Australian Government

Department of Immigration and Border Protection

Application for Australian citizenship by descent

Form

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This information is provided to help you complete the application form and guide you through the application process.

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.

There are 4 steps in the citizenship application process for citizenship by descent.

Step 1 Eligibility – determine if you are eligible

Step 2 Original documents – gather your original documents

Step 3 Copy and certify your documents

Step 4 Complete and lodge your application form

Integrity of application

The department is committed to maintaining the integrity of the visa and citizenship programmes. If you or a third party acting on your behalf provide, or have provided in a previous application, false or misleading information or documents (either knowingly or otherwise), this application may be refused. In addition, you may be prosecuted under the *Migration Act 1958* and/or the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*. If information or documents are found to be fraudulent or misleading after you become an Australian citizen, you may be prosecuted and may be subject to revocation of your Australian citizenship.

Step 1 – Eligibility

If you were born outside Australia on or after 26 January 1949, you may be eligible for Australian citizenship by descent if at least one person who was your parent at the time of your birth was also an Australian citizen at the time of your birth. If your Australian citizen parent was a citizen by descent or full Hague adoption, then that parent must have spent at least 2 years in Australia before you make your application.

If you were born outside Australia or New Guinea **before** 26 January 1949 you may be eligible for Australian citizenship by descent if at least one or your parents became an Australian citizen on 26 January 1949, **and** that parent was born in Australia or New Guinea, or was naturalised in Australia before your birth.

All applicants 18 years or over must be of good character.

Australian citizenship commences on the date the application is approved. You do not need to attend a citizenship ceremony.

If you were born through an international surrogacy arrangement

Please read Fact sheet 36a *International Surrogacy Arrangements* available from the department's website **www.border.gov.au**

If you were adopted

Please read the information available on the department's website **www.border.gov.au/trav/life/adoption-of-children**

If you were adopted you should only use this form if a person who was your parent at the time of your birth was also an Australian citizen at that time.

If you did not have an Australian citizen parent at the time of your birth and you were:

- adopted under full Hague Convention arrangements you should use form 1272 *Application for Australian citizenship for children adopted under full Hague Convention arrangements*
- adopted by an Australian citizen under a law of an Australian state or territory and you were in Australia as a permanent resident at that time you may have automatically acquired Australian citizenship. You may apply for evidence of Australian citizenship using form 119.

If you were adopted under other arrangements and are a permanent resident you may be eligible to apply for Australian citizenship (form 1290 if under 18 years or form 1300t if 18 years or over).

Children

Applications for children under 16 years of age must be made by a responsible parent.

The *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* defines responsible parent in relation to a child as:

- a parent, unless that parent does not have parental responsibility because of orders made by the Family Court of Australia, or
- any person having responsibility over the child because of an order made by the Family Court, or
- any person who has guardianship or custody of the child under an Australian law or a foreign law, whether because of adoption, operation of law, an order of a court or otherwise.

Step 2 – Original documents

You will need to provide the department with a range of documents to prove that you are who you say you are and to establish you have not had any serious criminal convictions. These documents are called **identity documents** and **good character documents**.

You will also need to provide additional documents that show one of your parents was an Australian citizen at the time of your birth. These are called **supporting documents**.

If you have to get documents from overseas this can take time. You will not be able to complete the application process without these documents

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Translations and certified copies

If your documents are not in English, you **must** provide official translations. In Australia, you must use translators accredited by the National Accreditation Authority of Translators and Interpreters. For more information, see **www.naati.com.au**

Unless specified that original documents are required, certified copies of original documents must be attached to your application. These copies must be certified by a person with the appropriate authority. See *Identity declarations – list of professions* on pages 5–6 for people who can certify documents.

If you are outside Australia when applying, contact the Australian diplomatic mission in the country who issued the documents for advice on acceptable translators, and who can certify your original documents.

If you need to provide overseas penal clearance certificates with your application, you must provide **original** certificates.

Identity documents

Applicants 16 years of age or over

You **must** provide the following identity documents.

1. Three original documents that collectively show your:
   - photograph
   - signature
   - current residential address
   - birth name, date of birth and gender.
2. Proof of change of name, if applicable.
3. *Part E – Identity declaration* completed by a person with the appropriate authority.

If you do not provide these documents, your application will not be accepted and will be returned to you.

Children

If you are an applicant under 16 years of age, you **must** provide the following:

1. Identity documents that show a:
   - birth name and date of birth
   - photograph and current name, if available.
2. Proof of change of name, if applicable.
3. *Part E – Identity declaration* completed by a person with the appropriate authority.

