



**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. Additional documentation may also be requested by the department.

**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 are likely to be processed more quickly. Incomplete applications may be delayed or, in some cases, refused.

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.**

<b>Forms and Charges</b>	<b>Check Box</b>
<a href="#">Form 47SV</a> <i>Application for Special Migration to Australia</i> The form must be signed in all the relevant places and each person included in the form, who is aged 18 years or over, has signed the Australian values statement.	
<a href="#">Form 47A</a> <i>Details of child or other dependent family member aged 18 years or older</i>	
Payment of the visa application charge <b>See:</b> <a href="#">Returning Resident Visa Charges</a>	
<b>Personal Documents</b>	<b>Check Box</b>
Certified copies of birth certificates or the family book, showing names of both parents, for all persons included in the application.  If this is not available, provide at least one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• certified copies of passport</li><li>• identification document issued by the government</li><li>• document issued by a Court that verifies identify.</li></ul>	

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 eg joint bank account statements, billing accounts in joint names etc.	
If you or 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 (eg 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	
<b>Other Documents</b>	<b>Check Box</b>
<p>Evidence of ties with Australia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• frequent correspondence with relatives and/or friends in Australia</li> <li>• evidence of frequent visits to Australia for business, cultural or personal reasons</li> <li>• evidence of ownership of property in Australia and evidence of an ongoing active interest in that property</li> <li>• evidence of other economic or business interests in Australia in which you have an ongoing active concern.</li> </ul>	
Evidence of service with the Australian Defence Forces (if applicable) prior to 1981.	