



Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs

Use this form as a guide to charges and fees (in Australian dollars) for visas and services from 1 October 2006.

Payment must accompany your application and is generally not refunded if the application is unsuccessful.

All prices are in Australian dollars (AUD) and correct at time of release.

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.

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 Multicultural Affairs'.

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 Multicultural Affairs';
• bank cheque:
- drawn on a bank with representation in Australia,
- in Australian dollars, and made payable to the 'Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs'; or
• International Money Order:
- drawn on a bank with representation in Australia,
- in Australian dollars, and made payable to the 'Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs'.

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, please visit 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

Permanent and some temporary visa applicants may be required to undertake and pay for radiological and medical examinations. All costs are paid by the applicant directly to the doctors or clinics undertaking the examination.

For persons being examined in Australia, there is also a fee payable to Health Services Australia Ltd for a digital photo of each person examined.

Application charges and related costs

Printed Booklets

Table with 2 columns: Booklet description and Price. Includes 'Child, Parent, Partner and other Family migration booklets' at \$10 each and 'All other migration/temporary entry booklets' at \$20 each.

1 GST is included in this charge.

Visitor/Tourism

Lodged outside Australia

Table with 2 columns: Visa type and Price. Includes 'Electronic Travel Authority (ETA)' at Nil and 'Tourist visa, subclass 676' at \$70.

Lodged in Australia

Table with 2 columns: Visa type and Price. Includes 'Sponsored family visitor' at \$70 and 'Tourist visa, subclass 676' at \$205.

Medical treatment

Lodged outside Australia

Table with 2 columns: Visa type and Price. Includes 'Visa valid for stay of up to 3 months and travel for up to one year' at Nil and 'Visa valid for stay of more than 3 months and/or for travel of more than one year' at \$45.

Lodged in Australia

Table with 2 columns: Visa type and Price. Includes 'Tourist visa, subclass 676' at \$180.

Working holiday

Lodged outside Australia

Table with 2 columns: Visa type and Price. Includes 'Working holiday maker' at \$185.

2 Applications for these visas can be made using the internet. For more information, see 'Online Services' at www.immi.gov.au

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

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## Business

### Lodged outside Australia

Business (short stay)	\$70
Electronic Travel Authority – (Business Entrant– Short Validity) <sup>4</sup>	Nil <sup>5</sup>
Electronic Travel Authority – (Business Entrant– Long Validity)	\$70

### Lodged in Australia

Sponsored Business Visitor – (short stay)	\$70
Temporary Business Entry – (long stay)	
Independent Executive Further Application Onshore	\$185

<sup>4</sup> Applications for these visas can be made using the internet. For more information, see 'Online Services' at [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)

<sup>5</sup> All Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) applications processed over the internet are subject to a service charge. For more information, see 'Australian Electronic Travel Authority' at [www.eta.immi.gov.au](http://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	\$155 <sup>6</sup>
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<sup>6</sup> GST is included in this charge.

## Sponsored Training

### Occupational Trainee

Nomination of occupational trainee	Nil
Occupational trainee visa	\$185

### Professional Development

Professional Development sponsorship fee	\$1,080
Professional Development sponsorship by Commonwealth agency	Nil
Professional Development visa	\$185

**Note:** Professional Development sponsorship and visa applications are lodged and processed at the Hobart Professional Development Visa Processing Centre.

### Trade Skills Training

Trade Skills Training Sponsorship fee	\$1,050
Trade Skill Training visa charge – 1st instalment payable when the TSTV application is lodged	\$430
Trade Skill Training visa charge – 2nd instalment payable before grant of the visa	\$3,390

**Note:**

- The first instalment must be paid to make a valid application.
- The second instalment is payable only by applicants who have met the criteria for the grant of a visa and must be paid before the visa can be granted.
- Trade Skills Training sponsorship and visa applications are lodged and processed at the Brisbane Office.

The table below provides a summary of the further applications for a Trade Skills Training visa and charges.

