



Application for a bridging visa

To replace a ceased bridging visa, to change bridging visa conditions
or to provide lawful status during judicial review

Important – Please read this information and form 1024i *Bridging visas* carefully before you complete your application. Once you have completed your application we strongly advise that you keep a copy for your records.

How to apply

Please complete your application in English.

Answer all questions in full. If you need more space to answer any question, write the details on a separate sheet indicating the specific question number it refers to, sign it and attach it to the application. You may also be asked to provide documentary evidence of some of your details.

If your circumstances change in any way after you lodge your application you must inform the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (the department) of the new circumstances.

The completed form may be lodged in person or sent by post to any office of the department.

For further information on visa applications and contacting the department, see information form 1025i *Visa applications*. This form is available from the department's website

www.immi.gov.au

Residential address

You must provide the address of where you intend to live while your application is being dealt with. Failure to give a residential address will result in your application being invalid. A post office box address will not be accepted as your residential address.

Circumstances under which you may be eligible for a class of bridging visa using this form to:

(1) Replace a ceased bridging visa

You may be eligible for replacement of a bridging visa which has ceased if:

- the bridging visa ceased because you departed Australia, and your application for a substantive visa has not been finally determined; or
- your application for review of a decision to cancel a substantive visa has been successful.

(2) Change bridging visa conditions

You can apply for a bridging visa with change of conditions if you hold a Bridging visa A, B, C or E.

Generally, if you are seeking another bridging visa without work restrictions, you need to demonstrate a compelling need to work, either because of financial hardship, or because you have been sponsored or nominated for employment in an 'approved appointment' associated with an outstanding substantive visa application for a subclass 856 or 857; or a Business (temporary) (class TB); or a Medical Practitioner (temporary) (class UE); or a Temporary Business Long Stay (class UC) (subclass 457) visa.

However, you will not be eligible for permission to work if you hold a Bridging visa E because you are seeking judicial review or Ministerial intervention, except in limited circumstances.

From 1 July 2009, if you apply for a **Protection visa** and hold a Bridging visa C or E with work restrictions, you may be eligible for another bridging visa with permission to work. You can apply for another bridging visa with permission to work by completing form 1005 *Application for a bridging visa*.

To be eligible:

- Bridging visa C holders need to demonstrate a 'compelling need to work', that is, show that you are in financial hardship.
- Bridging visa E holders need to demonstrate a 'compelling need to work', as well as satisfy the department you have an 'acceptable reason for your delay', in making a Protection visa application, that is, reasons why you:
 - (a) did not apply for a Protection visa after your arrival in Australia while you held a substantive visa; and
 - (b) why you have now applied for a Protection visa after you became unlawful.

If you hold a Bridging visa A, B, C or E and are seeking judicial review of a refusal decision on your Protection visa application, you will only be permitted to work if you had permission to work on the last bridging visa you held and you applied for judicial review within the statutory time limits.

If you hold a Bridging visa E and have made an initial **ministerial intervention** request from 1 July 2009, you will only be permitted to work if you had permission to work on the last bridging visa held, and at the time of making the ministerial intervention request, you had remained lawful since your last substantive visa application was finally determined.

If you are the holder of a Bridging visa E and are seeking to change the condition(s) of the visa, you must demonstrate that you will abide by the conditions sought; and if applicable, you will provide reasons:

- for changing arrangements to depart; or
- to make a visa application; or
- for changing the period in which a valid travel document must be obtained and presented to the department to make a visa application.

(3) Await the outcome of judicial review

You should provide evidence that an application for judicial review has been made by attaching a copy of the relevant application for review or notice of appeal which shows the court registration number and endorsement by the Registrar of the Federal Court.

Note: If you hold a Bridging visa A or B and need to travel overseas because you have substantial reasons to leave Australia while you are awaiting the outcome of your visa application or judicial review application, you will need to use form 1006 *Application for a Bridging visa B*.

About the information you give

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 your eligibility for a bridging visa and for other purposes relating to the administration of 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, superannuation, review of decisions and registration of migration agents.

