



Australian Government

Department of Immigration
and Border Protection

Application for a parent to migrate to Australia

Form
47PA

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the Department) acknowledges that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the traditional custodians of the Australian land.

Life in Australia – Australian values

The Australian Government encourages people to gain an understanding of Australia, its people and their way of life, before applying for a visa to live in Australia.

This includes understanding that the English language, as the national language, is an important unifying element of Australian society. Australian society is also united through the following shared 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;
- a spirit of egalitarianism that embraces mutual respect, tolerance, fair play and compassion for those in need and pursuit of the public good;
- equality of opportunity for individuals, regardless of their race, religion or ethnic background.

The *Life in Australia* booklet provides more information on the values that Australians share and their way of life. This booklet is available in a wide range of languages and can be obtained from www.border.gov.au

You must have read the *Life in Australia* booklet before completing this application form. If you have difficulty, or are unable to read the booklet, you may have the content of it explained to you, for example, by a friend or relative. This form contains a statement, that you must sign, that confirms you understand and will respect the values of Australian society (as explained in the booklet) and will obey the laws of Australia. This includes acknowledging what would be required if you later applied for Australian citizenship.

This statement must also be signed by each person aged 18 years or over, who is included in this form.

About this form

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.

Do not use this form if you have already been granted a temporary Contributory Parent visa and you are applying for the corresponding permanent Contributory Parent visa. You **must** use form 47PT *Application for migration to Australia by a Contributory Parent (Temporary) or Contributory Aged Parent (Temporary) visa holder*.

General information on parent visas

Detailed information on parent visas is available on the Department's website www.border.gov.au/trav/brin/pare. It is important that you thoroughly read the information so you can decide whether or not you are eligible to apply and be granted a parent visa. For example:

- you must be a parent of a child who is an Australian citizen, Australia permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen;
- at the time your application is lodged your child must be settled in Australia (in most cases, resident for at least 2 years) and must sponsor you;
- you must pass the Balance of Family test (see page 2);
- you must meet health and character requirements;
- as well as paying a first instalment of the Visa Application Charge (VAC) when you lodge your application and meeting the requirements listed above, you will need to pay a second instalment of the VAC (second VAC);
- if you are applying for any permanent parent visa, you will also be required to provide an acceptable Assurance of Support and provide evidence of payment of an Assurance of Support bond before a visa can be granted;
- if you are applying for any parent visa that has the word 'aged' in the title, then the main applicant must meet the age requirement (see page 2).

Parent visa options

The type of parent visa you apply for is an important choice for you. Therefore, please ensure that you apply for the parent visa that is most appropriate for your personal circumstances.

Parent visas are divided into 2 categories:

- Parent category (subclasses 103 and 804); and
- Contributory Parent category (subclasses 143, 173, 864 and 884).

The Australian Government allocates only a limited number of parent visa places each year as part of the annual Migration Programme.

Parent category visa applicants will wait in a queue before a visa decision.

There are comparatively more places available in the **Contributory Parent category**. Applicants can generally expect their applications to be finalised in less time than a Parent category visa applicant.

Processing times for Parent category visas and Contributory Parent category visas can vary depending on demand and annual migration planning levels.

To avoid unnecessary delays you should ensure that your application form is complete and all relevant supporting documentation is submitted at the time of lodgement.

For information on current processing times see the Department's website www.border.gov.au

Contributory Parent category visas have a substantially higher second VAC and a higher Assurance of Support bond payment and period.

To check the amount of the Contributory Parent Second VAC, refer to the Department's website www.border.gov.au/trav/visa/fees or check with the nearest office of the Department.

Offshore visas

Parent

(Class AX – Migrant) (subclass 103)

Contributory Parent

(Class CA – Migrant) (subclass 143)

For holders of a temporary Contributory Parent (subclass 173) visa you can be in or outside Australia when the visa is granted. You must use form 47PT to apply for a Contributory Parent (subclass 143) visa.