Trade Skills Training charges	First instalment	Second instalment
Initial visa application	\$430	\$3,390
Extension of original visa period)	\$430	Nil
Spouse and dependent	Nil (if combined)	Nil

## Students

### Lodged outside Australia

Form 157A or 157E *Application for a student (temporary) visa*

Approved schemes	Nil
All other cases <sup>7</sup>	\$430

Form 157G *Application for a student guardian visa*

All cases <sup>7</sup>	\$430
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### Lodged in Australia

Form 157A or 157A (Internet) *Application for a student (temporary) visa*

Approved schemes	Nil
All other cases <sup>7</sup>	\$430

Form 157G *Application for a student guardian visa*

All cases <sup>7</sup>	\$430
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Form 157P or 157P (Internet) *Application for a student visa with permission to work*

Approved schemes	Nil
All other cases	\$60

Form 157C *Application for a student visa with permission to change education provider*

Approved schemes	Nil
Where provider cannot provide course	Nil
All other cases	\$145

<sup>7</sup> 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, Science and Training.

### Medical and radiological examination costs

Permanent and some temporary visa applicants may be required to undertake and pay for radiological and medical examinations. All costs are paid by the applicant directly to the doctors or clinics undertaking the examination. The cost of these examinations undertaken in Australia is approximately AUD300. Costs of examinations undertaken outside Australia may vary from country to country. There may be additional costs if further tests or couriers are required. The department does not regulate such charges but where allegations of excessive charging are made, the department may contact the doctor and request that charges be amended in line with prices charged in that country for similar medical examinations.

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## Temporary residence (non-business) sponsorship/nomination

### Lodgement of applications

Where 1–10 applicants will be sponsored	\$260
Where 11 or more applicants will be sponsored	\$2,600

## Temporary residence (non-business)

### Type of visa

#### Lodged outside Australia

Exchange	Nil
Sport	\$185
Sport – 11 or more applicants applying together	\$1,850
Foreign government agency	\$185

Applicants holding a diplomatic, official or service passport who present a third person note from their home government in support of their application

Nil

Domestic worker (diplomatic or consular), domestic worker (executive), educational, media and film staff, investor retirement<sup>8</sup>, medical practitioner, New Zealand citizen family relationship, religious worker, visiting academic

\$185

#### Lodged in Australia

Exchange	\$185
Retirement <sup>9</sup>	\$185
Sport	\$185
Entertainment <sup>10</sup>	\$185
Entertainment – 11 or more applicants outside Australia at time of application <sup>10</sup>	\$1,850
Foreign government agency	\$185

Applicants holding a diplomatic, official or service passport who present a third person note from their home government in support of their application

Nil

Domestic worker (diplomatic or consular), domestic worker (executive), educational, media and film staff, medical practitioner, New Zealand citizen family relationship, religious worker, investor retirement<sup>8</sup>, special program<sup>11</sup>, visiting academic

\$185

<sup>8</sup> Once processing has commenced, Investor Retirement applicants will be invited to pay a second visa application charge (VAC) of \$8,215 per applicant (and \$8,215 for an applicant's spouse, if applicable).

<sup>9</sup> From 1 July 2005 the subclass 410 Retirement (temporary) visa was closed to all initial (new or first time) visa applicants. Existing holders will continue to be able to apply for further subclass 410 visas. Nil fee for holders of Retirement visas issued before 1 March 2003 who wish to access limited work rights.

<sup>10</sup> All Entertainment visas must be lodged at the Sydney Entertainment Processing Centre (SEPC).

<sup>11</sup> All Special Program visas must be lodged at the Hobart Special Program Processing Centre (HSPPC).

## Bridging

### Type of visa

#### Lodged in Australia

Bridging visas A, C, D, E, F	Nil
Bridging visa B	\$70

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

## Other

### Type of visa

#### Lodged outside/in Australia

Border, transit, emergency	Nil
Diplomatic	Nil
Domestic worker (diplomatic, consular or executive)	\$185
Confirmatory (residence) <sup>12</sup>	Nil

<sup>12</sup> Applicants for a confirmatory visa who are holders of a subclass 773 border visa are required to pay a visa application charge (first instalment) of \$150.00.

## Resident Return

	In Australia	Overseas
Resident Return visa <sup>13</sup>	\$120	\$120
Replacement evidence of Resident Return visa <sup>13</sup>	\$60	\$70
Australian Declaratory visa		
Adult	\$185 <sup>14</sup>	\$240
Child	\$120 <sup>14</sup>	\$185

<sup>13</sup> GST is included in this charge.

