obtains personal identifiers they will become part of your official record with the department.

The department is involved in international information exchanges with a number of other countries. These exchanges include the sharing of personal identifiers, including a facial image and fingerprint data collected by immigration agencies such as this department. If, as a result of this sharing between countries, there is a match with your personal identifiers, the department will disclose your biographic data and immigration history to the other agency. The purpose of such disclosure would be to determine if you are presenting to the department and the other agency under the same identity and making similar claims.

For more detailed information you should read information form 1243i *Your personal identifying information*, which is available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/ or from any office of the department or Australian mission overseas.

Options for receiving written communications

An applicant may authorise another person to receive all communications, both written and electronic, about this application with the department. The applicant will be taken to have received any documents sent to that other person as if they had been sent to the applicant.

To do this please complete Part F *Options for receiving written communications* and form 956 *Appointment of a migration agent or exempt agent or other authorised recipient*. For an explanation of what a migration agent or exempt agent or authorised recipient can do please read the sections below.

To change or end the appointment of a migration agent or exempt agent or authorised recipient the department must be promptly advised in writing. This can also be done by using form 956 *Appointment of a migration agent or exempt agent or other authorised recipient*.

Authorised recipient information

An authorised recipient is someone appointed to receive written communications about an application with the department.

All written communication about the application will be sent to the authorised recipient, unless the applicant indicates that they wish to have health and/or character information sent directly to themselves.

The department will communicate with the most recently appointed authorised recipient as only one authorised recipient may be appointed at any time for a particular application.

Migration agent information

A migration agent is someone who can:

- advise on the visa that may best suit an applicant;
- inform an applicant on the documents needed to be submitted with the application;
- help an applicant fill in the application and submit it; and
- communicate with the department on the applicant's behalf.

If a migration agent is appointed, the department will assume that the migration agent will be the authorised recipient, unless the applicant indicates otherwise.

The migration agent will be the person with whom the department will discuss the application and from whom it will seek further information when required.

It is not a requirement to use a migration agent. However, if a migration agent is used, the department encourages applicants to use a registered migration agent. Registered agents are bound by the Migration Agents Code of Conduct, which requires them to act professionally in their clients' lawful best interests.

Immigration assistance

A person gives immigration assistance to an applicant if he or she uses, or claims to use, his or her knowledge or experience in migration procedure to assist with the applicant's visa application, request for ministerial intervention, cancellation review application, sponsorship or nomination.

In Australia a person may only lawfully give immigration assistance if he or she is a registered migration agent or is exempt from being registered. Only registered migration agents may receive a fee or reward for providing immigration assistance.

If an unregistered person in Australia, who is not exempt from registration, provides immigration assistance they are committing a criminal offence and may be prosecuted.

Migration agents in Australia

Migration agents in Australia must be registered with the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) unless they are exempt from registration.

Migration agents outside Australia

Migration agents who operate outside Australia do not have to be registered. The department may give some overseas agents an ID number. This number does not mean that they are registered.

Note: Some Australian registered migration agents operate overseas.

Exempt agents

The following people do not have to be a registered migration agent in order to provide immigration assistance, but they must not charge a fee for their service:

- a close family member (spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, brother or sister);
- a sponsor or nominator for this visa application;
- a member of parliament or their staff;
- an official whose duties include providing immigration assistance (eg. a Legal Aid provider);
- a member of a diplomatic mission, consular post or international organisation.

Further information on migration agents

Information on migration agents, including a list of registered migration agents, is available on the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) website www.themara.com.au

Information about migration agents can also be accessed on the department's website www.immi.gov.au

Consent to communicate electronically

The department may use a range of means to communicate with the visa applicant. However, electronic means such as fax or e-mail will only be used if the applicant indicates their agreement to receiving communication in this way. The department may also contact people by mail, telephone or in person. However, if an e-mail address is provided, this may speed up communication.

To process the application the department may need to communicate with the applicant about sensitive information, for example, health, police checks, financial viability and personal relationships.

Electronic communications, unless adequately encrypted, are not secure and may be viewed by others or interfered with. If the applicant agrees to the department communicating with them by electronic means, the details provided by the applicant will only be used by the department for the purposes for which they have been provided unless there is a legal obligation or necessity to use them for another purpose, or the applicant has consented to use them for another purpose. The information will not be added to any mailing list.

