



**Australian Government**

**Department of Immigration and Citizenship**

**SPOUSE VISA (SUBCLASSES 820 and 801)**

**APPLICATION DOCUMENT CHECKLIST**

This application document checklist details the information and supporting documents (personal, health and character) required to assist you with lodging a complete application with the department. You may also need to provide additional documentation on request from the department.

Important: Do not provide original documents unless requested. You should provide 'certified copies' of original documentation. Documents not in English must be accompanied by accredited English translations. Complete applications are likely to be processed more quickly. Incomplete applications may be delayed or, in some cases, refused.

More information to help prepare your application is available.

**See:** [Information to help prepare your application](#)

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

<b>FORMS AND CHARGES</b>	<b>Check Box</b>
<p><a href="#">Form 47SP</a> <i>Sponsorship for a partner to migrate to Australia</i></p> <p>A completed form 47SP including all dependent children. 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.</p>	
<p><a href="#">Form 40SP</a> <i>Application for migration to Australia by a partner</i></p> <p>A completed form 40SP from your sponsor.</p>	
<p><a href="#">Form 47A</a> <i>Details of child or other dependent family member aged 18 years or over</i></p> <p>Complete form 47A for each dependant aged 18 years or over of you and/or your spouse, whether or not they are migrating with you (if applicable).</p>	
<p>Payment of the visa application charge.</p> <p><b>See:</b> <a href="#">Partner visa charges</a></p>	

PERSONAL DOCUMENTS – SPONSOR	Check Box
<p>Evidence that your sponsor is an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• certified copy of birth certificate</li> <li>• Australian passport or foreign passport containing evidence of permanent residence</li> <li>• for New Zealand citizens; evidence of length of residence in Australia and of continuing links with Australia.</li> </ul>	
<p>Photocopies of one of the following documents to show your sponsor's employment during the last two years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian income and/or overseas tax assessment notice</li> <li>• a letter from their employer confirming length of employment and annual salary</li> <li>• payslips</li> <li>• if your sponsor is self-employed or self-funded from other sources, business documents or a letter from your sponsor's accountant.</li> </ul>	
<p>If applicable: A statement from your sponsor regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any other person they have previously Sponsored or nominated for a Spouse, Prospective Marriage or Interdependency visa.</li> <li>• any other person for whom your sponsor has signed a maintenance order and/or an Assurance of Support.</li> </ul> <p>This statement must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• show your sponsor's relationship with this other person or persons</li> <li>• specify the dates of lodgement of any sponsorship or nominations (including any current sponsorship or nomination), maintenance guarantees or Assurances of Support.</li> </ul>	
PERSONAL DOCUMENTS – APPLICANT	Check Box
<p>Certified copies of the passports or travel documents of all people included in your application (particularly biographical data pages).</p>	
<p>Documents to prove your identity – a certified copy of your birth registration showing both parents' names. If you do not have a birth certificate and are unable to get one, you must provide a certified copy of the identification pages of at least one of the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• passport</li> <li>• family book showing both parents' names</li> <li>• identification document issued by the government</li> <li>• document issued by a court that verifies your identity.</li> </ul> <p>If you are unable to provide one of these documents, you must provide other acceptable evidence that you are who you claim to be.</p>	

<p>Four recent passport-size photographs (45mm x 35mm) of yourself and any other person included in this application. These should be of the head and shoulders only, and should show the person facing the camera and against a plain background. You should print the name of the person on the back of each photograph.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Only two recent passport-size photographs are required if you are applying in Australia.</p>	
Two recent passport-size photographs of your partner.	
If you or anyone in your application is or has been married, certified copies of the marriage certificate(s).	
If you or anyone included in your application has been divorced or widowed, a certified copy of the divorce decree absolute or the death certificate of the deceased spouse (as appropriate).	
If you or anyone included in your 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 birth certificates or the family book, showing names of both parents, for all children included in your application.	
<p>Certified copies of documents to verify custody and access arrangements, for children under 18 years of age unless it is the child of both you and your partner.</p> <p><b>See:</b> <a href="#">Evidence of dependency</a></p>	
If any child included in your application is adopted, a certified copy of the adoption papers.	
<p>Evidence of dependency for any dependent children aged 18 years or over or any other dependent relatives included in your application.</p> <p><b>See:</b> <a href="#">Evidence of dependency</a></p>	
If you have served in the armed forces of any country, certified copies of military service records or discharge papers.	
<p>Evidence of your relationship</p> <p><b>See:</b> <a href="#">Evidence of a genuine and continuing relationship</a></p>	
<p><a href="#">Form 888</a> <i>Statutory declaration by a supporting witness relating to a partner visa application</i></p> <p>At least two statutory declarations, preferably from individuals who are Australian citizens or permanent residents and who have personal knowledge of your spouse relationship and support your claim that the relationship is genuine and continuing.</p>	

<p>If you are applying on marriage grounds, you will need to provide a certified copy of your Marriage certificate.</p> <p>If married in Australia, the certificate should be issued by the responsible State and Territory registry office.</p>	
<p>If you are applying on de-facto spouse grounds you will need to provide one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>evidence that your interdependent relationship has existed for an entire 12 months. <b>See:</b> <a href="#">Fact Sheet 35</a> <i>One-year relationship requirement</i></li> <li>evidence of compelling and compassionate circumstances, for example, if you have children with your partner.</li> </ul>	
<p>If you are applying in Australia as the holder (or, since the last entry to Australia, a former holder) of a Prospective Marriage (Subclass 300) visa, you will need to provide a letter from the relevant Australian mission including advising approval of your Prospective Marriage visa application.</p>	
<b>HEALTH DOCUMENTS</b>	<b>Check Box</b>
<p>Details of whether or not you have undertaken your health check, and if so, details of the date and location your health check took place. <b>See:</b> <a href="#">Health requirements</a></p>	
<b>CHARACTER DOCUMENTS</b>	<b>Check Box</b>
<p>Include any results of character checks. <b>See:</b> <a href="#">Character and penal clearance requirements</a></p>	