



Australian Government

Department of Immigration and Citizenship

Distinguished Talent Visa

(Subclasses 124 & 858)

Application Document Checklist

This checklist details the information and supporting documents required to assist with the lodging of a complete application.

More information about these visas is available.

See:

[Distinguished Talent Visa \(Offshore\) \(subclass 124\)](#)

[Distinguished Talent visa \(Onshore\) \(subclass 858\)](#)

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 (VAC) 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.

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.

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

Forms, fees and charges	✓
A completed Form 47SV. See: Form 47SV <i>Application for special migration to Australia</i>	
A completed Form 1000 signed by the nominator. See: Form 1000 <i>Nomination for Distinguished Talent</i>	
A completed Form 47A for all dependants aged 18 years or over. See: Form 47A <i>Details of Child or Other Dependent Family Member Aged 18 Years or Over</i>	
Payment of the VAC. See: Specialist Entry Visa Charges	

Record of achievement	✓
Relevant qualifications and/or awards including those received from internationally recognised institutions.	
Advice from government, professional, scientific, cultural, sporting or other relevant bodies in Australia.	
A statement by the nominator supporting your record of achievement.	
Evidence that you can find employment or become established in Australia without difficulty (if applicable)	✓
Information provided by the nominator.	
Your employment/business background.	
Your knowledge of employment/business opportunities in Australia in your field.	
Letters from organisations in Australia as evidence of future employment in Australia.	
Correspondence with relevant bodies in Australia as evidence of a possibility of establishing a business in Australia.	
Qualifications or experience acquired during previous residence in Australia.	
Evidence that you are still prominent in your profession	✓
References from persons qualified to assess your claims to be a 'distinguished talent'.	
Items about yourself from the information media (for example; newspaper or magazine articles or TV programs).	
Additional evidence (if applicable)	✓
If you are aged below 18 or above 55 years of age, you must provide evidence that you would be of exceptional benefit to the Australian community.	

Former resident	✓
Evidence of Australian permanent resident status – certified copy of the passport showing the permanent visa label.	
Certified copy of birth certificate.	
Evidence of ties with Australia. You must provide evidence of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • frequent correspondence with relatives and/or friends in Australia • frequent visits to Australia for business, cultural or personal reasons • ownership of property in Australia (with evidence also of your ongoing interest in that property) • other economic or business interest in Australia in which you have an ongoing active concern. 	
Evidence of service with the Australia Defence Forces (if applicable) prior to 1981.	
Personal documents	✓
Documents to prove your identity – a certified copy of your birth registration showing both parents' names. If you do not have a birth certificate or are unable to get one, you must provide a certified copy of the identification pages of at least one of the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passport • family book showing both parents' name • identification document issued by the government • document issued by a court that verifies your identity. <p>If you are unable to provide one of these documents, you must provide other acceptable evidence.</p>	
Two recent passport sized photographs (45 mm x 35 mm) of yourself and any other person included in the application (4 photos of each person if health examinations have not been completed). 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.	
If you or anyone included in the application is or has been married, certified copies of the marriage certificate(s).	
If anyone included in the application has been permanently separated, divorced or widowed, a certified copy of a statutory declaration/separation certificate, divorce decree absolute or the death certificate of the deceased partner (as appropriate).	

If anyone included in the application has changed his or her name (for example 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 the children included in the application.	
Certified copies of documents to verify custody and access arrangements for children under 18 years of age unless both parents of the child are included in the application.	
Completed medical and x-ray examinations for all persons included in your application. See: Health Requirements	
A police good conduct/character certificate for each person aged 16 years or over included in your application, for each country outside Australia lived in for more than 12 months over the past 10 years. See: Character and Penal Clearance Requirements	
If any child included in the application is adopted, certified copies of the adoption papers.	
If you have served in the armed forces of any country, certified copies of military service record or discharge papers.	
Health documents	✓
Please read the health requirements information, and to avoid unnecessary delays you may wish to complete the health forms (form 26 and form 160) before lodging your application. See: Health Requirements	
Character documents	✓
For information about character requirements read the character and penal clearance requirements information. See: Character and Penal Clearance Requirements	
Nominator – Required Documents	
Evidence to show nominator is an Australian Citizen, Australian Permanent Resident or an eligible New Zealand Citizen	