<sup>14</sup> You can apply for a Resident Return visa on the internet in Australia only.

## Humanitarian program applications

Refugee and Humanitarian visa applications made under the offshore component of the Humanitarian Program	No charge
Protection visas lodged in Australia	\$30
Protection visas lodged in Australia by applicants who are in immigration detention but not immigration cleared	No charge

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## Temporary Business Entry (Booklet 11)

Sponsor status	Sponsorship application charge	Nomination application charge	Length of sponsorship	Visa application charge
Pre-qualified Business Sponsor (Application made before 1 July 2003)	N/A (No new applications will be accepted after 30 June 2003)	Nil	2 years for initial approval. 1 year for renewed approval (No new renewals will be granted after 30 June 2003)	\$185
Standard Business Sponsor (Application made before 1 July 2003)	N/A (No new applications will be accepted after 30 June 2003)	\$265 per nomination	1 year or until nominations are filled, whichever happens earlier	\$185
Overseas Business Sponsor (Application made before 1 July 2003)	N/A (No new applications will be accepted after 30 June 2003)	\$265 per nomination	1 year or until nominations are filled, whichever happens earlier	\$185
Business Sponsorship (Australian <b>or</b> Overseas Businesses) (Application made on or after 1 July 2003)	\$270	\$55 per nomination	2 years or until nominations are filled, whichever happens earlier	\$185
Labour Agreement (Agreement made before 1 July 2003)	N/A	Nil	2–3 years, with an annual ceiling for number of nominations	\$185
Labour Agreement (Agreement made on or after 1 July 2003)	Nil	\$55 per nomination	2–3 years, with an annual ceiling for number of nominations	\$185
Regional Headquarters Agreement (Agreement made at any time)	Nil	Nil	5 years or until nominations are filled, whichever happens earlier	\$185
Invest Australia Supported Skills Agreement	Nil	Nil	3 years or until nominations are filled, whichever happens earlier	\$185

### Medical and radiological examination costs

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For persons being examined in Australia, there is also a fee payable to Health Services Australia Ltd for a digital photo of each person examined.

## Partner Migration (Booklet 1)

Type of visa	Charge
<b>Lodged outside Australia</b>	
Prospective marriage, spouse or interdependent partner	\$1,340
<b>Lodged in Australia</b>	
Spouse/Interdependent partner <sup>15</sup>	\$1,990
Prospective marriage lodging spouse application <sup>16</sup>	\$650 or \$820 (as appropriate)
Spouse with transitional Extended Eligibility Temporary Visa (EETV) <sup>17</sup>	\$235
Other costs - refer to pages 9–11	

## Child Migration (Booklet 2)

Type of visa	Charge
<b>Lodged outside Australia</b>	
Child	\$1,340
Adoption	\$1,340
Orphan relative	\$820
Extended Eligibility (temporary) <sup>18</sup>	\$145
<b>Lodged in Australia</b>	
Child	\$1,990
Orphan relative	\$820
Extended Eligibility (temporary) <sup>18</sup>	\$145
Other costs - refer to pages 9–11	

<sup>15</sup> People who apply for a Spouse or Interdependency visa and who hold a Dependent Child visa (subclass 445) **do not** pay a visa application charge.

- <sup>16</sup>
- A charge of \$650 applies to people who apply for a Spouse visa and who:
    - currently hold a valid Prospective Marriage visa (subclass 300); and
    - have married their spouse; and
    - seek to remain permanently in Australia on the basis of that marriage.
  - A charge of \$820 applies to people who apply for a Spouse visa and who:
    - entered Australia as a fiancé(e) and **do not** currently hold a valid Prospective Marriage visa (subclass 300) or other substantive visa; and
    - who have married their sponsor while their visa was valid; and
    - seek to remain permanently in Australia on the basis of that marriage.

<sup>17</sup> A charge of \$235 applies to people who apply for a Spouse visa and 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.

<sup>18</sup> If your previous medical was less than 12 months ago, you **may not** have to undergo another.

