



People who renounce Australian citizenship while in Australia automatically become the holders of a permanent visa. A Resident Return visa will be needed if a person travels overseas and intends to return to Australia. See information form 968i *Return documents for Australian citizens and permanent residents* from www.citizenship.gov.au

People who renounce Australian citizenship while overseas cannot re-enter Australia unless a visa is obtained.

Australian citizenship ceases on the date the application is approved.

Renouncing Australian citizenship

Adults

Australian citizens aged 18 or over can apply to renounce their Australian citizenship.

Australia is a signatory to the *United Nations Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness*. No application to renounce Australian citizenship will be approved unless there is evidence that the applicant is a citizen of another country, or on renunciation will acquire the citizenship of another country.

If the applicant is a responsible parent of a child, consideration may be given to revoking the citizenship of any children under the age of 18 years unless:

- another responsible parent is still an Australian citizen; or
- this would render the child stateless.

Children

Children can apply to renounce Australian citizenship, only if they were born or are ordinarily resident in a foreign country and are not entitled, under the law of that country, to acquire the nationality or citizenship of that country because they are Australian citizens.

Applications for children under 16 must be made by a responsible parent. A 'responsible parent' of a child is:

- a parent, unless that parent has no parental responsibility because of orders made by the Family Court of Australia; or
- any person having responsibility over the child because of an order made by the Family Court; or
- any person who has guardianship or custody of the child under a law in force in a state or territory of a foreign country.

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.

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.

Proof of identity

Declaration

The proof of identity declaration at Question 16 must be completed by a person who:

- is an Australian citizen; and
- is not related by birth or marriage; and
- has known the applicant for at least 12 months; and
- currently belongs to one of the professions or occupations listed on page 2; and
- is easily contactable by telephone during normal working hours.

Photograph

Applicants must also provide a passport size photograph. The photograph must be endorsed on the back with these words, 'This is a true photograph of (applicant's name in full)'. The same signature must be used to sign the photograph and proof of identity declaration. The Australian citizen must have known the applicant for at least 12 months and belong to one of the professions or occupations listed on page 2.

The photograph must:

- be not more than 6 months old; and
- be a full front view of the applicant's head. If the applicant wears a head covering for religious reasons, we will accept a photograph which shows the applicant's facial features. If the applicant normally wears prescription glasses, glasses with untinted lenses should be worn in the photograph; and
- have a plain, light coloured background; and
- be of good quality and not laser printed.

Note: If the applicant is:

- overseas the proof of identity declaration and endorsed photograph can be completed by a citizen of the applicant's country of residence who has known the applicant for at least 12 months and belongs to one of the professions or occupations listed on page 2; or
- under 6 years of age the photograph may be endorsed and the declaration made by an Australian citizen who has known the applicant for less than 12 months and belongs to one of the professions or occupations listed on page 2.

If the child is overseas the photograph may be endorsed by a citizen of the child's country of residence who belongs to one of the professions or occupations listed on page 2.

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People who can provide proof of identity

The list of people from professions or occupations who can complete the proof of identity declaration, endorse the photograph and certify copies of original documents.

1. Australian Consular Officer or Australian Diplomatic Officer (within the meaning of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*)
2. Bailiff
3. Bank officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
4. Building society officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
5. Chiropractor (licensed or registered)
6. Clerk of court
7. Commissioner for Affidavits
8. Commissioner for Declarations
9. Credit union officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
10. Dentist (licensed or registered)
11. Fellow of the National Tax Accountant's Association
12. Finance company officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
13. Judge of a court
14. Justice of the peace
15. Legal practitioner (licensed or registered)
16. Magistrate
17. Marriage celebrant licensed or registered under Subdivision C of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*
18. Master of a court
19. Medical practitioner (licensed or registered)
20. Member of Chartered Secretaries Australia
21. Member of Engineers Australia, other than at the grade of student
22. Member of the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants
23. Member of the Australian Defence Force with 5 or more years of continuous service
24. Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants or the National Institute of Accountants
25. Member of the Parliament of the Commonwealth, a state, a territory Legislature, or a local government authority of a state or territory
26. Minister of religion licensed or registered under Subdivision A of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*
27. Nurse (licensed or registered)
28. Optometrist (licensed or registered)
29. Permanent employee of Commonwealth, state or local government authority with at least 5 or more years of continuous service
30. Permanent employee of the Australian Postal Corporation with 5 or more years of continuous service
31. Pharmacist (licensed or registered)
32. Physiotherapist (licensed or registered)
33. Police officer
34. Psychologist (licensed or registered)
35. Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, of a court

36. Sheriff
37. Teacher employed on a full-time basis at a school or tertiary education institution
38. Veterinary surgeon (licensed or registered).

