



Australian Government
Department of Immigration and Citizenship

**Former Resident Visa
(Subclass 151)**

Application Document Checklist

This application document checklist details the information and supporting documents (personal, health and character) required to assist with the lodgement of a complete application with the department. You may also need to provide additional information and documentation after you have made your application if the department requires it.

More information about this visa is available.

See: [About this Visa](#)

Important: Original documents should not be provided unless requested. Please provide 'certified copies' of original documentation. Documents not in English must be accompanied by accredited English translations.

See: [Booklet 8 Special Migration](#)

Complete applications

You should ensure that you lodge a completed visa application. While the department may ask you to provide more information in order to determine whether you meet the criteria for grant of the visa, a decision on the visa application may be made solely on the information provided at the time of application.

Note: The Visa Application Charge will not be refunded if a decision is made to refuse to grant the visa because the applicant did not satisfy the criteria for grant of the visa.

More information to help you prepare your application is available.

See: [Information to Help Prepare Your Application](#)

After completing this checklist, please attach it to the front of the application.

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| Forms, fees and charges | ✓ |
| Complete Form 47SV <i>Application for Special Migration to Australia</i> | |
| Complete Form 47A <i>Details of child or other dependent family member aged 18 years or older</i> | |
| Payment of the visa application charge See: Returning Resident Visa Charges | |

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| Personal documents | ✓ |
| <p>Certified copies of birth certificates or the family book, showing names of both parents, for all persons included in the application.</p> <p>If this is not available, provide at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • certified copies of passport • identification document issued by the government • document issued by a Court that verifies identify. | |
| Four recent passport size photographs (45mm x 35mm) of you and any other person included in the application. These should be of the head and shoulders only against a plain background. Print the name of the person on the back of each photograph. | |
| If you or anyone included in the application is, or has been married, certified copies of the marriage certificate(s). If you are living in a de facto relationship, you need to provide independent evidence that you have been in the relationship for at least 12 months such as joint bank account statements, billing accounts in joint names etc. | |
| If anyone included in the application has been permanently separated, divorced or widowed, a certified copy of the statutory declaration/separation certificate, divorce decree absolute or the death certificate of the deceased partner (as appropriate). | |
| If anyone in the application has changed his or her name (such as by marriage or deed poll), a certified copy of evidence of the name change. | |
| Certified copies of documents to verify custody and access arrangements for children under 18 years of age. This is not required if both parents are included in the application. | |
| If any dependant child included in the application is adopted, certified copies of the adoption papers | |
| Other documents | ✓ |
| <p>Evidence of ties with Australia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • frequent correspondence with relatives and/or friends in Australia • evidence of frequent visits to Australia for business, cultural or personal reasons • evidence of ownership of property in Australia and evidence of an ongoing active interest in that property • evidence of other economic or business interests in Australia in which you have an ongoing active concern. | |
| Evidence of service with the Australian Defence Forces (if applicable) prior to 1981. | |