## Parent Migration (Booklet 3)

Type of visa <sup>19</sup>	1st instalment <sup>20</sup>	2nd instalment <sup>22</sup>	2nd instalment <sup>22</sup> (if applicant is under 18 years)
Parent (Migrant)	\$1,340	\$1,165	\$1,165
Aged Parent (Residence)	\$1,990	\$1,165	\$1,165
Contributory Parent (Migrant)	\$1,340 <sup>21</sup>	\$29,330	\$1,265
Contributory Parent (Temporary)	\$1,340 <sup>21</sup>	\$17,595	\$1,265
Contributory Parent (Migrant) <i>if applicant is the holder of a Contributory Parent (Temporary) visa</i>	\$185	\$11,730	Nil
Contributory Aged Parent (Residence)	\$1,990 <sup>21</sup>	\$29,330	\$1,265
Contributory Aged Parent (Temporary)	\$1,990 <sup>21</sup>	\$17,595	\$1,265
Contributory Aged Parent (Residence) <i>if applicant is the holder of a Contributory Aged Parent (Temporary) visa</i>	\$185	\$11,730	Nil
Other costs (such as Assurance of Support bond) - refer to pages 9–11			

<sup>19</sup> For details on where you should lodge your parent visa application, see Booklet 3 – Parent Migration.

<sup>20</sup> 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 application charge is payable.

<sup>21</sup> Existing Parent or Aged Parent visa applicants may be eligible to apply for a Contributory Parent visa free of the first instalment of the visa application charge. For more details, see the Booklet 3 – Parent Migration.

<sup>22</sup> 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.

### Medical and radiological examination costs

Permanent and some temporary visa applicants may be required to undertake and pay for radiological and medical examinations. All costs are paid by the applicant directly to the doctors or clinics undertaking the examination. The cost of these examinations undertaken in Australia is approximately AUD\$300. Costs of examinations undertaken outside Australia may vary from country to country. There may be additional costs if further tests or couriers are required. The department does not regulate such charges but where allegations of excessive charging are made, the department may contact the doctor and request that charges be amended in line with prices charged in that country for similar medical examinations.

For persons being examined in Australia, there is also a fee payable to Health Services Australia Ltd for a digital photo of each person examined.

## Other Family Migration (Booklet 4)

Type of visa	1st instalment	2nd instalment
<b>Lodged outside Australia</b>		
Aged Dependent Relative, Remaining Relative	\$1,340	\$1,165
Carer <sup>23, 24</sup>	\$820	\$1,165
<b>Lodged in Australia</b>		
Aged Dependent Relative, Remaining Relative	\$1,990	\$1,165
Carer <sup>23, 24</sup>	\$820	\$1,165
Other costs - refer to pages 9–11		

<sup>23</sup> A fee is directly payable to Health Services Australia for a medical assessment of the person requiring care.

<sup>24</sup> 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.

## Employer Sponsored Migration (Booklet 5)

Type of visa	1st instalment	2nd instalment		Related costs
		Primary applicant has less than functional English	Any dependants (included in application) 18 years or over with less than functional English	Language costs <sup>27</sup>
<b>Applicant outside Australia</b>				
Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS) <sup>25</sup> , Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS) <sup>25</sup> , Labour Agreement (LA), Regional Headquarters (RHQ) Agreement <sup>25, 26</sup> and Invest Australia Supported Skills (IASS) Agreement	\$1,340	\$5,540	\$2,765	\$150–\$400
<b>Applicant in Australia</b>				
Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS) <sup>26</sup> , Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS), Labour Agreement (LA), Regional Headquarters (RHQ) Agreement <sup>26</sup> and Invest Australia Supported Skills (IASS) Agreement	\$1,990	\$5,540	\$2,765	\$150–\$350
In addition to the charges set out in the table above, only employers who lodge nominations under the ENS pay a charge of				\$350

<sup>25</sup> Applicants deemed to have applied for RSMS or LA/RHQ/IASS visa while applying for certain other visas, may have already paid the first instalment of the visa application charge. If this is the case they are not required to pay the RSMS or LA/RHQ/IASS first instalment. Second instalment charges apply to those persons assessed as not having functional English.