The checklist below will help you identify suitable documents. If you have difficulty finding suitable documents please call the Citizenship Information Line or, if outside Australia call your nearest Australian diplomatic mission, before you complete and lodge your application.

Identity document checklist

Applicants 16 years of age or over

A current document with your photograph and/or signature

An Australian driver's licence, **or**	☐
A passport, **or**	☐
A United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) document, **or**	☐
A national identity card, **or**	☐
Another document containing a signature and photograph, eg. an air crew identity document, seafarer identity document, military identity document or student card	☐

Evidence of your current residential address

A utilities notice eg. electricity, gas or water bill, bank notice, **or**	☐
Rental contracts or rates notice	☐

Evidence of your date of birth, birth name and any changes of name

A full birth certificate, **and**	☐
Evidence of links between present and previous names, for example an official marriage, divorce or change of name certificate, if applicable	☐

Evidence of your identity in the community

One passport-sized photograph and identity declaration signed by an Australian citizen with the appropriate authority	☐

Children

The following documents are required if the applicant is a child under 16 years of age

A full birth certificate or family register containing parent's details **Note**: In some circumstances the department may request DNA testing. See form 1259i *Information about DNA testing for visa and citizenship applicants*	☐
Evidence of links between birth name and current name, if applicable	☐
A passport or other travel documents, if any	☐
One passport-sized photograph and identity declaration signed by an Australian citizen with the appropriate authority	☐

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Identity declaration

As well as your identity documents, you will need to provide an identity declaration and an endorsed passport-sized photograph of yourself.

The **identity declaration** must be completed and signed by a person who:

- is an Australian citizen (if you are applying in Australia) or is a citizen of your country of residence (if you are applying outside Australia), **and**
- has known you for at least one year and belongs to a profession on the list on pages 5–6, **and**
- is not related to you by birth, marriage or de facto relationship, **and**
- is easy to contact by telephone during normal working hours.

The person who signs the declaration must also write on the back of your photograph the words: *This is a true photograph of (your full name)* and sign the back of the photograph using the same signature as on the declaration.

The photograph should be carefully attached to the front of the application form without obscuring the image, or you can place the photograph in a plastic sleeve or envelope and staple it to the form.

The photograph must be:

- no more than 6 months old
- a full-face view of your head and shoulders (untinted prescription glasses can be worn – a photograph that shows facial features only is acceptable if you wear a head covering for religious reasons)
- of good quality, in colour, against a plain, light coloured background (laser copies are not acceptable).

Note: If you are outside Australia when applying you can have the identity declaration completed by a citizen of your country of residence who has known you for at least one year and belongs to a profession on the list on pages 5–6.

Children under 6 years of age

In the case of children under 6 years of age, if no Australian citizen has known them for at least one year, the declaration can be signed by a person who belongs to a profession on the list on pages 5–6 who has known the child for less than one year.

Good character

If you are 18 years of age or over, the department will request a National Police check from the National Police Checking Service (NPCS).

If you are 18 years of age or over, you will also need to complete form 80 *Personal particulars for assessment including character assessment.*

You must tell the department about any convictions you may have had in Australia or overseas. A conviction is a criminal charge leading to a guilty verdict in a court of law resulting in imprisonment, a fine or good behaviour bond. A traffic infringement, such as an on-the-spot speeding or parking fine, is not considered a conviction.

Spent convictions

You must declare spent convictions in your application.

The spent convictions law allows people with minor convictions to disregard those convictions after a certain period of time. A conviction may be considered spent if:

- it is 10 years since the date of the conviction (or 5 years for juvenile offenders), **and**
- the person was not sentenced to imprisonment for more than 30 months, **and**
- the person has not re-offended during the 10 year period (or 5 years for juveniles), **and**
- a statutory or prescribed exclusion does not apply.

The department is allowed to ask you for this information for the purpose of assessing your application. Please refer to and read the information regarding spent convictions at **www.border.gov.au/citizenship**

Overseas penal clearance certificates

Overseas penal clearance certificates, or police checks as they are known in some countries, show whether a person has a criminal record.

You may need to provide an overseas penal clearance certificate as part of your documentation if you are 18 years of age or over.

When to provide overseas penal clearance certificates

You will need to provide penal clearance certificates from countries outside Australia if in the last 10 years:

- you lived or travelled outside Australia since turning 18, **and**
- the total time spent outside Australia added up to 12 months or more, **and**
- the time spent in any one country was more than 90 days, **or**
- if requested by the department.

