



Australian Government

Department of Immigration
and Border Protection

Application for a Resident Return visa (RRV)

Form
1085

Before completing your application please read the information regarding *Return documents for Australian citizens and permanent residents*, available from the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the department) website www.border.gov.au/trav/ente/retu

This web page also contains information about obtaining evidence of an existing Resident Return visa (RRV), or an old re-entry visa BF111, called an Authority to Return (ATR) or Return Endorsement (RE).

For applicants who are applying for a provisional Resident Return visa (RRV) (subclass 159) and who are former Norfolk Island Immigration permit holders, please read the information regarding *provisional Resident Return visa (RRV) (subclass 159)*, available from the department's website www.border.gov.au/trav/visa-1/159-

Important – Please read this information carefully before you complete your application. Once you have completed your application we strongly advise that you keep a copy for your records.

Who should use this form?

This form may be used to apply for:

- an RRV;
- a provisional RRV; or
- a provisional RRV, as a former holder of a Norfolk Island Immigration permit, or a dependent child of such a person.

Online application for an RRV

You may make an application for an RRV online. The online application form can be accessed on the department's website www.border.gov.au/trav/visa-1/155-

Note: You may incur a non-internet application charge if you do not lodge your RRV application online.

An application for a provisional RRV is not available online.

Health requirements for applicants for a provisional RRV who were former holders of Norfolk Island Immigration permits

If you are applying for a provisional RRV as a former holder of a Norfolk Island Immigration permit, or a dependent child of such a person, you must be assessed against the health requirement.

For further information, refer to the department's website www.border.gov.au/trav/visa/health/meeting-the-healthrequirement/arranging-a-health-examination

Note: You may have already undertaken a health assessment for your visa. However, the department reserves the right to request additional health examinations as part of this visa application process.

Integrity of application

The department is committed to maintaining the integrity of the visa and citizenship programmes. Please be aware that if you provide us with fraudulent documents or claims, this may result in processing delays and your application being refused.

Providing false or misleading information, documents or statements to an officer is a serious offence with a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment or 1,000 penalty units (currently one penalty unit means AUD180), or both.

How to apply

Step 1

You are able to apply for an RRV online on the department's website www.border.gov.au/trav/visa-1/155- Alternatively, complete this form in English using BLOCK LETTERS.

You must provide the address of where you intend to live while your application is being dealt with. Failure to give a residential address in your application will result in your application being invalid. A post office box address will not be accepted as your residential address.

Make sure you sign the form. If an applicant is under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must sign the application form.

Step 2

Make sure you have all the documents required. These will include a certified copy of the page from your passport showing your photo and details and additional documents as requested in questions in this form.

If your documents are not in English you should arrange for them to be translated into English by an accredited translator. You should include both the original and the translated documents in your application. Passports do not need to be translated.

If you provide photocopies of original documents, they must be certified as true copies by an authorised person. Authorised people include: a magistrate, Justice of the Peace, Commissioner of Declarations, Commissioner of Affidavits, solicitor, registered medical practitioner, bank manager, postal manager or a State or Public Service officer with at least 5 years service.

Step 3

Make sure you have included the application charge. Each family member must complete a separate application and pay a separate charge.

Refer to *Part E – Payment details* of this form to calculate the charge and make payment.

Refer to www.border.gov.au/trav/visa/fees for a complete and current list of applicable fees and charges.

Fees and charges may be subject to change at any time and this may increase the cost of a visa application.

Generally, Visa Application Charges are reviewed on 1 July each year, and the exchange rates used to calculate the amount payable in a foreign country are updated on 1 January and 1 July each year.

If you do not pay the full Visa Application Charge amount, your visa application will not be valid.

Charges are generally not refundable, even if the application is withdrawn or refused.

Method of payment

In Australia

To make a payment, please pay by credit card, bank cheque or money order made payable to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection. Credit card is the preferred method of payment.

Outside Australia

Before making a payment outside Australia, please check with the Australian Government office where you intend to lodge your application as to what methods of payment and currencies they can accept and to whom the payment should be made payable.

Step 4

If you are outside Australia

You are able to apply for an RRV online. Alternatively, you can post this form to your nearest office of the department overseas. Other lodgement options are outlined on the department's website www.border.gov.au/trav/visa-1/155-

Applying by post

You must complete and send this application and payment by registered post to your nearest departmental office overseas.

If you are in Australia

You are able to apply for an RRV online. Alternatively, you can post this form to the address provided below.