The Australian Government accepts no responsibility for the security or integrity of any information sent to the department over the internet or by other electronic means.

Home page **www.immi.gov.au**
General enquiry line

Telephone **131 881** during business hours in Australia to speak to an operator (recorded information available outside these hours). If you are outside Australia, please contact your nearest Australian mission.

Please keep these information pages for your reference

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Please use a pen, and write neatly in English using BLOCK LETTERS.

Tick where applicable

Part A – Details of parent

1 Parent's name
 Family name
 Given names

2 Parent's visa type Spouse Interdependency
 Partner Dependent child

3 Parent's visa number

4 Parent's receipt/file/client number

5 Parent's current residential address

 POSTCODE

6 Parent's address for correspondence
(If the same as parent's residential address, write 'AS ABOVE')

 POSTCODE

7 Telephone numbers

	COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
Office hours	()	()	
After hours	()	()	

8 May the department communicate with the parent by fax, e-mail or other electronic means?
 No
 Yes Give details

	COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
Fax number	()	()	
E-mail address	<input type="text"/>		

Note: If this visa application is refused, notification will be by mail

Part B – Details of child

9 Child's name
 Family name
 Given names

10 Sex Male Female

11 Child's date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR

12 Child's place of birth
 Town/city
 Country

13 Child's citizenship

 Details from child's passport
 Passport number
 Country of passport
 Date of issue DAY MONTH YEAR

 Date of expiry DAY MONTH YEAR

 Issuing authority/
 Place of issue as
 shown in passport

14 Details of identity card or identity number issued to the child by his/her government *(if applicable)* eg. National identity card.
Note: If the child is the holder of multiple identity numbers because he/she is a citizen of more than one country, you need to enter the identity number on the card from the country that the child lives in.
 Identity number
 Country of issue

15 Child's date of arrival in Australia DAY MONTH YEAR
(If relevant)

16 Child's visa number

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Part G – Declarations

31 AUSTRALIAN VALUES STATEMENT

This statement must be signed by the main applicant and each person aged 18 years or over who is included in this application.

I confirm that I have read, or had explained to me, information provided by the Australian government on Australian society and values.

I understand:

- Australian society values respect for the freedom and dignity of the individual, freedom of religion, commitment to the rule of law, Parliamentary democracy, equality of men and women and a spirit of egalitarianism that embraces mutual respect, tolerance, fair play and compassion for those in need and pursuit of the public good;
- Australian society values equality of opportunity for individuals, regardless of their race, religion or ethnic background;
- the English language, as the national language, is an important unifying element of Australian society.

I undertake to respect these values of Australian society during my stay in Australia and to obey the laws of Australia.

I understand that, if I should seek to become an Australian citizen:

- Australian citizenship is a shared identity, a common bond which unites all Australians while respecting their diversity;
- Australian citizenship involves reciprocal rights and responsibilities. The responsibilities of Australian citizenship include obeying Australian laws, including those relating to voting at elections and serving on a jury.

If I meet the legal qualifications for becoming an Australian citizen and my application is approved I understand that I would have to pledge my loyalty to Australia and its people.

Signature of main applicant

Date

Signature

Name

Signature

Name

Signature

Name

Signature

Name

This declaration must be signed by the parent and the child.

If the applicant is under 16, this declaration may be signed, on behalf of the child, by the child's parent, relative or guardian as appropriate.

32 DECLARATION

WARNING: Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

- I declare that the information supplied on this application is complete, correct and up-to-date in every detail.
- I understand that if I give false or misleading information, my application may be refused, or any visa granted may be cancelled.
- I understand that if this application is approved, any person not included in this application will not have automatic right of entry to Australia by way of this application.
- I will inform the Department of Immigration and Citizenship of any changes to my personal circumstances (including change of address) while my application is being considered.
- I authorise the Australian Government to make any enquiries necessary to determine my eligibility for permanent stay in Australia, and to use any information supplied in this application for that purpose.
- I have read and understood the information supplied to me in this application.

Signature of parent

Date

Signature of child*

* a parent, relative or guardian may sign if child is under 16

Date

We strongly advise that the applicant keep a copy of the application and all attachments for their records.

Office use only

File number
Date of lodgement
Office of lodgement