You will need to provide **original** overseas penal clearance certificates from each country where you spent more than 90 days.

Information about where to obtain an overseas penal clearance certificate by country can be obtained from the citizenship website.

Australian National Police check

In addition, if you are applying at an Immigration Office outside Australia you will need to provide a penal clearance certificate for ANY time spent in Australia since the age of 18 years. You will need to complete an *Australian Federal Police (AFP) National Police Check Application Form*, which is available from the AFP website **www.afp.gov.au**

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Supporting documents

To support your application for Australian citizenship by descent you will also need to provide:

Evidence that one of your parents was an Australian citizen at the time of your birth

Your Australian citizen parent's: • full Australian birth certificate issued before 20 August 1986, **or** • Australian citizenship certificate or naturalisation certificate, **or** • Australian passport issued after 1 July 2005	☐
If your Australian citizen parent was a citizen by descent or full Hague adoption, you will be asked to provide evidence that your parent had been lawfully present in Australia for a total of at least 2 years. If you do not have any evidence of your parent having resided in Australia you can contact the National Archives of Australia to check their records	☐
For children born through surrogacy arrangements, documents confirming that an Australian citizen is the parent of the child. If you do not have documents confirming this you may be requested to undertake a DNA test. You should not undertake a DNA test unless requested to do so	☐

Evidence of other citizenships held by your Australian citizen parent

Letter or certificate showing date of acquisition, if applicable	☐

Evidence of your current citizenship

A passport or other travel documents, if any	☐

Documents relating to the responsible parent applying on behalf of a child under 16 years of age

Proof of identification documents that collectively show a signature, photograph, and a current residential address, for example: • a passport • driver's licence • credit card or utilities bill	☐
Any orders relating to the custody, guardianship or parental responsibility for this child, if applicable	☐

You may be required to provide additional documents to those listed.

If you are overseas when you are applying, you should contact your nearest Australian overseas post or see their website for more information before lodging your application.

Step 3 – Copy and certify your documents

Certified copies of all of your required documents must be attached to your application. A 'certified copy' is a copy of an original document that has been authorised (or stamped) as being a true copy of the original document.

The copies must be certified by a person with the appropriate authority. See *Identity declarations – list of professions* on pages 5–6 for people who may certify documents.

If you need to provide overseas penal clearance certificates, you must provide the **original** document.

Do not post original documents to the department, unless specified otherwise.

Step 4 – Complete and lodge your application form

Please use a pen, and write neatly in English using BLOCK LETTERS. Corrections made with liquid paper are not acceptable.

Part A – Your details – Part A requires you to provide your personal details.

If you change address during the application process you must tell the department your new address. See form 929 *Change of address and/or passport details*.

Part B – Your parents – Part B requires you to provide the personal details of both your parents including whether they have been known by any other names.

Part C – Associated family – Part C requires you to provide details of any immediate family members whose details have not already been provided in Part B.

Part D – Identity documents – Part D requires you to list your identity documents. See page 2 for more information.

Part E – Identity declaration – Part E is **not** to be completed by the applicant. See page 3 for information about who should complete the *Identity declaration* and sign the back of the photograph.

Part F – Travel and good character – Part F requires you to list your overseas travel if you are 18 years of age or over, and answer questions for the good character assessment. See page 3 for more information.

Part G – Supporting documents – Part G requires you to list the supporting documents you are providing with your application. See page 4 for more information.

Part H – Nomination of representative – Part H allows you to nominate another person who can make enquiries about your application on your behalf. Make sure you sign the authorisation at Part H if you want this to happen.

Part I – Payment details – 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. Generally, fees are not refundable.

Outside Australia – Before making a payment outside Australia, please check with the Australian mission overseas 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.

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Part J – Declaration – Carefully read and make sure you understand the terms of this declaration before signing it. If the applicant is under 16 years of age, the responsible parent must sign the declaration on page 16 on behalf of the child.

Lodging your application

If the applicant is **in Australia**, the application, certified copies of documents and fee should be lodged at the Tasmanian office of the department.

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GPO Box 794
HOBART TAS 7001

If the applicant is **outside Australia**, the application, documents and fee should be lodged with their nearest Australian diplomatic mission, see **www.border.gov.au/about/contact/offices-locations**

Pre-lodgement checklist

Completed application form	☐
Completed form 80, if applicable	☐
Identity documents	☐
One passport-sized photograph and identity declaration signed by an Australian citizen with the appropriate authority	☐
Original overseas penal clearance certificates, if applicable	☐
Supporting documents as required	☐
Evidence of current residential address	☐
The application fee	☐

Notification

If your application is approved you will be notified in writing. You will become an Australian citizen on the day your application is approved. You will also receive an extract recording your registration as a citizen by descent.