Applying by post

If you cannot apply online, you must complete and send this application form and payment by registered post to:

Resident Return Visa Application
Department of Immigration and Border Protection
GPO Box 9984
Sydney NSW 2001

or have this completed form delivered by courier service to:

Resident Return Visa Application
Department of Immigration and Border Protection
26 Lee street
Sydney NSW 2000

Further information on eligibility and on applying for an RRV is available from the department's website

www.border.gov.au/trav/visa-1/155-

If you are applying for a provisional RRV as a former holder of a Norfolk Island Immigration permit, or a dependent child of such a person and you are in or outside Australia you must complete and post this form to:

Norfolk Island Visa Application
Department of Immigration and Border Protection
GPO Box 9984
Sydney NSW 2001

or have this completed form delivered by courier service to:

Norfolk Island Visa Application
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26 Lee street
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Passport information

Most visa applicants will be required to hold a valid passport before they can be granted a visa. It is strongly recommended that the passport be valid for at least 6 months.

If you change your passport after you have been granted the visa you must notify the department.

You may be able to update your passport details online via your ImmiAccount. Information is available on the department's website www.border.gov.au/trav/visa/imm

If you do not provide us with the details of any new or additional passport you use to travel to Australia, you may experience significant delays at the airport and may be denied permission to board your plane.

Do NOT send your passport with your visa application.

Provide with your visa application, a certified copy of the page from your passport showing your photo and details. We will advise you if your application has been approved. Please keep a copy of the Visa Grant Notification in a safe place for your reference.

Review rights

If you are refused an RRV in Australia, you have a right to seek a review of the decision from the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. Applicants outside Australia only have a right to seek a review if they have a parent, spouse, de facto partner, child, brother or sister who is either an Australian citizen or an Australian permanent resident.

Important information about privacy

Your personal information is protected by law, including the *Privacy Act 1988*. Important information about the collection, use and disclosure (to other agencies and third parties, including overseas entities) of your personal information, including sensitive information, is contained in form 1442i *Privacy notice*. Form 1442i is available from the department's website www.border.gov.au/allforms/ or offices of the department. You should ensure that you read and understand form 1442i before completing this form.

Immigration assistance

A person gives immigration assistance to you if he or she uses, or claims to use, his or her knowledge or experience in migration procedure to assist you with your visa application, request for ministerial intervention, cancellation review application, sponsorship or nomination.

In Australia a person may only lawfully give immigration assistance if he or she is a registered migration agent or is exempt from being registered. Only registered migration agents may receive a fee or reward for providing immigration assistance.

If an unregistered person in Australia, who is not exempt from registration, gives you immigration assistance they are committing a criminal offence and may be prosecuted.

Migration agents in Australia

Migration agents in Australia must be registered with the Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (Office of the MARA) unless they are exempt from registration.

Migration agents outside Australia

Migration agents who operate outside Australia do not have to be registered. The department may give some overseas agents an ID number. This number does not mean that they are registered.

Note: Some Australian registered migration agents operate overseas.

Migration agent information

A migration agent is someone who can:

- advise you on the visa that may best suit you;
- tell you the documents you need to submit with your application;
- help you fill in the application and submit it; and
- communicate with the department on your behalf.

If you appoint a migration agent, the department will assume that your migration agent will be your authorised recipient, unless you indicate otherwise.

Your migration agent will be the person with whom the department will discuss your application and from whom it will seek further information when required.

You are not required to use a migration agent. However, if you use a migration agent, the department encourages you to use a registered migration agent. Registered agents are bound by the Migration Agents Code of Conduct, which requires them to act professionally in their clients' lawful best interests.

Information on migration agents, including a list of registered migration agents, is available on the Office of the MARA website www.mara.gov.au

You can also access information about migration agents on the department's website www.border.gov.au

Exempt persons

The following people do not have to be a registered migration agent in order to provide immigration assistance, but they must not charge a fee for their service:

- a close family member (spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, brother or sister);
- a member of parliament or their staff;
- an official whose duties include providing immigration assistance (eg. a Legal Aid provider);
- a member of a diplomatic mission, consular post or international organisation.

Appointing a migration agent/exempt person

To appoint a migration agent/exempt person you should complete *Part D – Options for receiving written communications*.

Your migration agent/exempt person should complete form 956 *Advice by a migration agent/exempt person of providing immigration assistance*.

