Australian Government

Department of Immigration and Citizenship

Charges – March 2013

Form

990i

Use this form as a guide to charges and fees (in Australian dollars) for visas and services from 23 March 2013. If you have applied prior to 23 March 2013, please refer to the version that was applicable when you lodged your application. Earlier versions are available on **www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm**

Payment (or evidence of payment if made in Australia or elsewhere) must accompany your application and is generally not refunded if the application is unsuccessful.

All fees and charges are listed in Australian dollars (AUD) and correct at time of release. If you are paying fees and charges outside Australia, payment will need to be made in the currency and in the method accepted by the Australian High Commission, Embassy or Consulate, where the payment is being made. To find out the currencies and methods accepted in the country in which you are making your payment see **www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i/converter.htm**. Fees may be subject to adjustment at any time. Visa Application Charges are reviewed on 1 July each year. This may increase the cost of a visa. For general information regarding Visa Application Charges, see **www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i/vac.htm**

Internet applications – payment methods

Payment for any internet application must be made in Australian dollars by credit card online, or for some application types, by Bpay using an Australian telephone or internet banking service. Bpay is only available for students in Australia applying for their initial student visa or further stay student visa. If you already have a visa and it will expire within the next 7 days, do not use Bpay because the payment will not be received before your visa expires. For more information, see **www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm**

Paper applications – payment methods

A. Lodged in Australia

Acceptable payment methods for applications lodged in Australia are:

- credit card;
- debit card in person; or
- bank cheque or money order made payable to the 'Department of Immigration and Citizenship'.

Payment by cash or personal cheque may delay processing. Please do **not** send cash through the post.

B. Lodged at a processing centre in Australia

Acceptable payment methods for applications lodged in Australia at a processing centre are:

- credit card;
- Australia Post money order made payable to the 'Department of Immigration and Citizenship';
- bank cheque:
  - drawn on a bank with representation in Australia,
  - in Australian dollars, and made payable to the 'Department of Immigration and Citizenship'; or
- International Money Order:
  - drawn on a bank with representation in Australia,
  - in Australian dollars, and made payable to the 'Department of Immigration and Citizenship'.

Note:

1. Personal cheques are **not** accepted.
2. Travellers' cheques are **not** accepted.

C. Lodged outside Australia

For clients outside Australia, before you pay your application charge, see **www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm** to check the acceptable methods of payment at the Australian High Commission, Embassy or Consulate.

Payment for a visa application lodged outside Australia may also be made in Australia. To find out how to make a payment in Australia for an application lodged outside Australia, see **www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm**

Medical and radiological examination costs

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Application charges and related costs

Maritime crew

Maritime Crew (Subclass 988)	Nil

Note: The maritime crew visa is only available to crew of non-military ships and is not valid for air travel to Australia. Applicants must be outside Australia. Applications must be either lodged over the internet or mailed to the Brisbane Global Processing Centre.

Lodged outside Australia	
Superyacht Crew (Subclass 488)	Nil
Lodged in Australia	
Superyacht Crew (Subclass 488)	Nil

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Visitor/Tourism

Type of visa	
Lodged outside Australia	
Electronic Travel Authority (Subclass 601)	Nil [2a]
Visitor (Subclass 600)	$115
eVisitor (Subclass 651)	Nil
Transit	Nil
Lodged in Australia	
(by applicant) Visitor (Subclass 600) Tourist Stream	$290
(by sponsor) Visitor (Subclass 600) Sponsored Family Stream	$115

Medical treatment

Lodged outside Australia	Nil
Lodged in Australia	$245

Working holiday

Working Holiday (Subclass 417) For people from Belgium, Canada, Republic of Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong SAR, Republic of Ireland, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Taiwan and United Kingdom.	$365
Work and Holiday (Subclass 462) For people from Argentina, Bangladesh, Chile, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Turkey and USA to holiday and work in Australia.	$365