The collection, access, storage, use and disclosure by the department of the information you provide in this form is governed by the *Privacy Act 1988* and, in particular, by the 11 Information Privacy Principles. The information form 993i *Safeguarding your personal information*, available from offices of the department, gives details of agencies to which your personal information might be disclosed.

If you are granted a Bridging visa E on departure grounds and have not obtained a travel document within a reasonable timeframe, it is the usual practice of the department to obtain one on your behalf. This is so arrangements for your departure can continue to be made and progressed. You should be aware that for the purposes of applying for a travel document, the department usually discloses information about you to the appropriate embassy, high commission or consulate.

The department will only provide the minimum information to your country of nationality's embassy, high commission or consulate. This may include our name, details of your previous passport or other identity documents, and contact details.

Immigration assistance

A person gives immigration assistance to you if he or she uses, or claims to use, his or her knowledge or experience in migration procedure to assist you with your 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, gives you 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 Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (Office of the 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.

Migration agent information

A migration agent is someone who can:

- advise you on the visa that may best suit you;
- tell you the documents you need to submit with your application;
- help you fill in the application and submit it; and
- communicate with the department on your behalf.

If you appoint a migration agent, the department will assume that your migration agent will be your authorised recipient, unless you indicate otherwise.

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

You are not required to use a migration agent. However, if you use a migration agent, the department encourages you 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.

Information on migration agents, including a list of registered migration agents, is available on the Office of the MARA website www.mara.gov.au

You can also access information about migration agents on the department's website www.immi.gov.au

Exempt persons

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 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.

Appointing a migration agent/exempt person

To appoint a migration agent/exempt person you should complete Part H *Options for receiving written communications*.

Your migration agent/exempt person should complete form 956 *Advice by a migration agent/exempt person of providing immigration assistance*.

Form 956 is available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/

Options for receiving written communications

If you do not appoint a migration agent/exempt person you may still authorise another person, in writing, to receive written communications on your behalf. This person is called the authorised recipient.

Authorised recipient information

All written communication about your application will be sent to your authorised recipient, unless you indicate that you wish to have health and/or character information sent directly to you.

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

You will be taken to have received any documents sent to that person as if they had been sent to you.

To appoint an authorised recipient you should complete:

- Part H *Options for receiving written communications*; and
- form 956A *Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient*.

Note: Migration agents/exempt persons do not need to complete form 956A.

Form 956A is available from the department's website

www.immi.gov.au/allforms/

Consent to communicate electronically

The department may use a range of means to communicate with you. However, electronic means such as fax or e-mail will only be used if you indicate your agreement to receiving communication in this way.

To process your application the department may need to communicate with you 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 you agree to the department communicating with you by electronic means, the details you provide will only be used by the department for the purpose for which you have provided them, unless there is a legal obligation or necessity to use them for another purpose, or you have consented to use for another purpose. They 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.

If you authorise another person to receive documents on your behalf and they wish to be contacted electronically, their signature is required on form 956 or 956A to indicate their consent to this form of communication.

Note: Electronic communication is the fastest means of communication available and the department prefers to communicate electronically because this results in faster processing.

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

If a question does not apply to your situation, write 'N/A' for not applicable.

Please initial and date any alterations you make.

Substantive
 visa application
 receipt number

TRN

File number

Part A – Application details

1 Why are you applying for a bridging visa?

To replace a bridging visa

You are seeking to replace a bridging visa associated with an outstanding application for a substantive visa because the bridging visa ceased when you left Australia OR your application for review of a decision to cancel your substantive visa has been successful.

Write the name of the class of bridging visa for which you are applying, for example Bridging visa A; Bridging visa B; Bridging visa C, in the box below.

Note: The class you apply for must be the same as the class of bridging visa which ceased.

▶▶ Now go to Part B

To change the visa conditions on your bridging visa

Write the name of the class of bridging visa for which you are applying, for example Bridging visa A; Bridging visa C; Bridging visa E, in the box below.

Note: You must apply for the same class of bridging visa as the one you currently hold unless you hold a Bridging visa B, in which case you should apply for a Bridging visa A.