<sup>26</sup> Religious workers are excluded from paying the second instalment of the visa application charge for the ENS, RSMS and LA.

<sup>27</sup> You may be required to undertake the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test to determine your ability in the English language (approx. \$150–\$400, although this may vary from country to country). These costs are paid directly to the test centre.

### Medical and radiological examination costs

Permanent and some temporary visa applicants may be required to undertake and pay for radiological and medical examinations. All costs are paid by the applicant directly to the doctors or clinics undertaking the examination. The cost of these examinations undertaken in Australia is approximately AUD300. Costs of examinations undertaken outside Australia may vary from country to country. There may be additional costs if further tests or couriers are required. The department does not regulate such charges but where allegations of excessive charging are made, the department may contact the doctor and request that charges be amended in line with prices charged in that country for similar medical examinations.

For persons being examined in Australia, there is also a fee payable to Health Services Australia Ltd for a digital photo of each person examined.

**General Skilled Migration – see [www.immi.gov.au/skilled/general-skilled-migration/](http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/general-skilled-migration/)**

Type of visa	1st instalment <sup>28</sup>	2nd instalment <sup>29</sup>	
		Skill matching primary applicant only	Any dependants (included in application) 18 years or over with less than functional English
Skilled – Independent Skilled – Independent Regional (Provisional) Skilled – State Territory Nominated Independent Skilled – Designated Area Sponsored (Provisional) Skilled – Australian Sponsored	\$1,990		\$2,765 <sup>30</sup>
Skill Matching	–	\$1,940	\$2,765
Skilled – Independent Overseas Student Skilled – Designated Area Sponsored Overseas Student Skilled – Australian Sponsored Overseas Student	\$1,990		\$2,765
Skilled – Onshore Independent New Zealand Citizen Skilled – Onshore Designated area Sponsored New Zealand Citizen Skilled – Onshore Australian Sponsored New Zealand Citizen	\$1,990		\$2,765
Graduate Skilled (Temporary)	\$185		
Skilled – Independent Regional (Provisional) – Invited applicant Skilled – Independent Regional (Provisional) visa holder applying for a further SIR visa Skilled – Designated Area Sponsored (Provisional) visa holder applying for further SDAS (Provisional) visa <sup>31</sup> Skilled – Designated Area Sponsored (Residence)	\$185		\$2,765 <sup>30</sup>

Other costs – refer to pages 9–11

<sup>28</sup> 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.

<sup>29</sup> 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.

<sup>30</sup> Skilled – Independent Regional (SIR) Provisional visa holders who:

- paid the second instalment of the visa application charge in respect of their first SIR visa; and
- are applying for:
  - a second SIR Provisional visa, or
  - permanent residence through the Skilled – State Territory Nominated Independent (STNI) category;

will not be required to pay the second instalment of the visa application charge for the subsequent SIR or STNI visa application.

<sup>31</sup> Skilled – Designated Area Sponsored (Provisional) visa holders who:

- paid the second instalment of the visa application charge in respect of their first SDAS (Provisional) visa; and
- are applying for:
  - a second SDAS (Provisional) visa, or
  - a SDAS (Residence) visa;

will not be required to pay the second instalment of the visa application charge for the subsequent application.

**Related costs**

- Permanent and some temporary visa applicants may be required to undertake and pay for radiological and medical examinations. All costs are paid by the applicant directly to the doctors or clinics undertaking the examination. The cost of these examinations undertaken in Australia is approximately AUD300. Costs of examinations undertaken outside Australia may vary from country to country. There may be additional costs if further tests or couriers are required. The department does not regulate such charges but where allegations of excessive charging are made, the department may contact the doctor and request that charges be amended in line with prices charged in that country for similar medical examinations. For persons being examined in Australia, there is also a fee payable to Health Services Australia Ltd for a digital photo of each person examined.
- You must 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 AUD150–AUD400, although this may vary from country to country. Costs are not paid to the department, costs are paid directly to the test centre.

