



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

The nomination

Under the Migration Regulations, an applicant for a Distinguished Talent Migrant visa must be nominated by an Australian citizen, resident, eligible New Zealand citizen* or an Australian organisation with a national reputation in the same field as the applicant. Where appropriate, the nomination should come from the peak Australian body.

Your nomination should attest to the applicant's achievements and international standing in relation to their field. The nomination should also comment on how the applicant will be an asset to the Australian community and how they will be able to obtain employment or become established in Australia.

How to fill in this form

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

If you believe a question does not apply please provide a brief comment on why you believe this to be the case.

Please feel free to provide any additional relevant information to any question on a separate attached sheet which you should sign and date.

Any alterations made before you lodge the form must be initialled and dated.

When you lodge this form you should attach:

- a personal, comprehensive statement of the applicant's achievements in their field;
- details of the applicant's, and your own, achievement in your common field (see Questions 8 and 9, and either Questions 16 or 25);
- relevant supporting documentation (newspaper/magazine articles, supporting comments from qualified persons) about the applicant; and
- details of employment arrangements or other assistance used to help establish the applicant.

Integrity of nomination

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the department) is committed to maintaining the integrity of the visa and citizenship programs. In relation to this nomination, if the applicant or a member of the applicant's family unit:

- provides, or has provided in a previous application, fraudulent documents or false or misleading information (knowingly or not); and/or
- fail to satisfy, or have failed to satisfy in a previous application, the Minister of their identity;

this visa application may be refused and the applicant, and any members of the applicant's family unit, may become unable to be granted a visa for specified periods of time, as set out in migration legislation.

If documents are found to be fraudulent or information to be incorrect after the grant of a visa, the visa may subsequently be cancelled.

Lodging the nomination

To satisfy the regulatory criteria the nomination must be lodged at the same time as and with the visa application.

The nomination should be fully completed (with all supporting documentation attached). It should be completed by the nominator or someone with the legal authority to act on behalf of the nominating organisation.

A decision on the nomination will be made by the Adelaide Business Skills Processing Centre of the department on the basis of the information you provide, your circumstances and the legal processing requirements in place when it is lodged.

If you want to change any details after you lodge the nomination, or if you want to withdraw it, please contact the Adelaide Business Skills Processing Centre where you lodged the form.

Lodging the visa application

Your nominee should complete visa application form 47SV *Application for special migration to Australia* (permanent entry), and lodge it **together with** this nomination.

To avoid unnecessary delays, your nominee should complete health checks (forms 26 *Medical examination for an Australian visa* and 160 *Radiological report on chest x-ray of an applicant for an Australian visa*). For each applicant over 16 years, also complete form 80 *Personal particulars for character assessment* and seek a penal clearance before they lodge their visa application. More information on penal clearances is available from the department's website www.border.gov.au/allforms/

*An eligible New Zealand citizen is one who held a Special Category Visa (SCV) on 26 February 2001; or held a SCV for at least one year in the 2 years preceding that date; or has a certificate, issued under the *Social Security Act 1991*, that states that the citizen was, for the purposes of the Act, residing in Australia on a particular date and who would have met certain health and character requirements on last entry to Australia.

Charges

The department does not charge for processing a Distinguished Talent nomination. However, the nominee is required to pay the current charge for a migration visa application (form 47SV *Application for special migration to Australia*).

Fees may be subject to adjustment at any time. Visa Application Charges may be subject to adjustment on 1 July each year. This may increase the cost of a visa.

To check the nomination charge, see form 990i *Charges* available from the department's website www.border.gov.au

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 Question 31 *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:

- Question 31 *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.

Further information

For more information on Distinguished Talent you may consult the department's website **www.border.gov.au**

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.

Please keep these information pages for your reference

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Nominator's details

10 As nominator, are you representing an Australian organisation or are you an individual?

Australian organisation **Complete Part A**

Individual **Complete Part B**

Part A – Nomination by an Australian organisation

11 Name of nominating organisation

12 Address of nominating organisation

 POSTCODE

13 Telephone number

Office hours (AREA CODE)

14 Name of contact officer within the organisation

15 Position of contact officer

16 Describe how your organisation has acquired a national reputation in the same area or field as your nominee

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

No

Yes **Give details**

Fax number (AREA CODE)

Email address

18 I hereby declare that the information I have supplied in this form is complete, truthful and correct in every detail.

Signature of contact officer

Date DAY MONTH YEAR / /

Part B – Nomination by an individual

19 Nominator's full name

Family name

Given names

20 Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR / /

21 Residential address

 POSTCODE

22 Telephone numbers

Office hours COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER () ()

After hours () ()

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

No

Yes **Give details**

Fax number COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER () ()

Email address

24 What is your status in Australia? Australian citizen

Australian permanent resident

Eligible New Zealand citizen

25 Describe how you have acquired a national reputation in the same area or field as your nominee

