



Important – Please read this information carefully before you complete your application. Once you have completed your application we strongly advise that you keep a copy for your records.

## This form is for a Sponsored Family Visitor visa – subclass 679

This form is for the sponsor of visitor visa applicants applying for a Sponsored Family Visitor visa.

A person coming to Australia as a Sponsored Family Visitor will generally be able to stay in Australia for a period of **up to 3 months**. In certain circumstances the period may be longer, usually **up to 6 months**, but no more than 12 months.

Their visa, if granted, will only allow them to travel to Australia once on that visa.

## 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.

## Who can be a sponsor?

In all cases, the sponsor must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident aged 18 years or over and settled in Australia.

**If you are sponsoring someone who is a family visitor** you must be one of the following:

- a relative (parent, child, spouse, de facto partner, brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew or 'step' equivalent of any of these); or
- a member of an Australian parliament (Commonwealth, state or territory); or
- an authorised person representing a Commonwealth, state or territory government agency or instrumentality; or
- a local government mayor.

You are only able to sponsor one person (or one family unit) at a time. If you have already provided a sponsorship for another visitor, you must wait until their visa ceases to be in effect before you can be eligible to provide another sponsorship.

**Note:** A 'family unit' normally includes the head of the family, spouse or de facto partner and dependent children.

## Who cannot sponsor?

There are no provisions for fiancés, cousins, friends or in-laws and New Zealand citizens to sponsor.

**If you have previously sponsored a visitor as a sponsored visitor, and your visitor did not abide by the conditions of their visa, you will be ineligible to sponsor another visitor in the same visa class for 5 years. There is only one exception, see 'Conditions applying to Sponsored Family Visitor visas'.**

## How to sponsor your visitor

- All Sponsored Family Visitor visa applications must be lodged in Australia by the sponsor. As the sponsor, you will need to complete this form.
- Each of your visitors will need to complete form 48S *Application to visit Australia as a sponsored family visitor*.
- To make a valid application you must lodge form 48S and this form 1149 at a regional office of the department in Australia.
- Some offices may require an appointment to be made prior to lodgement.
- The following offices of the department process Sponsored Family Visitor visa applications:
  - ACT Regional;
  - Adelaide;
  - Brisbane;
  - Dandenong (Victoria);
  - Darwin;
  - Hobart;
  - Perth;
  - Sydney CBD.

Completed forms must be accompanied by the required Visa Application Charge or evidence that the charge has been paid.

## Your sponsorship undertaking

The undertaking you must sign in the form states that you agree to accept all financial obligations to the Commonwealth incurred by the applicant arising out of the applicant's stay in Australia. You are responsible for compliance by the person you are sponsoring with all conditions under which that person is allowed to enter Australia.

**Note:** Holders of Sponsored Family Visitor visas are not permitted to work in Australia.

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## What is the security bond?

As the sponsor of the visa applicant, you may be requested to arrange for the lodgement of a security bond. A security bond may be requested for each individual visa applicant, including any travelling family members of the relative included in your sponsorship. The amount of security bond is determined on a case by case basis by a delegated officer and is generally between AUD5,000 and AUD15,000 per person. It should be noted, however, under the *Migration Act 1958* the decision to request a security bond is at the discretion of the delegated officer. Therefore, depending on the circumstances of the individual case, the delegated officer may ask for a security bond of any amount that they see as appropriate. You will be informed in writing if a bond is requested. The request will include details of where the security should be lodged, the amount requested, and information relating to refund arrangements.

### Note:

- A security bond can be provided by a third party who is not the sponsor, however, this person should be aged 18 years or older.
- Your sponsorship, and any security bond requested, does not guarantee the grant of any visa. Each Visitor visa applicant must meet all visa requirements individually. The sponsorship you provide in this form is only one of the criteria which must be met by the visa applicant for a Sponsored Family Visitor visa.

## What happens to the security bond?

The security bond will be refunded after the visitor you have sponsored has left Australia, provided they do not breach any visa conditions.

## Conditions applying to Sponsored Family Visitor visas

Visitors to Australia must comply with the conditions of their visa. As a sponsor, you are responsible for ensuring that your visitor(s) complies with their visa conditions.

Sponsored Family Visitor visa conditions imposed will require that your visitor:

- must not work in Australia (8101);
- must not engage, for more than 3 months, in any studies or training while in Australia (8201);
- must undergo and pass a chest x-ray examination before commencing study if they intend to study for more than 4 weeks while in Australia (8205);
- cannot apply for a further stay in Australia<sup>1</sup> (8503);
- must not remain in Australia after the expiry of the period of stay of the visa on which they entered Australia (8531).