## Business Skills Migration (Booklet 7 and form 1215i)

Type of visa	1st instalment	2nd instalment		Related costs
		Primary applicant has less than functional English	Any dependants (included in application) 18 years or over, with less than functional English	Language costs <sup>33</sup>
Business Owner (Provisional)	\$2,645	N/A	\$2,765	\$150–\$400
State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (Provisional)	\$2,645	\$5,540	\$2,765	\$150–\$400
Senior Executive (Provisional)	\$2,645	N/A	\$2,765	\$150–\$400
State/Territory Sponsored Senior Executive (Provisional)	\$2,645	\$5,540	\$2,765	\$150–\$400
Investor (Provisional)	\$2,645	N/A	\$2,765	\$150–\$400
State/Territory Sponsored Investor (Provisional)	\$2,645	\$5,540	\$2,765	\$150–\$400
Business Talent (Migrant)	\$3,860	\$5,540	\$2,765	\$150–\$400
Business Owner (Residence)	\$1,110 <sup>34</sup>	N/A	\$2,765 <sup>32</sup>	\$150–\$400 <sup>32</sup>
State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (Residence)	\$1,110 <sup>34</sup>	N/A	\$2,765 <sup>32</sup>	\$150–\$400 <sup>32</sup>
Investor (Residence)	\$1,110 <sup>34</sup>	N/A	\$2,765 <sup>32</sup>	\$150–\$400 <sup>32</sup>
State/Territory Sponsored Investor (Residence)	\$1,110 <sup>34</sup>	N/A	\$2,765 <sup>32</sup>	\$150–\$400 <sup>32</sup>
Established Business in Australia	\$3,860	\$5,540	\$2,765	N/A <sup>32</sup>
State/Territory Sponsored Regional Established Business in Australia	\$3,860	\$5,540	\$2,765	N/A <sup>32</sup>

<sup>32</sup> This charge is not applicable provided an applicant has been granted a Business Skills (Provisional) Class visa or a Skilled – Independent Regional (SIR) (Provisional) visa.

<sup>33</sup> You may be required to undertake the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test to determine your ability in the English language (approx. \$150–\$400, although this may vary from country to country). These costs are paid directly to the test centre.

<sup>34</sup> Skilled – Independent Regional (SIR) (Provisional) visa holders are eligible for a reduced 1st instalment of \$185.

## Special Migration (Booklet 8)

Type of visa	1st instalment	2nd instalment		Related costs
		Primary applicant has less than functional English	Any dependants (included in application) 18 years or over with less than functional English	Language costs <sup>35</sup>
<b>Applicant outside Australia</b>				
Special eligibility (former resident)	\$1,340	\$2,765	\$2,765	
Distinguished talent	\$1,340	\$2,765	\$2,765	\$150–\$400
<b>Applicant in Australia</b>				
Special eligibility (former resident)	\$1,990	\$2,765	\$2,765	
Distinguished talent	\$1,990	\$2,765	\$2,765	\$150–\$350

<sup>35</sup> You may be required to undertake the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test to determine your ability in the English language (approx. \$150–\$400, although this may vary from country to country). These costs are paid directly to the test centre.

### Medical and radiological examination costs

Permanent and some temporary visa applicants may be required to undertake and pay for radiological and medical examinations. All costs are paid by the applicant directly to the doctors or clinics undertaking the examination. The cost of these examinations undertaken in Australia is approximately AUD300. Costs of examinations undertaken outside Australia may vary from country to country. There may be additional costs if further tests or couriers are required. The department does not regulate such charges but where allegations of excessive charging are made, the department may contact the doctor and request that charges be amended in line with prices charged in that country for similar medical examinations.

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## Assurance of support

In certain migrant visa subclasses an Assurance of Support (AoS) is a mandatory requirement which must be met prior to visa grant. An assurance covers the principal applicant and other family members included in the application. Fact sheet 34 explains the AoS scheme in more detail.

If you have applied for a visa with a mandatory AoS requirement, your assurer must also lodge a refundable bond with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

On 1 July 2004, Centrelink assumed responsibility for the assessment of AoS applications, including bond lodgement. The current bond amounts for visa subclasses with a mandatory AoS requirement are:

### Primary applicant

Contributory Parent visa	\$10,000
All other visas	\$3,500

### Other family members 18 years of age or over included in the application who must be covered by the bond

Contributory Parent visa	\$4,000
All other visas	\$1,500

**Note:** GST is included in this charge only if the bond is forfeited.

You should contact Centrelink on 132 850 for more information about the AoS scheme, including up-to-date bond amounts. Information is also available on the Centrelink website at [www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au). Centrelink will advise when to lodge the bond(s) and how much must be deposited.