The extract is not formal evidence of citizenship. If you wish to obtain legal evidence of your Australian citizenship, you can apply for evidence on form 119 *Application for evidence of Australian citizenship*.

If your application is refused

If your application is refused you have the right to ask for the decision to be reviewed by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT). Your letter of notification will advise you where you can lodge an application for review. You should lodge your application with the AAT as soon as possible.

Identity declarations – list of professions

People currently working in a profession or occupation listed below can complete identity declarations and endorse photographs.

They must:

- be an Australian citizen, **or**
- if applying from outside Australia, a citizen of your country of residence if no Australian citizen is known to you

AND

- have known you for at least one year
- not be related to you by birth, marriage or de facto relationship
- be easy to contact by telephone during normal working hours.

1. Australian Consular Officer or Australian Diplomatic Officer (within the meaning of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*)
2. Bailiff
3. Bank officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
4. Building society officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
5. Chiropractor (licensed or registered)
6. Clerk of court
7. Commissioner for Affidavits
8. Commissioner for Declarations
9. Credit union officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
10. Dentist (licensed or registered)
11. Fellow of the National Tax Accountants' Association
12. Finance company officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
13. Judge of a court
14. Justice of the peace
15. Legal practitioner (licensed or registered)
16. Magistrate
17. Marriage celebrant licensed or registered under Sub-division C of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*
18. Master of a court
19. Medical practitioner (licensed or registered)
20. Member of Chartered Secretaries Australia
21. Member of Engineers Australia, other than at the grade of student
22. Member of the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants
23. Member of the Australian Defence Force with 5 or more years of continuous service
24. Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, the Australian Society of Certified Practicing Accountants or the Institute of Public Accountants
25. Member of the Parliament of the Commonwealth, a State, a Territory Legislature, or a local government authority of a State or Territory
26. Minister of religion licensed or registered under Subdivision A of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*
27. Nurse (licensed or registered)
28. Optometrist (licensed or registered)
29. Permanent employee of Commonwealth, State or local government authority with at least 5 or more years of continuous service

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30. Permanent employee of the Australian Postal Corporation with 5 or more years of continuous service
31. Pharmacist (licensed or registered)
32. Physiotherapist (licensed or registered)
33. Police officer
34. Psychologist (licensed or registered)
35. Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, of a court
36. Sheriff
37. Teacher employed on a full-time basis at a school or tertiary education institution
38. Veterinary surgeon (licensed or registered).

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.

Personal identifiers collected under the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* are photographs and signatures. The department and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) have signed an arrangement in accordance with the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* that permits disclosure of your personal identifiers for the purposes of administering the *Australian Passport Act 2005*. If your application for Australian citizenship is approved, your photograph, client number, name, date of birth and gender will be provided to DFAT.

Consent to communicate electronically

The department may need to convey sensitive information about your application to you. Electronic communication, unless adequately encrypted, is not secure and may be viewed by others or interfered with. 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.

Home page	**www.border.gov.au/citizenship**
Citizenship Information Line	Telephone **131 880** 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.

Please keep these information pages for your reference

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To be completed by an applicant aged 16 years or over or by a responsible parent on behalf of an applicant under 16 years of age.

Please read the information pages before completing this application.

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

Tick where applicable ✓

PHOTOGRAPH

You must attach the endorsed photograph of the applicant to this page.

The photograph must be attached without obscuring the image, or can be placed in a plastic sleeve and stapled to this page.

ICSE Client ID

Box File Number

Part A – Your details

1 Preferred title Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐

Other

2 Your full name (this will appear on your citizenship extract)

Family name

Given names *(including all middle names)*

3 Sex Male ☐ Female ☐

4 Date of birth DAY / MONTH / YEAR

5 Place of birth

Town/city

Country

6 Have you ever been known by or used any other names, dates of birth or gender?
Other names include alternative spellings, patronymic names, maiden names, clan or tribal names

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details of change(s)
If insufficient space, attach additional details

Give reason for change(s)

7 Residential addresses over the last 5 years
If insufficient space, attach a separate signed sheet with details

Current address

Note: You must tell the department if your address changes after you lodge this form.