If a visitor you have sponsored breaches any visa conditions, it may lead to cancellation of their visa and other penalties, including being detained. If the visitor you have sponsored breaches any visa conditions, including **if they do not depart before the expiry of the period of stay of their Sponsored Family Visitor visa:**

- **you will be ineligible to sponsor another visitor for 5 years under the same visa class, unless you can satisfy the department that your sponsored visitor breached condition 8531 due to circumstances beyond their control and those circumstances arose after their arrival in Australia; and**
- **the security bond lodged to support your sponsored visitor will normally be forfeited.**

If your visitor requests a waiver of the 8503 'No Further Stay' condition and this results in your visitor remaining in Australia after their Sponsored Family Visitor visa expires, they will still be taken to have breached the 8531 'Must leave before visa expiry' condition, and you will still incur the penalties listed above, even if the 8503 is waived and a further visa is granted.

If you have any questions or concerns about the conditions, you should ask for more information from your nearest office of the department in Australia.

## What documents do you need?

If you are a relative of the visa applicant, proof of your relationship to your relative must be provided with this form. For example, if you are sponsoring your brother or sister, you should provide a certified copy of your full birth certificate showing details of your parents.

If you have changed your name since birth (for example, through marriage), you should also provide evidence of this.

You will also need to provide evidence of your Australian citizenship or permanent residence status. If you are an Australian citizen you will need to provide a certified copy of your citizenship certificate or, if Australian-born, a certified copy of your full birth certificate. If you are an Australian permanent resident you will need to provide a copy of your permanent residence visa. If you are unsure about the documents needed please contact your nearest office of the department in Australia.

If you are providing copies of documents they will need to be certified as true copies of the original by a Justice of the Peace, Commissioner for Declarations or a person authorised to witness Statutory Declarations.

## Communication with the sponsor

In order for this application to proceed, the visa applicant will need to authorise you, the sponsor, to receive all written communications about the visa application, and to act on behalf of the visa applicant. The department will communicate with you about the visa application and will send you any written communications relating to the visa application that would otherwise have been sent to the visa applicant. The visa applicant will be taken to have received any documents sent to you, the sponsor, as if they had been sent to the visa applicant. The exchange of information may include personal information. To authorise you to receive all communications about the application, your sponsored visitor will need to complete the sections with the headings *Options for receiving written communications* and *Authorising sponsor* in their application form 48S.

<sup>1</sup> Except in limited circumstances which are outside their control, or to engage Australia's protection obligations under the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees.

## Options for receiving written communications

You may authorise another person to receive all communications, both written and electronic, about your sponsorship 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 Question 23 *Options for receiving written communications* and form 956 *Appointment of a migration agent or exempt agent or other authorised recipient*. Form 956 is available from the department's website. 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 sponsorship with the department.

All written communication about your sponsorship will be sent to your authorised recipient.

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.

## Authorisation of a migration agent to act on behalf of the sponsor

A migration agent is someone who can:

- advise you on visas and sponsorship;
- tell you the documents you need to submit with your sponsorship application;
- help you fill in the sponsorship application and submit it;
- receive written communications about your sponsorship application with the department; and
- discuss your sponsorship application with the department.

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.

To change or end the appointment of your migration agent 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*.

## 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.

**Sponsors of applicants for Sponsored family visitor visas are exempt from the requirements to be registered as a migration agent in order to assist applicants in relation to Sponsored family visitor visas.**

## 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](http://www.themara.com.au)

You can also access information about migration agents on the department's website [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)

## 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.

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## 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 to sponsor a visitor 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.

If your relative does not comply with the conditions of their visa, relevant information about you may be disclosed to federal, state and territory police to assist in their location and possible detention in the event that they become an unlawful non-citizen. They will become an unlawful non-citizen if their visa ceases (by cancellation for breach of condition for example) or expires and they do not hold another visa authorising them to remain in Australia.

If your relative's application for a visitor visa has also been supported by an Australian Member of Parliament or a Community Leader based in Australia, information on the outcome of your relative's application and of their compliance with visa conditions, if their visa is granted, may be provided to the Member of Parliament or the Community Leader.

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 department has authority under the *Migration Act 1958* to collect a range of personal identifiers from non-citizens, including visa applicants, in certain circumstances. 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](http://www.immi.gov.au)

*Home page* **[www.immi.gov.au](http://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*



# Application for sponsorship for sponsored family visitors

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

Tick where applicable

## Sponsorship details

**1** Have you previously sponsored a visitor as a short stay sponsored visitor or a sponsored family visitor, and that visitor is still in Australia?