Contributory Parent

(Class UT – Temporary) (subclass 173)

If you are usually living outside of Australia then you will be applying for an offshore visa. This means that, if you meet the criteria for an offshore visa, you (and all persons included in the application) will need to be outside of Australia for the visa to be granted.

Onshore visas

Aged Parent

(Class BP – Residence) (subclass 804)

Contributory Aged Parent

(Class DG – Residence) (subclass 864)

Contributory Aged Parent

(Class UU – Temporary) (subclass 884)

If you are living in Australia you may be eligible to apply for an onshore visa. However, you must check whether there are any legal restrictions on your being able to apply while in Australia. If successful in meeting the criteria for an onshore visa, you (and all persons included in the application) will need to be physically in Australia for the onshore visa to be granted.

Legal restrictions

Your choice of whether you apply for an offshore or onshore visa may also be affected by migration law. For example, if you usually live outside Australia and are visiting your child in Australia, then the visitor visa that allowed your entry into Australia may have a condition attached (such as an 8503 'No Further Stay' condition) that would prevent you from lodging a valid parent visa application while you are physically in Australia.

Another example of a legal restriction is if, since your arrival in Australia, you have been refused the grant of a visa or your visa has been cancelled, then you may be unable to lodge another visa application while you are physically in Australia.

Balance of Family (BoF) test

The Balance of Family test requires that either:

- at least half of your children are eligible children; or
- the number of eligible children is greater than the greatest number of ineligible children who are usually resident in a particular overseas country.

An eligible child is an:

- Australian citizen; or
- Australian permanent resident who is usually resident in Australia; or
- eligible New Zealand citizen who is usually resident in Australia.

The BoF test is designed as an objective test to measure your family links to Australia compared to your family links elsewhere. The nature of the parent and child relationship is not assessed. The BoF test is a legal requirement for the grant of visa and cannot be waived for individual cases, even under compelling or compassionate circumstances.

Age requirement

Your age will help you determine which visa you should apply for. Parents of any age can apply for the offshore parent visa subclasses but they must be outside Australia at the time the visa is granted. Age restrictions apply to all onshore parent visa subclasses. You must be of an age where you are eligible for an age pension in Australia. This is currently between 65 and 67 years of age, depending on your date of birth. Detailed information is available on the Department of Social Services' website www.dss.gov.au/seniors/benefits-payments/age-pension

Who the form covers

The application form covers a family unit, the members of which are the main applicant and, if applicable, partner and other members of their family unit who will be usually migrating with the main applicant.

The application form must also be used by members of a family unit who do not hold temporary Contributory Parent category visas but where the main applicant is the holder of a temporary Contributory Parent category visa.

If you are in Australia and applying for an onshore visa, you cannot include any members of your family unit who are outside Australia at the time you lodge your application, as migrating with you in this application.

Similarly, if you are outside Australia and applying for an offshore visa, you cannot include any members of your family unit who are in Australia at the time you lodge your application, as migrating with you in this application.

Where the main applicant holds a Contributory Parent (Class UT – Temporary) (subclass 173) visa

A temporary subclass 173 visa holder who is in Australia can apply for a permanent Contributory Parent (Class CA – Migrant) (subclass 143) in Australia. A member of their family unit may be included in the application or added to the existing application at a later date, provided they meet location and eligibility requirements.

Family unit members completing this form should answer all questions and submit their application with form 47PT completed by the main applicant.

Including family members in your application

In your visa application you will be asked for information about each member of your family unit (such as your partner or children) even if they do not intend to migrate with you.

Information about which family members are considered to be a 'member of your family unit' for migration purposes is available by referring to form 1496i *Including family members in your application*. Form 1496i 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 1496i before completing this form.

'Partner' means your spouse or de facto partner (including same-sex partners).