POSTCODE

Previous address 1 *(if applicable)*

Date from DAY / MONTH / YEAR to DAY / MONTH / YEAR

POSTCODE

Previous address 2 *(if applicable)*

Date from DAY / MONTH / YEAR to DAY / MONTH / YEAR

POSTCODE

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

Note: You must tell the department if your address changes after you lodge this form.

POSTCODE

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9 Telephone numbers

Work (AREA CODE)

Home (AREA CODE)

Mobile/cell

10 If you are 18 years of age or over, do you have any email addresses? *(including work, business, personal, home or other emails)*
Do not include migration agent email addresses.

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ List all of your email addresses

11 Do you agree to the department communicating with you by email or other electronic means?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details

Email address

12 Were you born through a surrogacy arrangement?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Please read Fact sheet 36a *International Surrogacy Arrangements* before proceeding

13 Were you adopted?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Use this form only if a person who was your parent at the time of your birth was also an Australian citizen at that time

14 Present country(ies) of citizenship

15 List all countries where you hold permanent residency

16 Details from your passport

Passport number

Passport type: Government ☐ UN Refugee ☐ Private ☐

Country of passport

Date of issue DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Date of expiry / /

Issuing authority/ Place of issue as shown in passport

17 Do you ever use Chinese Commercial Code Numbers for the name shown in the passport at Question 16?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Chinese Commercial Code Numbers (in full)

18 Do you have an Australian driver licence?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details

Australian driver licence number

Issuing state/territory

19 Do you have an Australian firearms licence?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details

Firearms licence number

Issuing state/territory

20 Give the visa label number used on your last entry to Australia *(if applicable)*

Visa label number V <

If granted a visa without a label, please provide the 13-digit visa grant number, as shown on the letter notifying you of the grant of the visa

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Part B – Your parents

Provide details of one Australian citizen parent at Question 21 and the other parent at Question 22

21 Parent 1

Relationship to you

Parent's full name

Family name

Given names

Name in Chinese Commercial Code Numbers *(if applicable)*

Sex Male ☐ Female ☐

Date of birth DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Place of birth

Town/city

Country

Has this parent ever been known by or used any other names, dates of birth or gender?
Other names include alternative spellings, patronymic names, maiden names, clan or tribal names

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details of change(s)
If insufficient space, attach additional details

Give reason for change(s)

Country of current residence
(if not living, write 'DECEASED')

Was this parent an Australian citizen at the time of your birth?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ How did this parent acquire their Australian citizenship?

Birth ☐ Adoption ☐
Conferral/grant ☐ Born in Papua prior to independence ☐
Naturalisation ☐ Other ☐
Descent ☐

Date acquired (if known) DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Place acquired (if known)

If this parent was an Australian citizen by descent or full Hague adoption at the time of your birth, give details of the period or periods totalling at least 2 years that this parent has lawfully been in Australia

From DAY / MONTH / YEAR to DAY / MONTH / YEAR

From / / to / /

If insufficient space, attach additional details

Does this parent hold the citizenship of any countries other than Australia, or if this parent is deceased, did they hold the citizenship of any countries other than Australia when they died?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details

Country

Date acquired DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Method of acquiring this citizenship *(eg. birth, descent, naturalisation/grant)*

If insufficient space, attach additional details

If the applicant is a child under 16 years of age, has this parent been excluded through a court of law from having custody or parental responsibility of the child?

No ☐

Yes ☐

To be answered ONLY if this parent was born outside Australia and registered or naturalised before 8 October 1951.

Was this parent absent from Australia for a continuous period of 7 years or more between 26 January 1949 and 8 October 1958?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Show period absent

From DAY / MONTH / YEAR to DAY / MONTH / YEAR

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22 Parent 2

Relationship to you

Parent's full name

Family name

Given names

Name in Chinese Commercial Code Numbers *(if applicable)*

Sex Male ☐ Female ☐

Date of birth DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Place of birth

Town/city

Country

Has this parent ever been known by or used any other names, dates of birth or gender?
Other names include alternative spellings, patronymic names, maiden names, clan or tribal names

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details of change(s)
If insufficient space, attach additional details

Give reason for change(s)

Country of current residence
(if not living, write 'DECEASED')

Was this parent an Australian citizen at the time of your birth?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ How did this parent acquire their Australian citizenship?