Business

Type of visa	
Lodged outside Australia	
Visitor (Subclass 600) Tourist or Business Visitor Streams only	$115
Electronic Travel Authority (Subclass 601)	Nil [2a]
eVisitor (Subclass 651)	Nil
Lodged in Australia	
Temporary Business Entry (Long Stay) (Subclass 457) – Independent Executive Further Application Onshore	$350

[2a] All Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) applications processed over the internet are subject to a service charge. For more information, see 'Australian Electronic Travel Authority' **www.eta.immi.gov.au**

Australian passport holders – Application for APEC Business Travel Card

Lodged in Australia	
Application charge for the APEC Business travel card	$200 [2b]

[2b] GST is included in this charge.

Training and Research

Type of visa	
Training and Research (Subclass 402) (per application)	$315
Sponsorship Lodgement of applications	
Training and Research Sponsorship	$420
Professional Development Sponsorship	$1,660
Professional Development Sponsorship made by Commonwealth agency	Nil
Nomination Lodgement of applications	
Nomination for Training and Research visa (Subclass 402) (Occupational Trainee position)	
Where 1–20 nominations are lodged (per nominated position)	$170
Where 21 or more nominations are lodged together	$3,400

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Students

Lodged outside Australia	
Form 157A or 157E *Application for a student (temporary) visa*	
Approved schemes (Subclasses 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576)	Nil
All other cases [3a]	$535
Form 157G *Application for a student guardian visa*	
All cases [3a] (Subclass 580)	$535

[3a] This student Visa Application Charge includes the International Education Contribution of $115, which contributes to the Australian Government's initiatives to support international education through the activities of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

Lodged in Australia	
Form 157A or 157A (Internet) *Application for a student (temporary) visa*	
Approved schemes	Nil
Reapplication due to education provider default [3b]	Nil
All other cases [3c]	$535
Form 157G *Application for a student guardian visa*	
All cases [3c]	$535
Form 157P or 157P (Internet) *Application for a student visa with permission to work*	
Approved schemes	Nil
All other cases	$75

[3b] 'Education provider default' is where a previous education provider's approval to deliver previous courses is removed. For more information, see **www.immi.gov.au/students/education-providers-approval.htm**

[3c] This student Visa Application Charge includes the International Education Contribution of $115, which contributes to the Australian Government's initiatives to support international education through the activities of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

Temporary Graduate Work

Temporary Graduate (Subclass 485) (per application)	$1,250

Temporary work sponsorship

Lodgement of applications	
Long Stay Activity Sponsorship	$420
Entertainment Sponsorship	$420
Special Program Sponsorship	$420

Temporary work nomination

Lodgement of applications	
Nomination for Temporary Work (Long Stay Activity) visa (Subclass 401)	
Where 1–20 nominations are lodged (per nominated position)	$170
Where 21 or more nominations are lodged together	$3,400
Nomination for Temporary Work (Entertainment) visa (Subclass 420)	
Where 1–20 nominations are lodged (per nominated position)	$170
Where 21 or more nominations are lodged together	$3,400

Temporary work visas

Type of visa	
Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity) (Subclass 400) (per application)	$145
Temporary Work (Long Stay Activity) (Subclass 401) (per application)	$315
Where 11 or more applications from applicants of the one sporting body outside Australia are lodged together	$3,150
Temporary Work (Entertainment) (Subclass 420) (per application)	$315
Where 11 or more applications from applicants outside Australia are lodged together	$3,150
Temporary Work (International Relations) (Subclass 403) (per application)	$315
Special Program (Subclass 416) (per application)	$315

Temporary residence (non-business)

Type of visa	
Investor Retirement (Subclass 405)	
First instalment (per application)	$280
Second instalment (per applicant) – to be paid before the visa is granted	$11,295
New Zealand citizen family relationship (Subclass 461)	$280
Retirement (Subclass 410) [3d]	$315

[3d] The Subclass 410 Retirement (temporary) visa is closed to initial (new or first time) visa applicants. Existing holders and their partners can continue to apply for further Subclass 410 visas.