Note: If you have members of your family unit who are 18 years of age or over, please obtain form 47A *Details of child or other dependent family member aged 18 years or over*. A form 47A must be completed for each member of your family unit 18 years of age or over, whether or not that person is migrating.

Parental responsibility (custody) requirement (for a child under 18 years of age)

The Department will seek to ensure that allowing a child to migrate is not in contravention of Australia's international obligations in relation to the prevention of child abduction. If your application includes a child under 18 years of age and the child's other parent is not migrating with you or there is any other person who has the legal right to determine where the child can live, permission for the child to migrate to Australia must be obtained from that person. This must be in the form of either a completed form 1229 *Consent to grant an Australian visa to a child under the age of 18 years* or a statutory declaration. Alternatively, the parental responsibility (custody) requirement will be satisfied if the sponsoring parent is in possession of a valid court order in relation to the child which permits them to permanently remove the child from the child's home country, or has a valid Australian child order issued by the Family Court in Australia and the grant of the visa would be consistent with that order.

Waiting period for social security payments

You should talk to your sponsor and research the cost of living in Australia, and consider not only your choice of visa, but whether or not living in Australia is the most suitable option.

Migrants to Australia are expected to support themselves and their immediate family members from their own resources and from the support they receive from sponsors.

Financial planning is particularly important since all migrants to Australia must wait 10 years as a permanent resident or citizen before they are eligible to apply for an Australian age or disability pension.

Applicants for a parent visa should also consider that, after grant of a permanent parent visa, they have to wait 2 years:

- if offshore, after their first entry on the visa into Australia; or
- if onshore, from the date of visa grant,

before they are eligible for social security payments.

Parents, if they are in Australia, will be heavily reliant on their own finances and that of their sponsors.

Furthermore, while they are awaiting a decision on their visa, if they come from a country that does not have a reciprocal health care agreement with Australia, and they are not covered by Medicare, parents will need to take out private health or travel insurance to cover medical expenses for the whole period prior to visa grant.

Assurance of Support

Another financial consideration is the Assurance of Support (AoS) and AoS bond that is provided by an assurer. This is a mandatory requirement for all permanent parent visas and can not be waived (but is not a requirement for the temporary Contributory Parent visas). Although requested by the Department, an AoS is managed by Centrelink and the assurance must be lodged with and approved by, and the AoS bond paid to, Centrelink.

The AoS is a legal commitment undertaken by the assurer to repay the Australian Government certain social security payments made by Centrelink to persons granted a parent visa.

Depending on the AoS period for the parent visa and regardless of circumstances, any payment of certain social security benefits that is paid to a parent migrant during the relevant period must be repaid to Centrelink by the person who provides an AoS. For Parent category visa holders, this period is 2 years and, for Contributory Parent category visa holders, this period is 10 years even if the person becomes an Australian citizen.

An assurer need not be your sponsor. An assurer can be any person aged 18 years or older who is an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen. Furthermore, an assurance may be provided jointly by up to 3 persons.

The AoS start date commences on the date a person first enters Australia on their parent migrant visa or on the date the person in Australia was granted their permanent residence parent visa.

Integrity of application

The Department is committed to maintaining the integrity of the visa and citizenship programmes. In relation to this application, if you or a member of your family unit:

- provide, or have 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 for Immigration and Border Protection of your or their identity;

this visa application may be refused and you, and any members of your 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.

Making a valid application

To make a valid application for a parent visa, you should:

- use this form;
- indicate the correct class of visa by selecting the type of application in Part A of the application;
- withdraw any existing parent visa application that has not been decided by the Department by completing the declaration to withdraw at Part B of the application;
- provide the address of where you intend to live while your application is being processed. Failure to give your residential address in this application will result in your application being invalid. A post office box address will not be accepted as your residential address;
- complete the form in English;
- answer all questions truthfully;
- provide supporting documents where necessary;
- attach a completed form 40 *Sponsorship for Migration to Australia* (with documentation), which has been completed by your sponsor;
- attach payment of the first instalment of the VAC or evidence of payment; and
- lodge your application at the appropriate office of the Department (see information below on 'Lodging your visa application').