Birth ☐ Adoption ☐
Conferral/grant ☐ Born in Papua prior to independence ☐
Naturalisation ☐ Other ☐
Descent ☐

Date acquired (if known) DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Place acquired (if known)

If this parent was an Australian citizen by descent or full Hague adoption at the time of your birth, give details of the period or periods totalling at least 2 years that this parent has lawfully been in Australia

From DAY / MONTH / YEAR to DAY / MONTH / YEAR

From DAY / MONTH / YEAR to DAY / MONTH / YEAR

If insufficient space, attach additional details

Does this parent hold the citizenship of any countries other than Australia, or if this parent is deceased, did they hold the citizenship of any countries other than Australia when they died?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details

Country

Date acquired DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Method of acquiring this citizenship *(eg. birth, descent, naturalisation/grant)*

If insufficient space, attach additional details

If the applicant is a child under 16 years of age, has this parent been excluded through a court of law from having custody or parental responsibility of the child?

No ☐

Yes ☐

To be answered ONLY if this parent was born outside Australia and registered or naturalised before 8 October 1951.

Was this parent absent from Australia for a continuous period of 7 years or more between 26 January 1949 and 8 October 1958?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Show period absent

From DAY / MONTH / YEAR to DAY / MONTH / YEAR

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Part C – Associated family

23 If you are 18 years of age or over, do you have any other immediate family members whose details have not been provided in this application?

Immediate family members include biological, adopted and step children, full, half, adopted and step brothers and sisters, a spouse or de facto partner including if deceased

No ☐ ▶ **Go to Part D**

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details of all immediate family members, including those who are deceased
If insufficient space, attach a separate signed sheet with details

Family member 1

Relationship to you

Person's full name

Family name

Given names

Name in Chinese Commercial Code Numbers *(if applicable)*

Sex Male ☐ Female ☐ Other ☐

Date of birth DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Place of birth

Town/city

State/ province

Country

Country of current residence
(if not living, write 'DECEASED')

Family member 2

Relationship to you

Person's full name

Family name

Given names

Name in Chinese Commercial Code Numbers *(if applicable)*

Sex Male ☐ Female ☐ Other ☐

Date of birth DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Place of birth

Town/city

State/ province

Country

Country of current residence
(if not living, write 'DECEASED')

Family member 3

Relationship to you

Person's full name

Family name

Given names

Name in Chinese Commercial Code Numbers *(if applicable)*

Sex Male ☐ Female ☐ Other ☐

Date of birth DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Place of birth

Town/city

State/ province

Country

Country of current residence
(if not living, write 'DECEASED')

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Part D – Identity documents

24 If you are 16 years of age or over, you must provide at least 3 documents which collectively contain your:

- photograph
- signature
- current address
- date of birth, birth name and gender.

You must also provide proof of any changes of name, if applicable, and a completed *Part E – Identity declaration.*

If you do not provide these documents your application will not be accepted and will be returned to you.

Do not post original documents to the department. If you are posting your application attach certified copies.

Please list the identity documents you are providing (see *Step 2 – Original documents* on page 1)

Applicants 16 years of age or over

A current document with your photograph and signature

Evidence of your current residential address

Evidence of your date of birth, birth name and any changes of name

Evidence of your identity in the community

Part E – Identity declaration

Children

Evidence of the child's date of birth and birth name

A document with the child's photograph and current name

Evidence of any changes of name, if applicable

Evidence to show the link between the child and the Australian citizen parent

Evidence of the child's identity in the community

Part E – Identity declaration

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25 This part is **NOT to be completed by the applicant**

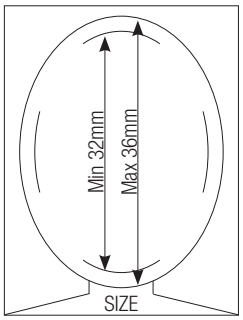
This part is to be completed by a person who:

- is an Australian citizen, or if the applicant is outside Australia and does not know an Australian citizen, is a citizen of the applicant's country of residence, and
- has known the applicant for at least one year, and
- is currently working in a profession or occupation listed on pages 5–6, and
- is not related to the applicant by birth, marriage, or de facto relationship, and
- is easy to contact by telephone during normal working hours, should we need to make contact.

The person who completes this declaration must also endorse the applicant's photograph, which must be no more than 6 months old.

Example

PHOTOGRAPH FRONT



PHOTOGRAPH BACK

"This is a true photograph of"

JOHN CITIZEN
(full name of applicant)

PSmith
(signature)

See *Identity declaration* on page 3 for more information including photograph requirements.

Details of person making this declaration

Family name

Given names

Telephone numbers

Work (AREA CODE)

Home (AREA CODE)

Mobile/cell

Are you an Australian citizen? No ☐ Yes ☐

What is your profession or occupation group number from pages 5–6?

