



Australian Government

Department of Immigration  
and Citizenship

# Application for evidence of resident status in Australia

Form

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## What is a Certificate of evidence of resident status (CERS)?

A CERS is documentary evidence of the date on which you were granted Australian permanent resident status. It can also state whether or not you are an Australian citizen. It is not an identity document.

## Who should use this form?

If you are currently an Australian permanent resident or citizen, **you acquired that status on or after your arrival in Australia**, and you want documentary evidence of your status, you can apply for a CERS. If you require evidence that you are not an Australian citizen, a CERS can provide this.

New Zealand citizens who hold a Special Category visa should complete form 1162 *Application for certificate of status for New Zealand citizens in Australia*.

## About this form

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.

## 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.

To check the Visa Application Charge, see form 990i *Charges* available from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (the department) website

[www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm) or check with the nearest office of the department.

## 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.

There is no fee for former British child migrants who came to Australia between 22 September 1947 and 31 December 1967 under the British Child Migration Scheme (BCMS).

## 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.

## What documents do you need?

You will need to provide the following documents with your application:

- Proof of your identity, eg. passport, driver's licence.
- Proof of change of name, if applicable, eg. marriage certificate, deed poll.
- If available, the passport or travel document you used when you first travelled to Australia, and any other passports issued since your arrival.
- If lodging this application by post, certified copies of the above documentation should be provided.
- If someone is acting on your behalf, they must provide proof of their identity and Question 16 must be completed.

## About the information you give

The information provided will be used for assessing your eligibility for evidence of resident status and for other purposes relating to the administration of the Migration Act. The storage, use and disclosure by the department of the information you provide in this form is governed by the *Privacy Act 1988*. If you want more information about this, you should see the information form 993i, *Safeguarding your personal information*, available from any office of the department.

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

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

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

*Please keep this information page for your reference*

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

Tick where applicable

**1** Your full name

Family name

Given names

**2** Your name as shown in your travel document on entry to Australia  
*(If the same as your present name, write 'AS ABOVE'.)*

Family name

Given names

Reason for change: Deed poll  Marriage

Other

**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

Reason for change: Deed poll  Marriage

Other

If you have been known by any other names, attach a page giving the required details

**4** Date of birth

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

**5** Country of birth

**6** Are you an Australian citizen?

No

Yes  Date granted

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

**7** Do you hold any other citizenship?

No

Yes  Which countries?

**8** Current residential address

POSTCODE

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

POSTCODE

**10** Telephone numbers

Office hours  (AREA CODE )

After hours  (AREA CODE )

**11** 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

**12** Details of entry to Australia

Date of first arrival

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Place of arrival

Flight number/name of ship (if known)

Citizenship on arrival

**13** If you arrived as a child (under 18) and no longer hold the passport or travel document you used on your first arrival, please provide the details of both your parents:

Parent's full name

Parent's former name (if applicable)

Parent's date of birth  

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Sex Male  Female

Parent's full name

Parent's former name (if applicable)

Parent's date of birth  

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Sex Male  Female

**14** Why do you require evidence of resident status in Australia?


**15** Do you want the certificate posted to you?

No

Yes  Certificate will be posted to the address given at Question 9

**16** Complete this section if you require another person to collect your certificate on your behalf. Your certificate will not be given to your representative unless you provide this authorisation.

Name of representative

**Signature of representative**

Date  

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

*I authorise the person named above to collect my certificate.*

**Signature of applicant**

Date  

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

**17** How will you pay your application charge?

If applying **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.

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Bank cheque

Money order

Debit card  Cannot be used for applications lodged by mail

Credit card  Give details below

Payment by (tick one box) Australian Dollars

MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/>	Diners Club <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> AUD
American Express <input type="checkbox"/>	JCB <input type="checkbox"/>	
Visa <input type="checkbox"/>		

Credit card number

Expiry date  

MONTH	YEAR
:	:

Cardholder's name

Telephone number  

COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
( )	( )	

Address  
  
  
 POSTCODE

**Signature of cardholder**

Credit card information will be used for charge paying purposes only.

**18** Declaration

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

- I declare that the information I have supplied in this form is, complete, correct and up-to-date in every detail.

**Signature of applicant**

Date  

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

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