If you provide incorrect information or documents, this may affect whether or not you are granted a visa, or whether or not your visa is subsequently cancelled. Read the notes on each question. If a question is not applicable write 'N/A'. Any changes or corrections you make must be initialled and dated by each person who signs the form. If you use the page provided in the form (*Part M – Additional information*) or any other sheets of paper for additional information, each sheet must also be signed and dated by all persons who sign the form.

Supporting documents

The documents you must provide are listed in *Part Q – Checklist* of your application. Enclose all documents with your application. You may be asked to provide other documents during processing. ‘Certified copies’ of documents mean copies authorised or stamped as being true copies of originals by a person or agency recognised by the law of your country. In Australia, they must be certified by a Justice of the Peace or Commissioner for Declarations or by a person before whom a statutory declaration may be made. All documents not in English must be accompanied by a certified English translation of the original. You may be asked to provide the originals of your documents at a later stage. Do not provide originals unless you are asked.

Lodging your visa application

It is important that this application, a completed form 40 *Sponsorship for migration to Australia*, all relevant documentation and payment (or evidence of payment) of the first instalment of the VAC are submitted at the same time.

Offshore visa subclasses

If you are applying for one of the following offshore visas:

- Parent (Class AX – Migrant) (subclass 103);
- Contributory Parent (Class CA – Migrant) (subclass 143); or
- Contributory Parent (Class UT – Temporary) (subclass 173),

then regardless of whether or not you are in Australia or outside Australia at the time, you must lodge your visa application with the Parent Visa Centre (PVC) by mail or courier. Offshore visa applicants are encouraged to forward all documentation to their sponsor for them to send the visa application to the PVC at the following addresses:

By mail:

PVC
Locked Bag 7
NORTHBRIDGE WA 6865

Note: Neither PVC nor the Department’s West Australian state office in Perth can accept applications over the counter.

By courier:

PVC
Wellington Central
Level 3
836 Wellington Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005
AUSTRALIA

Onshore visa subclasses

You may lodge your application at any office of the Department in Australia, if you are in Australia at the time of application and applying for one of the following visas:

- Aged Parent (Class BP – Residence) (subclass 804);
- Contributory Aged Parent (Class DG – Residence) (subclass 864); or
- Contributory Aged Parent (Class UU – Temporary) (subclass 884).

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.

Visa Application Charge

Refer to *Part P – Payment details* of this form to calculate the correct 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 first instalment of the Visa Application Charge amount, your visa application will not be valid.

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

Health

All applicants for permanent and some temporary visas including the main applicant and any members of the family unit must be assessed against the health requirement.

In addition, in certain circumstances, family members who are not applying for the visa will be assessed against the health requirement. Further information about the health requirement is available on the Department’s website

www.border.gov.au/trav/visa/health/meeting-the-health-requirement/health-examinations

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

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.

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 O – 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 O – 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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Application for a parent to migrate to Australia

Please open this form using Adobe Acrobat Reader. Either type (in English) in the fields provided or print this form and complete it (in English) using a pen and BLOCK LETTERS..

Tick where applicable

This form is the approved form for those persons who wish to apply to migrate to, or to remain permanently in, Australia and have a child or children in Australia who live in Australia as either an Australian citizen or an Australian permanent resident or an eligible New Zealand citizen.

Part A – Application overview

1 How many people (including the main applicant) are included in this application for migration?

Adults

Children

Note: You cannot include in this application for migration any family unit members who are outside Australia if you are making an application for an:

- Aged Parent (Class BP – Residence) (subclass 804);
- Contributory Aged Parent (Class DG – Residence) (subclass 864); or
- Contributory Aged Parent (Class UU – Temporary) (subclass 884) visa.