Bridging

Type of visa	
Lodged in Australia	
Bridging visas A, C, D, E, F	Nil
Bridging visa B	$125

Note: Bridging visas can only be applied for in Australia.

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Other

Type of visa	
Lodged outside/in Australia	
Border, Emergency (Subclasses 302, 303)	Nil
Diplomatic (Subclass 995)	Nil
Confirmatory (Residence) (Subclass 808)	Nil
Confirmatory (Residence) (Subclass 808) – was granted Subclass 773 on last arriving in Australia [4a]	$240

[4a] If you hold Emergency (Subclass 302) visa, you will be advised if a second instalment of the Visa Application Charge is payable.

Returning residents

	In Australia	Overseas
Resident Return visa (RRV) (Subclasses 155, 157) [4b]	$300	$300
Australian Declaratory visa (zz 998)		
Adult [4c]	$185	$240
Child [4c]	$120	$185

[4b] You can apply for a Resident Return visa on the internet.

[4c] GST is included in this charge.

Humanitarian Program applications

Refugee and Humanitarian visa applications made under the offshore component of the Humanitarian Program	Nil
Protection visas lodged in Australia	$30
Protection visas lodged in Australia by applicants who are in immigration detention but not immigration cleared	Nil

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Temporary Business Entry

Sponsor status	Sponsorship application charge	Nomination charge	Visa Application Charge
Standard Business Sponsorship (Subclass 457)	$420	$85 per nomination	$455
Labour Agreement	Nil	$85 per nomination	$455

Partner Migration (Booklet 1)

Type of visa	Charge
Lodged outside Australia	
Partner (Subclass 309/100) [5a, 5b]	$2,680
Prospective Marriage (Subclass 300)	$2,680
Lodged in Australia	
Partner (Subclass 820/801) [5a, 5b]	$3,975
Prospective Marriage (Subclass 300) visa holder lodging partner application [5b] Applies to people who apply for a partner visa and who: – currently hold a valid Prospective Marriage visa (Subclass 300); and – have married their intended spouse; and – seek to remain permanently in Australia on the basis of that marriage.	$995
Former Prospective Marriage (Subclass 300) visa holder lodging partner application [5b] Applies to people who apply for a Partner visa and who: – entered Australia as a Prospective Marriage visa holder and **do not** currently hold that visa (Subclass 300) or any other substantive visa; and – who have married their intended spouse while their Prospective Marriage visa was valid; and – seek to remain permanently in Australia on the basis of that marriage.	$1,260
Spouse with transitional Extended Eligibility Temporary Visa (EETV) Applies to people who: – currently hold a Transitional (temporary) visa; and – were granted this visa on the basis that they satisfied the requirements for the grant of an extended eligibility entry permit under the Migration Regulations 1989.	$360
Other costs – refer to pages 10–11	

Child Migration (Booklet 2)

Type of visa	Charge
Lodged outside Australia	
Child (Subclass 101)	$2,060
Adoption (Subclass 102)	$2,060
Orphan relative (Subclass 117)	$1,260
Extended Eligibility (temporary) (Dependent Child)(Subclass 445) [5a]	$220
Lodged in Australia	
Child (Subclass 802)	$3,060
Orphan relative (Subclass 837)	$1,260
Extended Eligibility (temporary) (Dependent Child)(Subclass 445) [5a]	$220
Other costs – refer to pages 10–11	

[5a] People who apply for a Partner visa and who hold an Extended Eligibility (Temporary) Dependent Child visa (Subclass 445) **do not** pay a Visa Application Charge.

[5b] If your previous medical was less than 12 months ago, you **may not** have to undergo another.

Note: Siblings who lodge their applications for a Child Migration visa at the same time and place as each other only need to pay **one** Visa Application Charge.