For applicants applying for a permanent Contributory Parent visa the AoS bond is held for 10 years from the date you arrive in Australia or, if you applied in Australia, from the date you were granted a permanent visa. All other AoS bonds are held for 2 years from the date you arrived in Australia, or if you applied in Australia, from the date you were granted a permanent visa.

## Lodging the bond

The Commonwealth Bank of Australia will provide a bank guarantee to cover the AoS bond. It is the only bank approved to provide this service.

The bank currently charges a fee for each bond to cover the cost of establishing and managing the bond. The charge is not part of the bond and is non-refundable. You should contact Centrelink on 132 850 for more information about the lodgement of the AoS bond, including information on establishment fees and discounts on the establishment fees where 2 bonds are lodged at the same time by one person.

The bond operates as a term deposit. The bank guarantees to pay to the Australian Government any amount (up to the limit of the bond) redeemable by the Government under the AoS agreement. The initial period for the bond is:

- Contributory Parent visa 126 months;
- all other visas 30 months.

This represents the period the AoS is in effect (from the date of arrival in Australia or approval to stay in Australia) plus 6 months to cover the period between lodging the bond, approving the application and issue of the visa to travel to or stay in Australia.

## Release of bond

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 bond period the assurer should ask the nearest Centrelink office to release the bond money (less any claims by Centrelink).

For AoS cases accepted before 1 July 2004, a bond may be released by the department before the bond period begins 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.

## Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP)

User charging applies to AMEP English tuition. A flat annual administrative charge is required for the following Australian residents who arrived in Australia after 1 July 1991 and applied to:

- migrate before 1 January 1993;
- change their resident status before 1 January 1993;
- migrate after 1 January 1993 and were issued with a visa before 1 March 1993;
- change their resident status after 1 January 1993 and were granted permanent residence before 1 March 1993.

The charge is also payable by holders of 'gazetted' temporary visas.

The annual fee is:

Classroom or distance learning students	\$315
Informal learning (home tutor scheme or individual learning centre)	\$70

The annual fee administrative charge is only payable by persons who are not liable to pay the visa application charge. Exemption from payment of the charge exists under some circumstances.

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## Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS)

Commonwealth and State agencies and authorities and private businesses are subject to TIS charges that vary according to the service. Indicative charges are listed below:

Telephone interpreting	Standard hours <sup>36</sup>	After hours <sup>37</sup>
<i>(Rate per 15 minutes)</i>		
Non-commercial charge	\$10.80	\$17.35
Commercial charge	\$21.70	\$34.70
On-site interpreting	Standard hours <sup>36</sup>	After hours <sup>37</sup>
<i>(First one and a half hours)</i>		
Non-commercial charge	\$70.45	\$112.75
Commercial charge	\$141.05	\$225.70
<i>(Each extra half hour)</i>		
Non-commercial charge	\$16.25	\$26.00
Commercial charge	\$46.65	\$74.85

**Note:** All TIS charges include GST.

The full range of charges is available from TIS:

Telephone **131 450**

Website [www.immi.gov.au/living-in-australia/help-with-english/help\\_with\\_translating/](http://www.immi.gov.au/living-in-australia/help-with-english/help_with_translating/)

<sup>36</sup> Standard hours - 8am–6pm, Monday - Friday

<sup>37</sup> After hours - 6pm–8am, Monday - Friday; Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays

## Australian Police records check

Form 1101 *Consent to obtain personal information* is used where applicants for temporary or permanent residence have spent one year or longer in Australia. The charge is \$36 payable by cheque, money order or bank draft to:

Australian Federal Police  
Criminal Records  
Locked Bag No. 1  
WESTON ACT 2611

## Evidence of permanent residence

### Certificate of Evidence of Residence Status

Certificate of evidence of resident status \$70 <sup>38</sup>

### Certificate of status – New Zealand citizen in Australia

Application for certificate evidencing residence status in Australia as at 26 February 2001 \$55 <sup>38</sup>

### Verification of status – Superannuation contributions

Verification of immigration status of former temporary residents for refund of superannuation contributions \$55 <sup>38</sup>

<sup>38</sup> GST is included in this charge.