2 For which parent visa class are you applying?
TICK ONLY ONE BOX BELOW

Please check with the Department or your sponsor, migration agent, or your authorised recipient if you are uncertain about the visa for which you are applying.

Offshore

- Parent** (Class AX – Migrant) (subclass 103)
- Contributory Parent** (Class CA – Migrant) (subclass 143)
- Contributory Parent** (Class UT – Temporary) (subclass 173)

Offshore visa applicants

Note: Parents of any age may apply for one of the following visas:

- Parent (Class AX – Migrant) (subclass 103);
- Contributory Parent (Class CA – Migrant) (subclass 143); or
- Contributory Parent (Class UT – Temporary) (subclass 173) visa, but they must be outside Australia when the visa is granted*. Usually, persons making such applications are outside Australia at the time of application.

However, offshore visa applicants may lodge an application while they are in Australia unless they are legally prevented from doing so under migration legislation. For example, persons will be prevented from applying while they are in Australia if they have a 'No Further Stay' condition attached to the visa that they hold at time of application.

Parents who have had a previous application refused while they are in Australia may also be prevented from applying in Australia.

* Holders of a temporary Contributory Parent (subclass 173) visa can be in or outside Australia when the visa is granted and should use form 47PT to apply for a Contributory Parent (subclass 143) visa.

OR

Onshore

- Aged Parent** (Class BP – Residence) (subclass 804)
- Contributory Aged Parent** (Class DG – Residence) (subclass 864)
- Contributory Parent** (Class UU – Temporary) (subclass 884)

Onshore visa applicants

Note: The primary applicant must meet the age requirement (see page 2). Aged Parents may apply for one of the following visas:

- Aged Parent (Class BP – Residence) (subclass 804);
- Contributory Aged Parent (Class DG – Residence) (subclass 864); or
- Contributory Aged Parent (Class UU – Temporary) (subclass 884), only if they are in Australia at time of lodgement. Applicants must be in Australia when the visa is granted. (For further details, see booklet 3, *Parent Migration*.)

Persons will be prevented from applying while they are in Australia if they have a 'No Further Stay' condition attached to the visa that they hold at time of application.

Parents who have had a previous application refused while they are in Australia may also be prevented from applying in Australia.

Part B – Withdrawal of parent visa application (applicants aged 18 years and over)

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Note: To make a valid application for another parent visa for which you are applying on this form, you must withdraw all other parent visa applications lodged with the Department.

Before another parent visa can be granted, any other parent visa application that is subject to review or review proceedings must also be withdrawn or finalised. This other parent visa application would be in relation to the review of a decision (to refuse the grant of a parent visa) by one of the following review bodies:

- the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT); or
- the courts.

However, before you withdraw your review application, if you are in Australia, you should consider that you may have to leave Australia in order to make a valid application for another parent visa.

If there are any review-related issues in relation to the parent visa application you are now making, see the Department's website www.border.gov.au/trav/brin/pare or contact the office of the Department where you intend to lodge your parent visa application.

Declaration to withdraw

(Please include the class or classes of parent visa where required)

- On this application form, I am making an application for a class parent visa.
- I understand that, to make a valid application for this class of parent visa, if I have other parent visa applications lodged with the Department:
 - a decision to grant or to refuse to grant those other visa applications must have been made; or
 - the applications for those other parent visas have been withdrawn.
- I have previously made an application for the following parent visa class(es):

There has been no decision made by the Department on those applications.

- I hereby withdraw those previous parent visa applications.
- I also understand that there is no guarantee that this parent visa application will result in the grant of a visa.

Signature of main applicant

Name (in print)

Date / /

Note: In addition to yourself, each member of your family unit who was included in your other parent visa application(s) should also sign (with full name printed under the signature) and date the request to withdraw the other parent visa application(s) that is/are with the Department. This is because these members of your family unit are also counted as being parent visa applicants.

However, if there is a member of your family who does not wish to withdraw their other parent visa application(s) and therefore is not being included in this form as a person applying with you for this class of parent visa, then that family unit member must not sign below.