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Parent Migration (Booklet 3)

Type of visa [6a]	1st instalment [6b]	2nd instalment [6d]	2nd instalment [6d] (if applicant is under 18 years)
Parent (Migrant) (Subclass 103)	$2,060	$1,795	$1,795
Aged Parent (Residence) (Subclass 804)	$3,060	$1,795	$1,795
Contributory Parent (Migrant) (Subclass 143)	$2,060 [6c]	$42,220	$1,825
Contributory Parent (Temporary) (Subclass 173)	$2,060 [6c]	$25,330	$1,825
Contributory Parent (Migrant) (Subclass 143) *if applicant is the holder of a Contributory Parent (Temporary) visa*	$280	$16,885	Nil
Contributory Aged Parent (Residence) (Subclass 864)	$3,060 [6c]	$42,220	$1,825
Contributory Aged Parent (Temporary) (Subclass 884)	$3,060 [6c]	$25,330	$1,825
Contributory Aged Parent (Residence) (Subclass 864) *if applicant is the holder of a Contributory Aged Parent (Temporary) visa*	$280	$16,885	Nil
Other costs (such as Assurance of Support bond) – refer to pages 10–11			

6a For details on where you should lodge your parent visa application, see Booklet 3 – *Parent Migration*.

6b Payment must accompany your application and is generally not refunded if the application is unsuccessful. This payment is known as the first Visa Application Charge (1st Visa Application Charge). If members of your family unit are included in your application, only one 1st Visa Application Charge is payable for the entire family unit. If a separate application is made by them at a later date, a separate 1st Visa Application Charge is payable.

6c Existing Parent or Aged Parent visa applicants who applied before mid 2003 may be eligible to apply for a Contributory Parent visa free of the first instalment of the Visa Application Charge. For more details, see Booklet 3 – *Parent Migration*.

6d Before your visa is granted, you must pay a second instalment of the Visa Application Charge (2nd Visa Application Charge) for each person included on the application. Please refer to the form 990i version that was applicable when you lodged your application. See **www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm** Payment of the prescribed full 2nd Visa Application Charge amount must be paid before a visa can be granted. The 2nd Visa Application Charge amount can only be refunded in extremely limited circumstances, for example if the visa is cancelled before the visa holder enters Australia.

Other Family Migration (Booklet 4)

Type of visa	1st instalment [6e]	2nd instalment [6f]
Lodged outside Australia		
Aged Dependent Relative (Subclass 114)	$2,060	$1,795
Remaining Relative (Subclass 115)	$2,060	$1,795
Carer (Subclass 116) [6g, 6h]	$1,260	$1,795
Lodged in Australia		
Aged Dependent Relative (Subclass 838)	$3,060	$1,795
Remaining Relative (Subclass 835)	$3,060	$1,795
Carer (Subclass 836) [6g, 6h]	$1,260	$1,795
Other costs – refer to pages 10–11		

6e Payment must accompany your application and is generally not refunded if the application is unsuccessful. This payment is known as the first Visa Application Charge (1st Visa Application Charge). If members of your family unit are included in your application, only one 1st Visa Application Charge is payable for the entire family unit. If a separate application is made by them at a later date, a separate 1st Visa Application Charge is payable.

6f Before your visa is granted, you must pay a second Visa Application Charge for each person included on the application.

6g A fee is directly payable to Medibank Health Solutions for a medical assessment of the person requiring care.

6h A delegated officer may waive the second instalment of the application charge for a Carer applicant where he/she is satisfied that payment of the charge would cause severe financial hardship.

Medical and radiological examination costs

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Employer Nomination Fees

Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS) (Subclass 186) and Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS) (Subclass 187)	Position in a designated regional area [7a]	Position not in a designated regional area	Related costs
Direct Entry stream	ENS $540	$540	Where applicable, Regional Certifying Body assessment costs [7b]
	RSMS Nil [7b]		
Temporary Residence Transition stream	Nil	$540	
Agreement stream	Nil	Nil	

[7a] All of Australia is a designated regional area with the exception of the Gold Coast, Brisbane, Newcastle, Sydney, Wollongong and Melbourne.

[7b] Employers who wish to sponsor workers through the RSMS Direct Entry stream may have to pay a charge to seek advice from a Regional Certifying Body (RCB) for a nominated position in their business. You should contact the relevant RCB for more information.