## Citizenship

Current charges are specified in the regulations made under the *Australian Citizenship Act 1948*.

### Application for

Grant of Australian citizenship <sup>39</sup>	\$120
A certificate of evidence of Australian citizenship/Evidentiary certificate	\$55
Resumption of Australian citizenship	\$65
Registration of persons under 25 years of age as an Australian citizen by descent	\$110
– Additional persons (where applications lodged together)	\$85
Registration as an Australian citizen by descent for a person born between 26 January 1949 and 15 January 1974	\$110
Renunciation of Australian citizenship	\$260

### <sup>39</sup> Concessions for Grant of Australian Citizenship

British and Maltese former child migrants who came to Australia between 22 September 1947 and 31 December 1967 under the Commonwealth Child Migration Scheme No charge

Persons who have served in the Australian Defence Force for a period of no less than 3 months No charge

Holders of a Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) or Health Care Card (HCC) receiving the following payments \$20

### Centrelink

- Age (PCC, Code AGE or AGE BLIND);
- Wife (PCC, Code WFA, WFD or WFW);
- Disability Support (PCC, Code DSP or DSP BLIND);
- Carer Payment (PCC, Code CAR);
- Mature Age Allowance (PCC, Code MAA or NMA);
- Special Benefit (HCC, Code SL);<sup>40</sup>
- Older benefit recipients (over 60 years of age and in receipt of Widow Allowance, Parenting Payment, Newstart Allowance, Sickness Allowance, Partner Allowance or Special Benefit, for more than 9 months) (PCC, Codes WDA, PPP, PPS<sup>41</sup>, NSA, SAL, PTA or SPL);
- Partner Allowance (HCC, Code PA).<sup>42</sup>

Your Centrelink card with the relevant payment code is generally sufficient evidence that you qualify for a charge concession. However, recipients of Special Benefit, Older Benefit-Parenting Payment Single or Partner Allowance must also provide a letter from Centrelink confirming that they meet the requirements below.

<sup>40</sup> Must have been receiving Special Benefit for at least 46 of the previous 52 weeks.

<sup>41</sup> Must be over 60 years of age and in receipt of PPS payment for 9 months or more.

<sup>42</sup> Must be the partner of a recipient of Age, Wife, or Disability Support Pension, Carer Payment, Mature Age Allowance, or long term Special Benefit.

### Department of Veterans' Affairs

- Age Service;
- Invalidity Service;
- Income Support Supplement;
- Partner Service Pension.

Your Department of Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card is generally sufficient evidence that you qualify for a charge concession.

## Freedom of Information (FOI)

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Under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*, the department may impose an application fee.

FOI fees and charges vary according to the nature of the service provided. In some cases they may be remitted. Indicative fees are:

Application for access to documents	\$30
Application for internal review of a decision	\$40

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There are a range of FOI charges (eg. for photocopying and searching). Details are available on request.

## Review

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Application fees for appeal against certain Migration Act decisions.

Review by Migration Review Tribunal (MRT)	\$1,400
Review by Refugee Review Tribunal (RRT)	No charge
Post decision charge (RRT) for unsuccessful applicants	\$1,400

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Review by Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) (section 501 decisions)	\$574
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Charges may be waived in cases of severe financial hardship of the review applicant. MRT and AAT charges will be refunded if the decision is favourable or if the review application was invalid.

## Medical review charge – MRT

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Additional charge at review stage for another opinion by a Medical Officer of the Commonwealth	\$330
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## Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA)

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The Migration Agents Registration Authority has responsibility for the registration of migration agents.

They can be contacted at:

Website: [www.themara.com.au](http://www.themara.com.au)

Email: [themara@themara.com.au](mailto:themara@themara.com.au)

Migration Agents Registration Authority  
PO Box Q1551  
QVB NSW 1230

Telephone: 61 2 9299 5446

Fax: 61 2 9299 8448

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

*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.