▶▶ Now go to Part B

Awaiting the outcome of judicial review

You are seeking judicial review of a decision to refuse a visa, and you lodged your application for review or notice of appeal within 28 days of being notified of the decision and you hold or last held a Bridging visa A, B or C.

If you held a Bridging visa A or a Bridging visa B when you applied for judicial review, you should apply for a Bridging visa A. However, if you hold a Bridging visa B with permission to travel to Australia until a date in the future, you should apply for a Bridging visa B.

If you held a Bridging visa C when you applied for judicial review, you should apply for a Bridging visa C, provided you have not been granted a Bridging visa E since applying for review.

Write the name of the class of bridging visa for which you are applying, for example Bridging visa A; Bridging visa C, in the box below.

▶▶ Now go to Part B

OR

You are seeking judicial review in relation to a substantive visa.

You should apply for a Bridging visa E and you should write this in the box below.

▶▶ Now go to Part B

Other reason

You are seeking a bridging visa for other reasons.

Write the name of the class of bridging visa for which you are applying, for example Bridging visa A; Bridging visa B; Bridging visa C, in the box below.

▶▶ Now go to Part B

Part B – Your details

- 2** Receipt number (this is on the receipt you were given when you last made an application for a visa)

- 3** Visa label number/Visa grant number* of last visa granted to you in Australia

Visa label number

*If granted a visa without a label, please provide the 13-digit Visa grant number, as shown on the letter notifying you of the grant of your visa.

Visa grant number

- 4** Class of visa currently held

- 5** Details from your passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Date of expiry

/	/	
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Issuing authority/
Place of issue as
shown in your
passport

- 6** Your family name

In English

Ethnic script

- 7** Your given names

In English

Ethnic script

- 8** Date of birth

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

- 9** Your current residential address in Australia

Note: A post office box address is not acceptable as a residential address. Failure to give a residential address will result in your application being invalid.

- 10** Address for correspondence

(If the same as your residential address, write 'AS ABOVE')

- 11** Your telephone numbers

Office hours

(AREA CODE)

After hours

(AREA CODE)

Mobile/cell

- 12** Do you agree to the department communicating with you by fax, e-mail or other electronic means?

No

Yes Give details

Fax number

(AREA CODE)

E-mail address

13 Give details of members of your family unit who are also applying for a bridging visa on this application form

Applicant 2

Family name

Given names

Date of birth / /

Relationship to you

Visa label number/
Visa grant number*

Applicant 3

Family name

Given names

Date of birth / /

Relationship to you

Visa label number/
Visa grant number*

Applicant 4

Family name

Given names

Date of birth / /

Relationship to you

Visa label number/
Visa grant number*

Applicant 5

Family name

Given names

Date of birth / /

Relationship to you

Visa label number/
Visa grant number*

Applicant 6

Family name

Given names

Date of birth / /

Relationship to you

Visa label number/
Visa grant number*

Applicant 7

Family name

Given names

Date of birth / /

Relationship to you

Visa label number/
Visa grant number*

*If granted a visa without a label, please provide the 13-digit Visa grant number, as shown on the letter notifying the applicant of the grant of the visa.

- 14** Are you applying (select one only) to replace any bridging visa which has ceased Go to Part C
- for a change of visa condition on your visa Go to Part D
- for a visa to give you lawful status while awaiting the outcome of judicial review Go to Part E
- for other reasons Go to Part F

Part C – Replacement of ceased bridging visa

- 15** Are you: (tick one box only)
- replacing your bridging visa which ceased when you left Australia? Go to Question 16
- applying for replacement of a bridging A, B or C visa which ceased when your substantive visa was cancelled? You **must** attach a copy of the review decision relating to cancellation of your substantive visa.
 Now go to Part G

- 16** List all the visa applications which are currently awaiting determination by the department or a review tribunal

1. Type of application	<input type="text"/>
Class of visa	<input type="text"/>
Receipt number	<input type="text"/>
2. Type of application	<input type="text"/>
Class of visa	<input type="text"/>
Receipt number	<input type="text"/>
3. Type of application	<input type="text"/>
Class of visa	<input type="text"/>
Receipt number	<input type="text"/>
4. Type of application	<input type="text"/>
Class of visa	<input type="text"/>
Receipt number	<input type="text"/>