Visa Application Fees

Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS) (Subclass 186) and Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS) (Subclass 187)	1st instalment	2nd instalment – for applicants with less than functional English		Related costs
		Primary applicants	Dependant applicants aged 18 years or over	
Direct Entry, Temporary Residence Transition and Agreement streams	$3,060	$8,520 [7c]	$4,250 [7c]	Where applicable, English testing costs [7d]

[7c] Religious workers and their dependants who are applying for an RSMS visa are excluded from paying the second instalment of the Visa Application Charge.

[7d] You may be required to undertake the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test to determine your English competency skills. Testing costs are paid directly to the test centre and may vary from country to country. You should contact the test centre for further information about testing costs.

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General Skilled Migration (Booklet 6)

Type of visa	1st instalment [8a]	2nd instalment [8b]
		Any dependants (included in application) **18 years or over with less than functional English**
Skilled – Independent 175 (Migrant) Skilled – Sponsored 176 (Migrant) Skilled – Regional Sponsored 475 (Provisional) Skilled – Regional Sponsored 487 (Provisional) (first application)	$3,060	$4,250
Skilled – Independent 885 (Residence) Skilled – Sponsored 886 (Residence)	$3,060	$4,250
Skilled – Recognised Graduate 476 (Provisional)	$315	Nil
Skilled – Regional 887 (Residence) [8c] Skilled – Regional Sponsored 487 (12 month renewal) [8c]	$325 $280	$4,250 [8d]
Skilled – Independent Regional 495 (Provisional)	$280	$4,250 [8d]
Skilled – Independent 189	$3,060	$4,250
Skilled – Nominated 190	$3,060	$4,250
Skilled – Regional sponsored 489 (provisional)	New – $3,060 Renewal – $280	$4,250
Subsequent entrant applications [8e]	**1st instalment**	**2nd instalment**
Skilled – Recognised Graduate 476 (Provisional)	$315	Nil
Skilled – Regional Sponsored 475 Skilled – Regional Sponsored 487 Skilled – Designated Area Sponsored 496 (Provisional)	$3,060	$4,250
Skilled – Independent Regional 495 (Provisional)	$2,575	$3,575
Other costs – refer to pages 10–11		

8a The first instalment of the Visa Application Charge is paid at the time of application and must be paid in order for an application to be valid.

8b The second instalment of the Visa Application Charge:
- is payable only by some applicants who have already met most criteria for grant of a visa;
- is payable immediately before the grant of a visa; and

where the second instalment of the Visa Application Charge relates to English language proficiency, the charge will apply only to those dependants included in the application who have been assessed as having less than a functional level of English.

8c Skilled – Designated Area Sponsored (SDAS) (Provisional) visa holders who:
- paid the second instalment of the Visa Application Charge in respect of their first provisional visa; and
- are applying for:
  - a second provisional visa, or
  - permanent residence;

will not be required to pay the second instalment of the Visa Application Charge for the subsequent application.

8d Skilled – Regional Sponsored (Provisional) and Skilled – Independent Regional (Provisional) visa holders who:
- paid the second instalment of the Visa Application Charge in respect of their first provisional visa; and
- are applying for:
  - a second provisional visa, or
  - permanent residence;

will not be required to pay the second instalment of the Visa Application Charge for the subsequent visa application.

8e Applications by family members applying on the basis of their relationship to the holder of one of these visas.

Related costs

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- You may be required to undertake the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test to determine your English language ability. The cost of this test is approximately $150–$400, although this may vary from country to country. Costs are not paid to the department, costs are paid directly to the test centre.