I declare that I have known (full name of the applicant)

Family name

Given names

for ☐ *year(s) and vouch for his/her identity.*

I have endorsed the back of his/her photograph ☐

Signature of person making this declaration

Date DAY / MONTH / YEAR

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Part F – Travel and good character

26 Since the age of 18 years, have you lived or travelled outside Australia?

No ☐ ▶ **Go to Question 28**

Yes ☐ ▶ List all countries, in date order, that you have lived in or travelled to. Include reason for travel, for example:

- work, study or training
- business
- visit family
- holiday or leisure, including visits to your country of origin
- military deployment.

Country	Date from DAY MONTH YEAR	Date to DAY MONTH YEAR	Reason for visit
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27 Since the age of 18 years, have you lived or travelled outside Australia for periods totalling 12 months or more (only consider the last 10 years)?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Provide an original penal clearance certificate from each country in which you have spent more than 90 days in the last 10 years (See *Overseas penal clearance certificates* on page 3)

28 Since the age of 18 years, have you spent ANY time in Australia (including short visits and time spent living in Australia)?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ If you are applying from outside Australia, you will need to complete an *Australian Federal Police (AFP) National Police Check Application Form*, which is available from the AFP website **www.afp.gov.au**, and attach the **original** certificate to this application.

If you are applying from inside Australia, the department will organise the National Police check automatically. Your consent to this check is provided at Question 30.

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29 Please answer the following questions

(a) Have you been convicted of, or found guilty of, ANY offences overseas or in Australia (include all traffic offences which went to court, including offences declared in your permanent residence application, and any 'spent' convictions)? No ☐ Yes ☐

(b) Have you been confined in a prison or in a psychiatric institution by order of a court made in connection with criminal proceedings overseas or in Australia? No ☐ Yes ☐

(c) Have you committed, or been involved in the commission of war crimes or crimes against humanity or human rights overseas or in Australia? No ☐ Yes ☐

(d) Are you presently under a probation order, good behaviour bond, on parole, released on licence or subject to periodic detention overseas or in Australia? No ☐ Yes ☐

(e) Are you aware of any proceedings pending against you overseas or in Australia for an offence, including proceedings by way of appeal or review? No ☐ Yes ☐

(f) Have you ever been involved in any activity, or been convicted of any offence, relating to the illegal movement of people to any country (including Australia)? No ☐ Yes ☐

(g) Have you ever been charged with any offence overseas or in Australia that is currently awaiting legal action? No ☐ Yes ☐

(h) Have you ever been associated with terrorist organisations or involved in acts of terrorism overseas or in Australia? No ☐ Yes ☐

(i) Have you ever been removed or deported from any country (including Australia)? No ☐ Yes ☐

(j) Have you ever been involved in activities that would represent a risk to Australian national security? No ☐ Yes ☐

If you answered '**Yes**' to any of the above questions, you must give ALL relevant details. If the matter relates to a criminal conviction, please give the nature of the offence, full details of sentence and dates of any period of imprisonment or other detention.

30 Consent

- *I consent to my personal information being provided to the National Police Checking Service (NPCS) for the purpose of the NPCS conducting a National Police check in relation to me as part of my application for Australian citizenship.*
- *I understand that this is for the purposes of assessing whether I am of good character.*
- *I understand that more than one police check may be requested by the department, including a further check that may be undertaken if I am not approved as an Australian citizen and I request a review of the decision.*
- *I acknowledge that my personal information will be disclosed to Australian police agencies for them to use for their respective law enforcement purposes including the investigation of any outstanding criminal offences.*
- *I understand that spent convictions of specific offences (10 years from the date of conviction for adults, or 5 years from the date of conviction for juvenile offenders) will be disclosed to the department by Australian police agencies for the purposes outlined above.*
- *I acknowledge that I have read the* National Police Checking Service – General Information *and understand the spent convictions legislation.*

See **www.border.gov.au/citizenship** for information about good character, the *Offences* provision, spent convictions and the *National Police Checking Service – General Information*.

Signature of applicant

Date DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Part G – Supporting documents

31 You are required to provide supporting documents with your application (See *Step 2 – Original documents* on page 1)

What type of document are you attaching?