No

Yes

**2** Have you previously sponsored a visitor as a short stay sponsored visitor or a sponsored family visitor, and that visitor did not comply with the conditions of their visa?

No

Yes  ► You may wish to seek advice from the department before lodging this application.

**3** Give details of the main visa applicant you are sponsoring as a sponsored family visitor

Family name

Given names

Sex Male  Female

Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR

Country of birth

Relationship status

Married  Separated  Never married or

Engaged  Divorced  been in a de facto relationship

De facto  Widowed

Details from passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue DAY MONTH YEAR

Date of expiry

Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in their passport

*The passport should be valid for the period of stay they are applying for.*

**4** Are you related to the main visa applicant?

No  ► What is your government position?  
*(eg. Member of Parliament, Mayor)*

►► Go to Question 6

Yes  ► What is your relationship to the main visa applicant?  
*(eg. brother, sister, parent)*

**5** What documents are you providing as evidence of your family relationship to the main applicant?  
*(eg. marriage certificate or birth certificate etc.)*

*Please attach certified copies of certificates of the relationship including any translations.*

**6** Please give details of all family unit members travelling to Australia as sponsored family visitors sponsored by you.

**Note:** If you are sponsoring more than one person, all others must be members of the same family unit.

1. Family name

Given names

Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Relationship to main applicant

Details from passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue DAY MONTH YEAR

Date of expiry

Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in their passport

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2. Family name

Given names

Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)  /  /

Relationship to main applicant

Details from passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue  DAY MONTH YEAR / /

Date of expiry  / /

Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in their passport

*The passport should be valid for the period of stay they are applying for.*

3. Family name

Given names

Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)  /  /

Relationship to main applicant

Details from passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue  DAY MONTH YEAR / /

Date of expiry  / /

Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in their passport

*The passport should be valid for the period of stay they are applying for.*

4. Family name

Given names

Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)  /  /

Relationship to main applicant

Details from passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue  DAY MONTH YEAR / /

Date of expiry  / /

Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in their passport

*The passport should be valid for the period of stay they are applying for.*

5. Family name

Given names

Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)  /  /

Relationship to main applicant

Details from passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue  DAY MONTH YEAR / /

Date of expiry  / /

Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in their passport

*The passport should be valid for the period of stay they are applying for.*

6. Family name

Given names

Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)  /  /

Relationship to main applicant

Details from passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue  DAY MONTH YEAR / /

Date of expiry  / /

Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in their passport

*The passport should be valid for the period of stay they are applying for.*

7. Family name

Given names

Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)  /  /

Relationship to main applicant

Details from passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue  DAY MONTH YEAR / /

Date of expiry  / /

Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in their passport

*The passport should be valid for the period of stay they are applying for.*

*Details of any further applicants should be attached on a separate piece of paper.*

**7** Have you previously sponsored any visitors?

No

Yes  Give details

1. Family name   
Given names   
Relationship   
Sex Male  Female   
Date of birth   
Country of birth   
Purpose of stay in Australia   
Date of arrival (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)   
Date of departure (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

2. Family name   
Given names   
Relationship   
Sex Male  Female   
Date of birth   
Country of birth   
Purpose of stay in Australia   
Date of arrival (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)   
Date of departure (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

3. Family name   
Given names   
Relationship   
Sex Male  Female   
Date of birth   
Country of birth   
Purpose of stay in Australia   
Date of arrival (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)   
Date of departure (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

4. Family name   
Given names   
Relationship   
Sex Male  Female   
Date of birth   
Country of birth   
Purpose of stay in Australia   
Date of arrival (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)   
Date of departure (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

*Details of any further sponsorships should be attached on a separate sheet of paper.*

**Your personal details**

**8** Your full name

Family name   
Given names

**9** Have you been known by any other names?  
*(including name at birth, previous married names, legal name change, aliases)*

No   
Yes  Give details

**10** Sex Male  Female

**11** Date of birth

**12** Place of birth  
Town or city   
Country

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**13** Your current residential address in Australia  
**Note:** A post office box address is not acceptable as a residential address.

POSTCODE

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

POSTCODE

**Note:** Correct address is important for mailing of any security bond request, and thus to ensure visa application is processed in as timely a manner as possible.