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Business Skills Migration (Booklet 7)

Type of visa	1st instalment	2nd instalment	
		Primary applicant has less than functional English	**Any dependants (included in application) 18 years or over, with less than functional English**
Business Talent (Permanent)	$5,940	$8,520	$4,250
Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional)	New – $4,065 Extension – $500	$8,520	$4,250
Business Innovation and Investment (Permanent)	$1,960	Nil	$4,250 [9a]
Business Owner (Residence)	$1, 895	Nil	$4,250 [9a]
State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (Residence)	$1,895	Nil	$4,250 [9a]
Investor (Residence)	$1,895	Nil	$4,250 [9a]
State/Territory Sponsored Investor (Residence)	$1,895	Nil	$4,250 [9a]

[9a] This charge is not applicable provided an applicant paid this in relation to a Business Skills (Provisional) class visa.

Related costs

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Special Migration

Type of visa	1st instalment	2nd instalment	
		Primary applicant has less than functional English	**Any dependants (included in application) 18 years or over with less than functional English**
Applicant outside Australia			
Special eligibility (former resident)	$2,060	$4,250	$4,250
Distinguished talent (Subclass 124)	$2,095	$4,250	$4,250
Applicant in Australia			
Special eligibility (former resident)	$3,060	$4,250	$4,250
Distinguished talent (Subclass 858)	$3,105	$4,250	$4,250

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Assurance of Support

An Assurance of Support (AoS) covers the principal applicant and other family members included in the application.

In certain migrant visa subclasses an AoS is a mandatory requirement which must be met prior to visa grant. If you applied for one of these visas, your assurer must also lodge a refundable bond with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Other visa subclasses may have an AoS as a discretionary requirement only.

For these visa subclasses, a bond will not be required unless it is provided by an organisation other than a stage agency.

See Fact sheet 34 *Assurance of Support*.

AoS assessments and AoS period

On 1 July 2004, Centrelink assumed responsibility for the assessment of AoS applications, including bond lodgement.

See www.centrelink.gov.au

An AoS bond is held for the duration of the AoS period regardless of whether or not the migrant has obtained a different visa (except where that visa is a Humanitarian visa) or has subsequently become an Australian citizen.

For applicants applying for a permanent Contributory Parent visa, the AoS period runs for 10 years from:

- the date you arrived in Australia (if you applied from outside Australia); or
- the date you were granted a permanent visa (if you applied from within Australia).

For applicants of all other visas, the AoS period is 2 years from:

- the date you arrived in Australia (if you applied from outside of Australia); or
- the date you were granted a visa (if you applied from within Australia).

Release of bond

After 1 July 2004 – AoS cases accepted by Centrelink

For all AoS cases accepted by Centrelink, only Centrelink can authorise release of the bond. Release of the bond will depend upon whether the visa holder (the assuree) has claimed any recoverable Centrelink payments during the life of the AoS. After the AoS period has expired, the assurer should ask the nearest Centrelink office to release the bond money (less any claims by Centrelink).

Before 1 July 2004 – AoS cases accepted by the department

For all AoS cases accepted by the department, a bond may be released by the department before the AoS period begins. This only applies if the person for whom the bond was paid:

- does not travel to Australia before cancellation or expiry of the visa;
- withdraws their visa application;
- is not accepted for permanent entry to, or stay in, Australia; or
- dies before the AoS comes into effect.

Important: In all other circumstances, if the AoS period has already begun, only Centrelink can authorise the bond release.

Further information

Please contact Centrelink for more information about the AoS scheme, including up-to-date bond amounts. Centrelink will advise when to lodge the bond(s) and how much must be deposited.

Website: www.centrelink.gov.au

Telephone: 132 850

Migrant Health Services Charge

The Migrant Health Services Charge (MHSC) is governed by the *Migration (Health Services) Charges Act 1991* and applies to any unfinalised visa application lodged prior to 1 May 1997. Applications lodged on or after 1 May 1997 are subject to a Visa Application Charge.

The MHSC is charged for each applicant (including children) included in the visa application and is indexed on 21 August each year.

Indexation is based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) index numbers published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. According to the Act, the MHSC index is calculated by dividing the CPI index number for the March quarter of the relevant year by the CPI index number for the corresponding period in the previous year. The visa applicant is required to pay the MHSC amount as at the date of the MHSC liability notification letter.