Signature

Name (in print)

Date / /

Signature

Name (in print)

Date / /

Signature

Name (in print)

Date / /

Signature

Name (in print)

Date / /

Part C – Sponsor's details

- 4 Please provide details of the person who will sponsor you and any family unit members included in this application

Family name

Given names

Date of birth / /

Note: Your sponsor must complete form 40 *Sponsorship for migration to Australia*. You should lodge the completed form 40 at the same time as you lodge this application, along with all documentation, and payment (or evidence of payment) of the Visa Application Charge.

Part D – Processing details

5 Are you in Australia at the time of lodging this application?

No

Yes

6 Are you or any person included in this application currently awaiting a decision on another visa application? (other than any parent application withdrawn at Part B on this form)

No

Yes Give details

1. Family name

Given names

Class of visa applied for

2. Family name

Given names

Class of visa applied for

3. Family name

Given names

Class of visa applied for

4. Family name

Given names

Class of visa applied for

7 Have you or any person included in this application ever had a visa cancelled?

No

Yes Give details

If insufficient space, give details at Part M – Additional information

8 Have you or any other person included in this application ever been refused an entry permit or visa in Australia?

No

Yes Give details

If insufficient space, give details at Part M – Additional information

9 Have you or any other person included in this application held, or currently hold a Bridging E visa?

No

Yes

10 Are you or any person included in this application currently in immigration detention or any other custody?

No

Yes Give details

If insufficient space, give details at Part M – Additional information

11 Have you or any member of your family unit (migrating with you or not) previously been to Australia, held or currently hold a visa for travel to Australia?

No

Unsure

Yes Give details (if known)

1. Full name

Purpose of stay in Australia

Date of arrival

Day	Month	Year
/	/	

Date of departure

Day	Month	Year
/	/	

Visa number **V**

2. Full name

Purpose of stay in Australia

Date of arrival

Day	Month	Year
/	/	

Date of departure

Day	Month	Year
/	/	

Visa number **V**

3. Full name

Purpose of stay in Australia

Date of arrival

Day	Month	Year
/	/	

Date of departure

Day	Month	Year
/	/	

Visa number **V**

4. Full name

Purpose of stay in Australia

Date of arrival

Day	Month	Year
/	/	

Date of departure

Day	Month	Year
/	/	

Visa number **V**

37 Have you ever been paid any benefits or received any social services from a government agency in Australia (eg. unemployment benefits, public housing benefits, Medicare, or free or subsidised education)?

No

Yes Give details

1. From

Month		Year
	/	

 to

Month		Year
	/	

Name of government agency or institution

Type of benefits/service

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2. From

Month		Year
	/	

 to

Month		Year
	/	

Name of government agency or institution

Type of benefits/service

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3. From

Month		Year
	/	

 to

Month		Year
	/	

Name of government agency or institution

Type of benefits/service

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▶▶ **If you do not have a partner, go to Part G**

Part F – Details of partner

38 Partner's full name
(as shown in passport or travel document)

Family name

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Given names

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39 Partner's name in their own language or script (if applicable)

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40 Name in Chinese Commercial Code Numbers (if applicable)

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41 Has your partner been known by any other names?
(including name at birth, previous married names, aliases)

No

Yes Give details and provide supporting evidence eg. birth certificate/marriage certificate

Family name

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Given names

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42 Sex Male Female

43 Date of birth

Day		Month		Year
	/		/	

44 Place of birth

Town/city

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Country

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45 Details from your partner's passport

Passport number

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Country of passport

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Date of issue

Day		Month		Year
	/		/	

Date of expiry

Day		Month		Year
	/		/	

Issuing authority/place of issue as shown in passport

46 Of which countries is your partner a citizen?

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47 Partner's country of current residence

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Child 3Family name Given names Sex Male Female

Day Month Year

Date of birth Country of birth Citizenship(s)

Is this child migrating with you?