**14** Your telephone numbers

Office hours 

(AREA CODE	)
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After hours 

(AREA CODE	)
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Mobile/cell 

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**15** 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	)
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E-mail address 

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**16** Passport details

Passport number 

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Country of passport 

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Date of issue 

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	/

Date of expiry 

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Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in your passport


**17** Country of citizenship as shown in your passport

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**18** Are there documents that you can provide as evidence of your citizenship or permanent residence?

(eg. Australian citizenship certificate and number, Australian passport and number, a permanent resident visa and number or Australian birth certificate and number)

No  Yes  Give details


Please attach certified copies of certificates of your citizenship or evidence of your permanent residence including any translations.

### Assistance with this form

**19** Did you receive assistance in completing this form?

No  Go to Question 23  
Yes  Please give details of the person who assisted you

Title: Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Other 

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Family name 

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Given names 

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Address

POSTCODE

Telephone number or daytime contact

Office hours 

COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
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Mobile/cell 

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**20** Is the person an agent registered with the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA)?

No   
Yes  Go to Question 23

**21** Is the person/agent in Australia?

No  Go to Question 23  
Yes

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

No   
Yes

## Options for receiving written communications

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

Sponsor  All written communications will be sent to the address for communications that you have provided in this form.

**OR**

Authorised recipient

**OR**

Sponsor's migration agent

**OR**

Agent exempt from registration

You must complete form 956 *Appointment of a migration agent or exempt agent or other authorised recipient* and attach it to this application form. Form 956 is available from the department's website [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)

## Sponsorship undertaking for a sponsored family visitor

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

- 24** I agree to accept responsibility for:
- all financial obligations to the Commonwealth incurred by those I am sponsoring arising out of the applicant's stay in Australia; and
  - unless the Minister decides otherwise, compliance by those I am sponsoring with the conditions under which they may be allowed to enter Australia.

I understand that the following visa conditions will be imposed on the visa:

- the visitor must not work in Australia;
- the visitor cannot apply for a further stay in Australia;<sup>1</sup>
- the visitor must not remain in Australia after the expiry of the period of stay of the visa on which they enter Australia;
- the visitor must not engage, for more than 3 months, in any studies or training while in Australia;
- the visitor must undergo and pass a chest x-ray examination before commencing study if they intend to study for more than 4 weeks while in Australia.

I understand that any breach of the above visa conditions will prevent me from being approved as a sponsor for 5 years.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Except in limited circumstances which are outside their control, or to engage Australia's protection obligations under the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees.

<sup>2</sup> Except if the breach was of condition 8531 (must not remain in Australia after the expiry of the period of stay of the visa on which they entered Australia) and I can satisfy the department that my visitor breached this condition due to circumstances that:

- were beyond their control; and
- arose after their arrival in Australia.

We strongly advise that you keep a copy of your application and all attachments for your records.

## Security bond and sponsorship limitation

- 25** I confirm that I will arrange for the lodgement of a security bond for each applicant I have sponsored if requested to do so.

I understand that any visa application(s) being lodged pursuant to this sponsorship may:

- be refused, regardless of my sponsorship;
- be refused, regardless of my sponsorship and any security bond I lodge;
- be approved on the basis of this sponsorship and any security bond lodged pursuant to this sponsorship.

I understand that the Minister must not approve this sponsorship:

- if I am already the sponsor for another person who holds a Sponsored (Visitor) (Class UL) visa; or
- if I have previously sponsored another applicant who held a Sponsored (Visitor) (Class UL) visa and that applicant did not comply with a condition of the visa, 5 years has not passed since that applicant was granted their visa and I am still subject to a 5 year bar.

I understand that:

- the security bond(s), if requested and lodged, may be forfeited should any visitor I support not comply with any of their visa conditions even if the 8503 'No Further Stay' condition is waived and a further visa is granted.

Your signature

Date 

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	/

## Declaration

- 26** I, (Family name)
- (Given names)
- of
- 
- POSTCODE

declare that:

- the information I have supplied on this form and in all attachments is true and correct;
- I understand and will honour all obligations in respect of the visitors I sponsor in this form;
- I understand that failure to provide correct information may lead to refusal of the Sponsored Family Visitor visa application, or cancellation of any Sponsored Family Visitor visas granted;
- I agree to accept all financial obligations to the Commonwealth incurred by the applicant arising out of the applicant's stay in Australia; and
- I agree to accept responsibility for compliance with all conditions under which the applicant I am sponsoring was allowed to enter Australia.

**Note:** Before you sign this application, please ensure that you have read and understand all of the above statements and conditions.

Your signature

Date 

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	/