Migrant Health Services Charge

21 August 2012 – 20 August 2013	$1,400 per person

Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) National

The Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) National operates nationally and is available to any person or organisation requiring interpreting services. The interpreting service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TIS National is accessible from anywhere in Australia.

Ensure that you check the office hours of the government agency or business with which you wish to speak before contacting TIS National. Telephone 131 450 to be connected with a TIS National Contact Centre operator who can arrange a telephone interpreter to help you with your language needs.

Where a non-English speaker is making contact with a government agency, that agency will incur the costs of interpreting.

Requests for interpreting services are subject to charges which vary according to the nature and duration of the service provided. TIS National service charges are available from the department's website **www.immi.gov.au/tis** or contact the TIS National Client Liaison and Promotions unit on 1300 655 820 for a Schedule of Service Charges.

Australian Federal Police (AFP) National Police Check

Applicants and sponsors who are required to provide an Australian penal clearance certificate must obtain an AFP National Police Check (NPC) from the Australian Federal Police. The AFP National Police Check Application Form and details of the charge payable are available from the Australian Federal Police website, see www.afp.gov.au//what-we-do/police-checks/national-police-checks.aspx

Note: As the police check is for immigration purposes, the relevant Code number '*for Purpose of NPC*' is **33**.

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Evidence of permanent residence

Certificate of Evidence of Resident Status (CERS)	
Certificate for Australian permanent residents	$100 [11a]
Certificate of Status – New Zealand citizen in Australia (CSNZCA)	
Certificate for eligible New Zealand citizens	$55 [11a]

[11a] GST is included in this charge.

Certification of immigration status

Certification of immigration status of former temporary residents for refund of superannuation contributions	$55 [11a]

[11a] GST is included in this charge.

Citizenship

Current fees are specified in the Australian Citizenship Regulations 2007.

For all citizenship fees refer to form 1298i *Citizenship fees*.

Freedom of Information (FOI)

Under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*, the department may impose a charge for access to information.

FOI charges vary according to the nature of the documents requested. If you are seeking access to documents about yourself, there will be no charge. For applicants seeking documents about other individuals or other department held information, you will not be charged for the first 5 hours of decision making. For more information please refer to form 424A *Request for access to documents or information*.

Other

Visa Evidence Charge	$70

Australia does not require a person holding a valid Australian visa to have a label in their passport to travel to, enter or remain in Australia. You should check with the relevant government authorities regarding requirements to show a visa label in your passport when you transit through or exit a country. The Australian Government cannot advise on other countries' requirements.

Review

Application fees for appeal against certain Migration Act decisions.

Review by Migration Review Tribunal (MRT)	$1,540
Review by Refugee Review Tribunal (RRT)	Nil
Post decision charge (RRT) for unsuccessful applicants	$1,540
Review by Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) (section 501 decisions)	$777 [11b]

50% of MRT charges may be waived in cases of severe financial hardship of the review applicant.

50% of MRT charges will be refunded if the decision is favourable or if the review of the application was invalid.

If you have paid the full AAT application fee and the application is resolved in your favour, most of it will be refunded. There is no refund if you paid the reduced application fee.

[11b] In certain circumstances, this fee can be reduced to $100.

Medical review charge – MRT

Additional charge at review stage for another opinion by a Medical Officer of the Commonwealth	$520

Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA)

The Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (Office of the MARA) has responsibility for the protection of consumers through the regulation of migration agents.

They can be contacted at:

Website: **www.mara.gov.au**

E-mail: **info@mara.gov.au**

Migration Agents Registration Authority
PO Box Q1551
QVB NSW 1230

Telephone: 1300 22 62 72 or +61 2 9078 3552

Fax: +61 2 9078 3591

Do **not** ring the Office of the MARA in relation to enquiries about visas. See **General enquiry line** below.

Registered Migration Agents only

Telephone: 1300 66 00 26 or +61 2 9078 3551

Migration agent registration fees **cannot** be paid at any office of the department.

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.

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