



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, sign it and attach it to the application form. You may also be asked to provide documentary evidence of some of your details.

This application will not be valid until you pay the charge.

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 in Australia.

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

Integrity of application

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.

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.

Charges

Payment must accompany your application and is generally not refunded if the application is unsuccessful.

Fees may be subject to adjustment at any time. Visa Application Charges may be subject to adjustment on 1 July each year. This may increase the cost of a visa.

Method of payment

In Australia, debit card or credit card are the preferred methods of payment. Debit cards cannot be used for applications lodged by mail. If paying by bank cheque or money order please make payable to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

Requirements for grant of the Bridging visa B

The requirements to be satisfied in order to be granted a Bridging visa B include that:

- you must be the holder of a bridging visa A or B;
- you must have substantial reasons for wishing to leave and re-enter Australia; and
- your return to Australia would not be contrary to the public interest.

Note: If your substantive visa application is for a Graduate Skilled (subclass 497) visa, you will only be granted a Bridging visa B if your reasons for wishing to travel include that:

- (a) a close relative overseas is seriously ill or has recently died; or
- (b) your Australian employer needs you to travel overseas in the course of your employment.

Note: If your application for a substantive visa is refused, and you seek review of that decision by a review body (eg. the MRT or RRT), and the review body affirms the decision to refuse the visa, your bridging visa will cease 28 days after you are taken to be notified of the decision of the review body. Therefore, if you apply for judicial review of the refusal decision, you must apply for a new bridging visa to remain lawful while those proceedings are being decided.

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.

Relevant information about you will be disclosed to federal, state and territory police to assist in your location and possible detention in the event that you become an unlawful non-citizen. You will become an unlawful non-citizen if your visa ceases (by cancellation for breach of a visa condition for example) or expires and you do not hold another visa authorising you to remain in Australia.

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.

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

Form 1071i *Health requirements for permanent visas* and 1163i *Health requirements for temporary entry to Australia* provides additional information on Australia's visa health requirements. Forms 1071i and 1163i are available at offices of the department or from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/

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Options for receiving written communications

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

To do this you will need to complete Part H *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 your migration agent or exempt agent or authorised recipient you must promptly advise the department in writing. You can do this by using form 956 *Appointment of a migration agent or exempt agent or other authorised recipient*.

Authorised recipient information

An authorised recipient is someone you appoint to receive written communications about your application with the department.

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.

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.

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 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

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

Consent to communicate electronically

The department may use a range of methods to communicate with you. Electronic means such as fax or e-mail will only be used if you indicate your agreement to receiving communication in this way. The department may also contact people by mail, telephone or in person. However, if you have an e-mail address, this may speed up communication.

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 without your consent.

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



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.

Part A – Personal details

- 1** Receipt number *(this is on the receipt you were given when you last made an application for a visa)*
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- 2** Your family name
- In English
- Ethnic script
- 3** Your given names
- In English
- Ethnic script
- 4** Your date of birth
- DAY MONTH YEAR
- 5** 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.
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- POSTCODE

Part B – Details from your passport

- 6** 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
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- Class of visa currently
 held or last held
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- Visa label
 number
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- 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.
- Visa grant
 number
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Part C – Contact details

- 7** Address for correspondence
- (If the same as your residential address in Question 5, write 'AS ABOVE')*
- Note:** Unless otherwise advised (see Question 22 *Options for receiving written communications*) this will be the address the department will use to communicate with you in relation to this application.
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- If any other applicants are included in this application (see Question 15), is this the address at which the department may correspond with those other applicants?
- No **▶** Give details of the address for correspondence for other applicants separately in writing or on form 929 *Change of address and/or passport details*.
- Yes
- 8** Your telephone numbers
- Office hours (AREA CODE)
- After hours (AREA CODE)

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Part E – Additional applicants

- 15** Give details of members of your family who are applying for a Bridging visa B and will be travelling with you.

Note:

- If any member of your family is travelling for different reasons they will need to fill in a separate form 1006 *Application for a Bridging visa B*.
- 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.
- Unless otherwise advised in writing or on form 929 *Change of address and/or passport details*, the department will communicate with the additional applicants in the same manner, and at the same address, as has been requested by the main applicant (see Questions 7, 9 and 22).

Applicant 2

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Applicant 3

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Applicant 4

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Applicant 5

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Applicant 6

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Part F – Health and character

These questions assist in determining that your **return** to Australia is not contrary to the public interest

16 Have you, or anyone included in this application, ever had, or currently have tuberculosis or any other serious disease (including mental illness), condition or disability?

No

Yes ► Is the disease, condition or disability one that requires or is likely to require medical, hospital or special care?

No

Yes ► Give ALL relevant details

17 Have you or any other person included in this application ever:

- been convicted of a crime or any offence in any country (including any conviction which is now removed from official records)? No Yes
- been charged with any offence that is currently awaiting legal action? No Yes
- been acquitted of any criminal or other offence on the grounds of mental illness, insanity or unsoundness of mind? No Yes
- been removed or deported from any country (including Australia)? No Yes
- left any country to avoid being removed or deported? No Yes
- been excluded from or asked to leave any country (including Australia)? No Yes
- committed, or been involved in the commission of war crimes or crimes against humanity or human rights? No Yes
- been involved in any activities that would represent a risk to Australian national security? No Yes
- had any outstanding debts to the Australian Government or any public authority in Australia? No Yes
- been involved in any activity, or been convicted of any offence, relating to the illegal movement of people to any country (including Australia)? No Yes
- served in a military force or state sponsored/private militia, undergone any military/paramilitary training, or been trained in weapons/explosives use (however described)? No Yes

If you answered '**Yes**' to any of the above questions, you must state who it applies to and give ALL relevant details.

If the matter relates to a criminal conviction, please give the nature of the offence, full details of sentence and dates of any period of imprisonment or other detention.