Form 956 is available from the department's website www.border.gov.au/allforms/

Options for receiving written communications

If you do not appoint a migration agent/exempt person you may still authorise another person, in writing, to receive written communications on your behalf. This person is called the authorised recipient.

Authorised recipient information

All written communication about your application will be sent to your authorised recipient, unless you indicate that you wish to have health and/or character information sent directly to you.

The department will communicate with the most recently appointed authorised recipient as you may only appoint one authorised recipient at any time for a particular application.

You will be taken to have received any documents sent to that person as if they had been sent to you.

To appoint an authorised recipient you should complete:

- *Part D – Options for receiving written communications*; and
- form 956A *Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient*.

Note: Migration agents/exempt persons do not need to complete form 956A.

Form 956A is available from the department's website www.border.gov.au/allforms/

Consent to communicate electronically

The department may use a range of means to communicate with you. However, electronic means such as fax or email will only be used if you indicate your agreement to receiving communication in this way.

To process your application the department may need to communicate with you about sensitive information, for example, health, police checks, financial viability and personal relationships. Electronic communications, unless adequately encrypted, are not secure and may be viewed by others or interfered with.

If you agree to the department communicating with you by electronic means, the details you provide will only be used by the department for the purpose for which you have provided them, unless there is a legal obligation or necessity to use them for another purpose, or you have consented to use for another purpose. They will not be added to any mailing list.

The Australian Government accepts no responsibility for the security or integrity of any information sent to the department over the internet or by other electronic means.

If you authorise another person to receive documents on your behalf and they wish to be contacted electronically, their signature is required on form 956 or 956A to indicate their consent to this form of communication.

Note: Electronic communication is the fastest means of communication available and the department prefers to communicate electronically because this results in faster processing.

Home page **www.border.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.

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Please use a pen, and write neatly in English using BLOCK LETTERS.

Tick where applicable

Part A – Your details

1 Are you an Australian citizen?

No

Yes **▶** This is not the correct form. Please read the information regarding *Return documents for Australian citizens and permanent residents* available from the department's website www.border.gov.au/trav/ente/retu

2 TYPE OF APPLICATION – *select one only*

RRV (called a Return (Residence) (Class BB) visa)

Provisional RRV (called a Resident Return (Temporary) (Class TP) visa)

3 Your full name

Family name

Given names

4 Have you been known by any other names?

(including name at birth, previous married names, aliases)

No

Yes **▶** Give details

Family name

Given names

Reason for change: Deed Poll Marriage Other **▶** Specify

If you have changed your name since your first arrival in Australia, please provide documents to evidence your name change (eg. marriage certificate, deed poll or other official documents showing use of the name).

5 Sex Male Female

Day Month Year

6 Date of birth

7 Place of birth

Town/city

Country

8 Relationship status

Married

Separated

Never married or been in a de facto relationship

Engaged

Divorced

De facto

Widowed

9 Current residential address

Note: A post office box address is not acceptable as a residential address. Failure to give a residential address will result in your application being invalid.

Postcode

10 Address for correspondence

(If the same as your residential address, write 'AS ABOVE')

Postcode

11 Your telephone numbers

Country code Area code Number

Office hours () ()

After hours () ()

12 Do you agree to the department communicating with you by fax, email or other electronic means?

No

Yes **▶** Give details

Country code Area code Number

Fax number () ()

Email address

13 Are you presently in Australia?

No **▶** Date you last departed Australia

Day Month Year
/ /

Yes **▶** Date of expected departure from Australia

Day Month Year
/ /

14 Details from your passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Day Month Year

Date of issue / /

Date of expiry / /

Issuing authority/place of issue as shown in your passport

Part B – Visa details

17 Were you granted your first permanent visa while in Australia?

No ▶ Date you first arrived in Australia on a permanent visa

Day	Month	Year
/	/	

Yes ▶ Date of grant

Day	Month	Year
/	/	

If you arrived in Australia prior to 1981, and you have not travelled overseas since your arrival, you should provide supporting evidence such as:

- a statutory declaration stating:
 - that you have been resident since your first arrival
 - the means of travel (eg. ship or airplane)
 - the vessel (eg. ship name or flight number if available)
 - the port at which your arrival was processed (may be a seaport or an airport)
 - the full names and dates of birth of any accompanying family members
- a copy of your original travel document including all pages with stamps or labels affixed
- a copy of a National Archives record regarding your first arrival
- other documentation that indicates the time you have spent in Australia such as:
 - letters or other documentation from employers
 - school records
 - bank records
 - taxation assessment notices.

