



Australian Government

Department of Immigration
and Citizenship

State/Territory sponsorship: Business Skills class

Form

949

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.

A sponsorship from a state or territory business development agency authorised for the purpose of sponsorship under the Business Skills class is required for all of the following Business Skills visa subclasses:

- **Business Skills (Provisional)** — State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (subclass 163), State/Territory Sponsored Senior Executive (164), State/Territory Sponsored Investor (165);
- **Business Skills (Residence)** — State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (subclass 892), State/Territory Sponsored Investor (893) and Regional Established Business in Australia (846).

Sponsorship for a Business Skills (Provisional) visa

If granted a sponsored Business Skills (Provisional) visa, you are expected to establish an eligible business and/or maintain investment activity in the state/territory of sponsorship.

Part A of this form must be completed, signed and stamped by your state/territory sponsoring agency, and then lodged with your completed application form with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (the department) within the validity date of your sponsorship. You should only seek sponsorship from one state/territory sponsoring agency at a time.

Sponsorship for a Business Skills (Residence) visa

Part A of this form must be completed, signed and stamped by your state/territory sponsoring agency, and then lodged with your completed application form with the department within the validity date of your sponsorship.

Note: If you have relocated from the state/territory that sponsored your Business Skills (Provisional) visa and are seeking sponsorship from an alternate state/territory government for your Business Skills (Residence) visa you are requested to formally seek release from your original sponsor by completing Part B of this form.

Please check the validity date at Question 30, Part A of this form and if the validity date will expire prior to you lodging your application then your state/territory sponsoring agency will require you to seek a new sponsorship from them.

This sponsorship will cover all members of the applicant's family unit included in the application. State or territory business development agencies must notify the processing post or regional office if this sponsorship is withdrawn.

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 visa to travel, enter and remain in Australia and for other purposes relating to the administration of the Migration Act, for example, to assist migrants with settling in Australia 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 state/territory economic development departments and agencies which help business skills migrants access government business information services.

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

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 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

Part A
Your details

1 Subclass applied for

- 163
- 164
- 165
- 846
- 892
- 893

2 Full name

Family name

Given names

3 Name in own language or script *(if applicable)*

4 Sex Male Female

5 Date of birth

6 What is/are your main language(s)?

7 Residential address

 POSTCODE

8 Address to which this form should be returned
(If the same as your residential address, write 'AS ABOVE')

 POSTCODE

9 Current marital status

Never married

Widowed

Divorced

Separated

Engaged

Married

In a de facto relationship

▶ Go to Question 15

▶ Date of intended marriage

▶ Date relationship began

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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Details of spouse

You must complete this section EVEN if your spouse is not accompanying you

10 Spouse's full name *(as shown in passport or travel document)*

Family name

Given names

11 Name in own language or script *(if applicable)*

12 Other names your spouse is, or has been, known by
(including name at birth, previous married names, aliases)

13 Sex Male Female

14 Date of birth

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Other details

- 15** Do you agree to state/territory business development agencies communicating with you by fax, e-mail or other electronic means?

No

Yes ► Give details

Fax number

E-mail address

- 16** In which country is your current business located?

- 17** Which industry is your current business involved in?

- 18** Which industry is, or will, your Australian business be involved in?

- 19** In which state/territory is, or will your Australian business and/or investment activity be located?

Australian Capital Territory

South Australia

New South Wales

Tasmania

Northern Territory

Victoria

Queensland

Western Australia

- 20** *If you are applying for a subclass 163, 164 or 165 visa:*

In which state/territory do you intend to reside during the validity of your Business Skills (Provisional) visa?

Australian Capital Territory

South Australia

New South Wales

Tasmania

Northern Territory

Victoria

Queensland

Western Australia

- 21** *If you are applying for a subclass 892 or 893 visa:*

Is your Business Skills (Provisional) sponsor the same as your Business Skills (Residence) sponsor?

No ► Go to Part B

Yes

Declaration

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

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

Signature of applicant

Date

Signature of spouse

Date

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

Part B

To be completed if you have relocated from the state/territory of your Business Skills (Provisional) sponsorship and are now seeking Business Skills (Residence) sponsorship from an alternate state/territory sponsoring agency.

31 Name as it appeared on the original Business Skills (Provisional) sponsorship application

Family name

Given names

32 Subclass of visa that you hold

163

164

165

33 State/territory in which you currently reside

Australian Capital Territory South Australia

New South Wales Tasmania

Northern Territory Victoria

Queensland Western Australia

34 Reasons for your relocation to another state/territory during the validity of your Business Skills (Provisional) visa

If insufficient space attach additional details

Original Business Skills (Provisional) visa sponsor to complete

35 Name of Business Skills (Provisional) visa sponsoring state/territory business development agency

36 Are you satisfied that there are reasonable circumstances surrounding the relocation of this applicant to an alternate state/territory during the validity of their Business Skills (Provisional) visa?

No Provide details

Yes

If insufficient space attach additional details

37 Signature of authorising officer
(State/territory business development agency)

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Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Agency stamp or seal

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