Documents required

The documents listed below are required to assess eligibility and should be submitted with the application. ORIGINAL documents must be provided together with certified copies. The original documents will be returned. See page 2 for people from the list of professions and occupations that can certify copies of documents.

Note: If you are applying overseas you will need to provide originals and copies of identity documents to the nearest Australian mission overseas. The copies will be certified by an Australian consular officer or Australian Diplomatic officer. The original documents will be returned to you. The certified copies must be provided with the application.

- Evidence of Australian citizenship, for example, full birth certificate if born in Australia, or Australian citizenship certificate.
- Passport held, if any.
- An Australian citizenship certificate if held.
- Evidence of acquisition of foreign citizenship, for example, naturalisation certificate or a statement from the authorities of the other country stating how and when the applicant acquired the citizenship of that country.
- Evidence, such as a statement from a relevant authority, that upon renunciation of Australian citizenship the applicant will acquire a foreign citizenship.
- Official Australian evidence of any name changes since you acquired Australian citizenship. This will usually be a change of name certificate issued by an Australian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages (RBDM), or a marriage certificate issued by an Australian RBDM. Overseas marriage certificates are not acceptable evidence of a change of name.

Translations

If documents are not in English, an official translation need to be provided. In Australia translations should be done by translators accredited by the National Accreditation Authority of Translators and Interpreters (NAATI). See www.naati.com.au

People applying overseas should contact the Australian mission responsible for the country which issued the relevant documents for advice on acceptable translators. See

www.citizenship.gov.au

Fees

For information on fees see form 1298i *Citizenship fees*. See **www.citizenship.gov.au**

Note: The relevant fee must accompany the application and is generally not refunded if the application is refused.

Method of payment

In Australia

To make a payment, please pay by credit card, debit card, bank cheque or money order made payable to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. Debit card and credit card are the preferred methods of payment.

Outside Australia

Before making a payment outside Australia, please check with the Australian Government office where you intend to lodge your application as to what methods of payment and currencies they can accept and to whom the payment should be made payable.

Where should the application be sent?

The application, endorsed passport size photograph, supporting documentation and the required fee should be sent to the closest office of the department listed below or the closest Australian mission overseas. See www.citizenship.gov.au

Review rights

If the application is refused, an appeal to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for a review of the decision can be made.

About the information you give

The department is authorised to collect personal information and personal identifiers provided in this form under the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*.

The information provided will be used for assessing applications for Australian citizenship, which includes applying for evidence of Australian citizenship. The exchange of data will allow the department to verify with those issuing agencies the validity of documents presented by clients as proof of identity.

Information might be provided to:

- local governments and other organisations that conduct and host citizenship interviews and ceremonies;
- the Australian Electoral Commission for the purpose of administering the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*;
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for the purpose of administering the *Passport Act 2005*;
- Centrelink for the purpose of administering the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* and *Family Assistance (Administration) Act 1999*;
- Commonwealth, state and territory police and other agencies to help assess character requirements for citizenship;
- Commonwealth, state and territory Members of Parliament for the purpose of formally welcoming new citizens;
- NSW Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages (BDM) operating the Certificate Validation Service (CVS) on behalf of the BDM Registries of Australasia (BDMAUS). This incorporates:
 - the Department for Victorian Communities, the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages;
 - the Department of Justice and Community Safety (ACT), the Registrar-General's Office;
- National Exchange of Vehicles and Driver Information System (NEVDIS) operating on behalf of AUSTROADS for the state and territory road traffic authorities.

The department's collection, access, storage, use and disclosure of your personal information is governed by the *Privacy Act 1988* and the 11 Information Privacy Principles. The information form 993i *Safeguarding your personal information*, available from offices of the department and on the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/, gives further details of agencies to which personal information might be disclosed.

The *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* authorises the collection of personal identifiers, which includes signatures and photographs. There are strict statutory requirements that must be fulfilled before identifying information can be disclosed, even to other Commonwealth, state and territory government agencies. For more detailed information read information form 1243i *Your personal identifying information*, which 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. 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.

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.

Department of Immigration and Citizenship offices and contact details

Australian Capital Territory
GPO Box 717
CANBERRA ACT 2601

New South Wales
GPO Box 9984
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Northern Territory
GPO Box 864
DARWIN NT 0801

Queensland
Queensland state office
GPO Box 9984
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Cairns office
PO Box 1269
CAIRNS QLD 4870

Gold Coast office
PO Box 2868
SOUTHPORT QLD 4215

Thursday Island office
PO Box 299
THURSDAY ISLAND QLD 4875

South Australia
GPO Box 2399
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Tasmania
GPO Box 794
HOBART TAS 7001

Victoria
Melbourne office
GPO Box 241
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

Dandenong office
Private Mail Bag 5001
DANDENONG VIC 3175

Western Australia
Locked Bag 7
NORTHBRIDGE WA 6865

<p><i>Home page</i> www.citizenship.gov.au</p> <p><i>Citizenship information line</i> Telephone 131 880 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.</p>
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Please keep these information pages for your reference

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To be completed by an applicant aged 16 years or over or by a responsible parent on behalf of an applicant under 16 years of age.