18 Do you currently hold a permanent visa (including an RRV)?

No ▶ Date your last permanent visa ceased

Day	Month	Year
/	/	

Yes ▶ Date you were last granted a permanent visa

Day	Month	Year
/	/	

19 Have you previously been an Australian citizen?

No

Yes ▶ Give details

Date you became an Australian citizen

Day	Month	Year
/	/	

Date you ceased to be an Australian citizen

Day	Month	Year
/	/	

You will need to show evidence that you were an Australian citizen, such as a citizen certificate or an Australian passport

20 Have you ever had an Australian entry permit or visa cancelled?

No

Yes ▶ Attach a separate sheet giving details

21 Have you ever been deported from Australia?

No

Yes ▶ Attach a separate sheet giving details

Former Norfolk Island Immigration permit holder details

22 Did you hold a valid Norfolk Island entry permit on 30 June 2016?

No

Yes ▶ Type of permit:

Temporary Entry Permit (TEP)

General Entry Permit (GEP)

23 Are you a dependent child of your parent who held a valid Norfolk Island entry permit on 30 June 2016?

No ▶ **Go to Question 26**

Yes ▶ Type of permit held by your parent:

Temporary Entry Permit (TEP)

General Entry Permit (GEP)

24 If you are a dependent child of a parent who held a valid Norfolk Island entry permit, were you born outside of Norfolk Island on or before 30 June 2016?

No

Yes

25 If you are a dependent child of a parent who held a valid Norfolk Island entry permit, were you born in Australia on or after 1 July 2016?

No

Yes

26 If you are applying for:

• an RRV ▶ **Go to Question 28**

• a provisional RRV ▶ **Go to Question 28**

• a provisional RRV as a former holder of a Norfolk Island Immigration permit, or a dependent child of such a person:

– and you answered ‘Yes’ to Question 22 or Question 23 ▶ **Go to Question 27**

– and you answered ‘No’ to both Question 22 and Question 23 ▶ ***You are not eligible to apply for this visa as a former holder of a Norfolk Island Immigration permit or a dependent child of such a person.***

27 In which countries have you lived for 12 months or more during the last 10 years?

Country	Dates lived there		Last permanent address in that country
	Month	Year	
	From	/	
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▶▶ Now go to Part C

28 Have you travelled outside Australia in the last 5 years?

No

Yes ▶ Give details

Details of your departure from Australia

Details of your return to Australia

Date			Port/Airport	Date			Port/Airport
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
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/	/			/	/		
/	/			/	/		
/	/			/	/		
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If insufficient space, attach additional details

29 Have you been present in Australia as a permanent resident or Australian citizen for periods totalling at least 2 years in the last 5 years?

No

Yes ► **Go to Part C**

30 Are you the partner or dependent family member of a person who holds an RRV?

No

Yes ► Give details

Person's name

Their passport number

Their visa number

Expiry date of their visa Day / Month / Year

►► If this expiry date is 1 year or more away, **go to Part C**

31 Do you have substantial business, cultural, employment or personal ties with Australia which are of benefit to Australia?

No ► **Go to Question 38**

Yes ► Please attach a separate sheet describing the nature of these ties and how they are of benefit to Australia, together with evidence to support your claims

32 Are you applying while inside Australia?

No ► If you:

- do NOT currently hold a permanent visa (ie. you answered 'No' at Question 18) ► **Go to Question 33**
- currently hold a permanent visa (ie. you answered 'Yes' at Question 18) ► **Go to Question 34**

Yes ► **Go to Question 37**

33 Were you a permanent resident or citizen of Australia when you last departed Australia?

No ► **Go to Question 35**

Yes ► **Go to Question 34**

34 Have you been absent from Australia for a continuous period of 5 years or more immediately before lodging this application?

No

Yes ► Do you have compelling reasons for the absence?

No

Yes ► Please attach a separate sheet describing these reasons, together with evidence to support your claims

►► **Now go to Part C**

35 Have you been an Australian citizen or permanent resident in the last 10 years?

No ► **Go to Part C**

Yes

36 Have you been absent from Australia for a period or periods that total more than 5 years since you last departed Australia as an Australian citizen or permanent resident?

No

Yes ► Do you have compelling reasons for the absence?

No

Yes ► Please attach a separate sheet describing these reasons, together with evidence to support your claims

►► **Now go to Part C**

37 Have you been absent from Australia for a continuous period of 5 years or since the date you were granted your most recent permanent visa or since the date you ceased to be a citizen?