▶▶ Now go to Part G

Part D – Change of condition(s) to bridging visa

- 17** Are you seeking: (tick one box only)
- only permission to work **OR** permission to work as well as to change any other visa conditions of your visa Go to Question 18
- to change any visa conditions of your visa other than permission to work (for holders of a Bridging visa E only) Go to Question 30
- 18** Are you seeking permission to work on the basis of an employer nomination associated with an outstanding application for a subclass 856 or 857 visa; or a Business (temporary) (class TB) visa; or a Medical Practitioner (temporary) (class UE) visa; or a Business (long stay) (class UC) (subclass 457) visa?
- No
- Yes Go to Part G
- 19** Are you seeking permission to work on the basis of financial hardship?
- No Go to Part G
- Yes

Note: Refer to notes on 'Change of bridging visa conditions' on page 1.

Financial details

Note: Give all the information asked for, or attach it, even if you have given the information to the department previously. This includes attaching any supporting evidence of weekly expenses, such as receipts, bills, bank statements and so on. The person who decides your application may have only this information to consider.

If there is not enough space here, write on a separate sheet of paper, sign and date the statement and attach it to this form.

- 20** What savings (for example in bank or cash) do you have available?
- 21** How have you supported yourself until the time of this application?
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- 22** Do you receive any regular income from overseas? No Yes
- 23** Do you or a member of your family currently work? No Yes
- 24** What is your family's weekly income?
- 25** What is the total of your weekly expenses?
- 26** If you do not work, how will you be supported?
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About your family

27 Provide the following information about your family in Australia who are **NOT** included in the application

1. Full name

Why can't this person support you financially?

2. Full name

Why can't this person support you financially?

3. Full name

Why can't this person support you financially?

4. Full name

Why can't this person support you financially?

Other details

28 Provide details of any additional information you would like to be considered in support of your application for permission to work.

29 Are you a Protection visa applicant holding a Bridging visa E and seeking permission to work because you believe you have an 'acceptable reason for delay'?

No

Yes Provide reasons why you did not apply for a Protection visa when you first arrived in Australia. Your reasons should cover all of the period from your arrival in Australia to the time you made your Protection visa application.

If insufficient space attach additional details

▶▶ Now go to Part G

30 Provide details of the conditions on your Bridging visa E that you are seeking to change and the reasons why

1. Condition

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Reason for change

2. Condition

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Reason for change

3. Condition

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Reason for change

4. Condition

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Reason for change

5. Condition

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Reason for change

6. Condition

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Reason for change

▶▶ Now go to Part G

Part G – Assistance with this form

39 Did you receive assistance in completing this form?

No ▶ Go to Part H

Yes ▶ Please give details of the person who assisted you

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Family name

Given names

Address

POSTCODE

Telephone number or daytime contact

COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
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Mobile/cell

40 Is the person an agent registered with the Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (Office of the MARA)?

No

Yes ▶ Go to Part H

41 Is the person/agent in Australia?

No ▶ Go to Part H

Yes

42 Did you pay the person/agent and/or give a gift for this assistance?

No

Yes

Part H – Options for receiving written communications

43 All written communications about this application should be sent to:
(Tick one box only)

Myself

OR

Authorised recipient ▶ You should complete form 956A *Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient*

OR

Migration agent ▶ Your migration agent/exempt person should complete form 956 *Advice by a migration agent/exempt person of providing immigration assistance*

OR

Exempt person

Part I – Declaration

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

The following declaration must be signed and dated by all applicants aged 18 or over included in this application

44 I/we, the applicant(s), declare that the information I/we have given in this form is complete, correct and up-to-date in every detail.

Signature of main applicant

Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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Signature of applicant 2

Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	/

Signature of applicant 3

Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	/

Signature of applicant 4

Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	/

Signature of applicant 5

Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	/

Signature of applicant 6

Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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Signature of applicant 7

Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	/

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