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

Tick where applicable

ICSE
 Client ID
 Box File
 Number

Part A – Main applicant

1 Preferred title Mr Mrs Miss Ms
 Other

2 Your full name
 Family name
 Given names

3 Have you been known by any other names?
(including name at birth, previous married names, aliases)
 No
 Yes Give details
 Family name
 Given names

If known by other names, attach additional details

4 Sex Male Female

5 Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR

6 Place of birth
 Town/city
 Country

7 Current residential address
Note: You must tell the department if your address changes after you lodge this form.

 POSTCODE

8 Current postal address
(If the same as residential address, write 'AS ABOVE')
Note: You must tell the department if your address changes after you lodge this form.

 POSTCODE

9 Telephone numbers
 COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER
 Office hours () ()
 After hours () ()
 Mobile/cell

10 Do you agree to the department communicating with you by fax, e-mail or other electronic means?
 No
 Yes Give details
 COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER
 Fax number () ()
 E-mail address

Note: If this application is refused, you will be notified by mail

Part B – Citizenship details

11 How did you obtain your Australian citizenship? *(birth, descent, conferral etc.)*

 Place obtained

12 What foreign citizenships do you hold?

Please attach a statement from a relevant authority about evidence of your foreign citizenship.

Part D – Proof of identity

- 16** The proof of identity declaration IS NOT TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT, but by an Australian citizen who has known the applicant for at least 12 months and belongs to one of the professions or occupations listed on page 2.

The person who signs the proof of identity declaration must also endorse on the back the photograph with these words, 'This is a true photo of (applicant's name in full)'. The same signature must be used to sign the photograph and the proof of identity declaration.

A proof of identity declaration must be made for ALL PEOPLE included in this application (including children).

Note: If the applicant is:

- overseas the proof of identity declaration and endorsed photograph can be completed by a citizen of the applicant's country of residence who has known the applicant for at least 12 months and belongs to one of the professions or occupations listed on page 2; or
- under 6 years of age the photograph may be endorsed and the declaration made by an Australian citizen who has known the applicant for less than 12 months and belongs to one of the professions or occupations listed on page 2.

If the child is overseas the photograph may be endorsed by a citizen of the child's country of residence who belongs to one of the professions or occupations listed on page 2.

Main applicant

I declare that I have known (full name of main applicant)

Family name

Given names

for year(s) and vouch for his/her identity.

I have endorsed the back of his/her photograph

Signature of person making this declaration

Date DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Details of person making this declaration

Family name

Given names

Telephone numbers

Work (AREA CODE)

Home (AREA CODE)

Mobile/cell

Profession or occupation group number

Child 1 (if applicable)

I declare that I have known (full name of Child 1)

Family name

Given names

for year(s) and vouch for his/her identity.

I have endorsed the back of his/her photograph

Signature of person making this declaration

Date DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Details of person making this declaration

Family name

Given names

Telephone numbers

Work (AREA CODE)

Home (AREA CODE)

Mobile/cell

Profession or occupation group number

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Part F – Declaration

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

18 Please read the following carefully before signing.

Complete this declaration if you are the main applicant and are aged 16 years or over.

- I declare that the information I have supplied in this form is complete, truthful and correct in every detail.
- I authorise the Department of Immigration and Citizenship to make any enquiries necessary and to disclose relevant information necessary to determine my eligibility for renunciation of Australian citizenship.

Signature of applicant

Date / /

A responsible parent is to complete the following declaration for all applicants under 16 years of age included in this application.

- I declare that the information I have supplied in this form is complete, truthful and correct in every detail.
- I declare that I am a responsible parent of the applicant.
- I consent to renunciation of Australian citizenship for my child with my full acceptance of the consequences resulting from that renunciation status at law.
- I authorise the Department of Immigration and Citizenship to make any enquiries necessary and to disclose relevant information necessary to determine the eligibility of the applicant for renunciation of Australian citizenship.

Signature of responsible parent

Date / /

Full name of responsible parent

Telephone numbers

Work () ()

Home () ()

Mobile/cell

Part G – Checklist

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Question	Document	Completed
	Application completed correctly, including attaching additional information on a separate sheet if required	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	A photograph signed and endorsed as specified for each person included in this application	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Proof of identity declaration completed and signed for each person included in this application	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Payment by bank cheque/money order/credit card is included with your form	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Declaration signed and dated by the applicant if aged 16 years or over, or by a responsible parent if aged under 16 years	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Office use only

Name of decision maker

Signature of decision maker

Date / /

Approved

Not approved