Evidence that at least one person who was your parent at the time of your birth was also an Australian citizen at that time	☐
If your parent was a citizen by descent, evidence that this parent was a resident of Australia for at least 2 years	☐
Evidence of the Australian citizen parent's name change and links between names, if applicable	☐
Evidence of other citizenships held by your Australian citizen parent, if any	☐
Passports held, if any	☐

Documents relating to the responsible parent if applying on behalf of a child under 16 years of age

Proof of identification documents for the responsible parent applying on behalf of the child	☐
Any order relating to the custody, guardianship or parental responsibility for the child	☐

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Part H – Nomination of representative

32 Do you want to nominate a person to make enquiries about your application on your behalf?

No ☐ ▶ **Go to Part I**

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details below

Nominated person

Family name

Given names

Date of birth DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Relationship to main applicant

Telephone numbers

Work (AREA CODE)

Home (AREA CODE)

Mobile/cell

33 **Authority to disclose information**

I hereby authorise the Department of Immigration and Border Protection to release information about my application to the person named above. I understand that the authority will remain effective until my application is finalised and should I wish to cancel or change this authorisation I may do so by advising the department in writing.

Signature of applicant

Date DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Part I – Payment details

34 How will you pay your application fee?

If applying **in Australia**, credit card is the preferred method of payment. If paying by bank cheque or money order please make payable to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection.

If applying from **outside Australia**, please check with the Australian mission overseas 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.

Note: A surcharge may apply to payments made by credit card. Further information is available from **www.border.gov.au/trav/visa/fees/how-to-pay-for-an-application**

Bank cheque ☐

Money order ☐

Credit card ☐ ▶ Give details below

Payment by *(tick one box)*

MasterCard ☐ Diners Club ☐

American Express ☐ JCB ☐

Visa ☐

Australian Dollars

AUD

Credit card number

Expiry date MONTH / YEAR

Cardholder's name

Telephone number COUNTRY CODE ( ) AREA CODE ( ) NUMBER

Address

POSTCODE

As the cardholder I acknowledge and accept that a credit card surcharge may apply to the transaction.

Signature of cardholder

Credit card information will be used for fee paying purposes only.

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Part J – Declaration

WARNING: It is an offence under section 50 of the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* to deliberately make, or cause to make, a false or misleading statement, or conceal circumstances in relation to an application.

35 *Please read the following carefully before signing.*

Complete this declaration if you are the main applicant and are aged 16 years or over.

- *I declare that the information I have supplied in this form is complete, truthful and correct in every detail.*
- *I recognise that by becoming an Australian citizen I will become a formal member of the community of the Commonwealth of Australia.*
- *I understand that Australian citizenship is a shared identity, a common bond which unites all Australians while respecting their diversity.*
- *I understand that:*
  - *Australian society values respect for the freedom and dignity of the individual, freedom of religion, commitment to the rule of law, parliamentary democracy, equality of men and women and a spirit of egalitarianism that embraces mutual respect, tolerance, fair play and compassion for those in need, and the pursuit of the public good*
  - *Australian society values equality of opportunity for individuals, regardless of their race, religion or ethnic background*
  - *the English language, as the national language, is an important unifying element of Australian society.*
- *I accept that Australian citizenship involves reciprocal rights and responsibilities. The responsibilities of citizenship include obeying Australian laws, including those relating to voting at elections and serving on a jury.*
- *In seeking to become an Australian citizen, I undertake to accept these responsibilities and respect the values of Australian society.*
- *I recognise that a prosperous, successful and peaceful Australia depends upon the support of all Australians, including me, for those things that we value and share.*
- *I have read the information contained in form 1442i* Privacy notice.
- *I understand the department may collect, use and disclose my personal information (including biometric information and other sensitive information) as outlined in form 1442i* Privacy notice.

Signature of applicant

Date DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Children under 16 years of age

The responsible parent is to complete the following declaration.

- *I declare that I am the responsible parent of the applicant.*
- *I declare that the information I have supplied in this form is complete, truthful and correct in every detail.*
- *I consent to the registration of Australian citizenship by descent for my child with my full acceptance of the consequences resulting from citizenship status under law.*
- *I have read the information contained in form 1442i* Privacy notice.
- *I understand the department may collect, use and disclose the applicant's personal information (including biometric information and other sensitive information) as outlined in form 1442i* Privacy notice.

See **www.border.gov.au/citizenship** for information about good character, the *Offences* provision, spent convictions and the *National Police Checking Service – General Information*.

Signature of responsible parent

Date DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Full name of responsible parent

Telephone numbers

	COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
Work	( )	( )	
Home	( )	( )	
Mobile/cell			

We strongly advise that you keep a copy of your application and all attachments for your records.

Office use only

Name of decision maker

Signature of decision maker

Date DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Approved ☐ Not approved ☐

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