No

Yes ► Do you have compelling reasons for the absence?

No

Yes ► Please attach a separate sheet describing these reasons, together with evidence to support your claims

►► **Now go to Part C**

38 Are you applying while inside Australia?

No ► **Go to Question 39**

Yes ► **Go to Question 41**

39 Did you have a compelling and compassionate reason for last departing Australia?

No ► **Go to Part C**

Yes ► Please attach a separate sheet describing these reasons, together with evidence to support your claims

40 Have you been absent from Australia for a continuous period of more than 3 months immediately before lodging this application?

No

Yes ► Do you have compelling reasons for the absence?

No

Yes ► Please attach a separate sheet describing these reasons, together with evidence to support your claims

►► **Now go to Part C**

41 Have you got a compelling and compassionate reason for departing Australia?

No

Yes ► Please attach a separate sheet describing these reasons, together with evidence to support your claims

Part C – Assistance with this form

42 Did you receive assistance in completing this form?

No ► **Go to Part D**

Yes ► Please give details of the person who assisted you

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Family name

Given names

Address

<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
Postcode

Telephone number or daytime contact

	Country code	Area code	Number
Office hours	()	()	

Mobile/cell

43 Is the person an agent registered with the Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (Office of the MARA)?

No

Yes ► **Go to Part D**

44 Is the person/agent in Australia?

No ► **Go to Part D**

Yes

45 Did you pay the person/agent and/or give a gift for this assistance?

No

Yes

Part D – Options for receiving written communications

46 All written communications about this application should be sent to:
(Tick one box only)

Myself

OR

Authorised recipient ► You should complete form 956A *Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient*

OR

Migration agent **OR** Exempt person ► Your migration agent/exempt person should complete form 956 *Advice by a migration agent/exempt person of providing immigration assistance*

Part E – Payment details

Note: You can make a combined application if:

- the additional applicant is included in the passport of another applicant; or
- the additional applicant is applying as a secondary applicant of a provisional RRV applicant who is a former holder of a Norfolk Island immigration permit, or a dependent child of such a person. The application must be combined with the parent's application.

47 Do you have the application charge to include with your application?
 (To check the application charge, refer to the department's website
www.border.gov.au/trav/visa/fees or check with the nearest office of the department.)

No Application will be returned unassessed

Yes

48 IMPORTANT: You must refer to the department's website at www.border.gov.au/trav/visa/fees to complete this part of your application. The website shows reference tables with the Visa Application Charges applicable to each visa subclass.

Visa subclass you are applying for

▶▶ **Base Application Charge**

Write the amount shown on the reference table for your visa subclass →

AUD (1)

+

▶▶ **Non-internet Application Charge (if applicable)** →

AUD (2)

+

▶▶ **Additional Applicant Charge aged 18 years or over** at the time your application is lodged

Write the amount shown on the reference table for your visa subclass

Number of additional applicants aged **18 years or over**

AUD

X (multiplied by)

=

→

AUD (3)

+

▶▶ **Additional Applicant Charge under 18 years of age** at the time your application is lodged

Write the amount shown on the reference table for your visa subclass

Number of additional applicants **under 18 years of age**

AUD

X (multiplied by)

=

→

AUD (4)

+

▶▶ **Subsequent Temporary Application Charge (if applicable)**

Write the amount shown on the reference table for your visa subclass

Number of applicants

AUD

X (multiplied by)

=

→

AUD (5)

=

Total

▶▶ **Total (1) + (2) + (3) + (4) + (5)** →

AUD

You must pay the **total amount** or your visa application will not be valid.

Note: A second instalment of the Visa Application Charge must also be paid before we can grant some visas.

Office use only

Charge paid?

No Yes

Expiry date of passport

Day / Month / Year

Class / subclass of visa issued

[Empty box for class/subclass of visa issued]

Previous visa number
(if applicable)

[Empty box for previous visa number]

VIT / visa number

[Empty box for VIT / visa number]

Expiry date of visa

Day / Month / Year

Issued at

[Empty box for issued at]

Date of issue

Day / Month / Year

**Signature of
issuing officer**

[Empty box for signature of issuing officer]

Comments *(if applicable)*

[Multiple empty lines for comments]

Passport number

[Empty box for passport number]

Passport

Held for collection

**Signature of
applicant/authorised
representative**

[Empty box for signature of applicant/authorised representative]

Returned by mail

**Signature of
returning officer**

[Empty box for signature of returning officer]