No Yes Details from passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Day Month Year

Date of issue Date of expiry

Issuing authority/place of issue as shown in passport

Child 4Family name Given names Sex Male Female

Day Month Year

Date of birth Country of birth Citizenship(s)

Is this child migrating with you?

No Yes Details from passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Day Month Year

Date of issue Date of expiry

Issuing authority/place of issue as shown in passport

Child 5Family name Given names Sex Male Female

Day Month Year

Date of birth Country of birth Citizenship(s)

Is this child migrating with you?

No Yes Details from passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Day Month Year

Date of issue Date of expiry

Issuing authority/place of issue as shown in passport

Child 6Family name Given names Sex Male Female

Day Month Year

Date of birth Country of birth Citizenship(s)

Is this child migrating with you?

No Yes Details from passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Day Month Year

Date of issue Date of expiry

Issuing authority/place of issue as shown in passport

Part H – Members of the family unit aged 18 years or over

- 55** Give details of ALL your and/or your partner's family unit members aged 18 years or over. Only include passport details for those family unit members migrating with you.

Each member of the family unit aged 18 years or over listed below, whether they are migrating or not, must also complete a form 47A *Details of child or other dependent family member aged 18 years or over*. Form 47A is available from the Department's website www.border.gov.au/allforms/ or from any office of the Department in Australia or overseas.

Member of the family unit 1

Family name

Given names

Sex Male Female

Date of birth / /

Country of birth

Relationship status

Married Separated Never married or
Engaged Divorced been in a de facto
De facto Widowed relationship

Relationship to you

Country of current residence

Citizenship(s)

Is this member of the family unit migrating with you?

No

Yes Details from passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue / /

Date of expiry / /

Issuing authority/place of issue as shown in passport

Member of the family unit 2

Family name

Given names

Sex Male Female

Day Month Year

Date of birth / /

Country of birth

Relationship status

Married Separated Never married or
Engaged Divorced been in a de facto
De facto Widowed relationship

Relationship to you

Country of current residence

Citizenship(s)

Is this member of the family unit migrating with you?

No

Yes Details from passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue / /

Date of expiry / /

Issuing authority/place of issue as shown in passport

Member of the family unit 3Family name Given names Sex Male Female

Day Month Year

Date of birth Country of birth

Relationship status

Married Separated Never married or
 Engaged Divorced been in a de facto
 De facto Widowed relationship

Relationship to you Country of current residence Citizenship(s)

Is this member of the family unit migrating with you?

No Yes Details from passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Day Month Year

Date of issue Date of expiry

Issuing authority/place of issue as shown in passport

Member of the family unit 4Family name Given names Sex Male Female

Day Month Year

Date of birth Country of birth

Relationship status

Married Separated Never married or
 Engaged Divorced been in a de facto
 De facto Widowed relationship

Relationship to you Country of current residence Citizenship(s)

Is this member of the family unit migrating with you?

No Yes Details from passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Day Month Year

Date of issue Date of expiry

Issuing authority/place of issue as shown in passport

Member of the family unit 5Family name Given names Sex Male Female

Day Month Year

Date of birth Country of birth

Relationship status

Married Separated Never married or
 Engaged Divorced been in a de facto
 De facto Widowed relationship

Relationship to you Country of current residence Citizenship(s)

Is this member of the family unit migrating with you?

No Yes Details from passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Day Month Year

Date of issue Date of expiry

Issuing authority/place of issue as shown in passport

Member of the family unit 6Family name Given names Sex Male Female

Day Month Year

Date of birth Country of birth

Relationship status

Married Separated Never married or
 Engaged Divorced been in a de facto
 De facto Widowed relationship

Relationship to you Country of current residence Citizenship(s)

Is this member of the family unit migrating with you?

No Yes Details from passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Day Month Year

Date of issue Date of expiry

Issuing authority/place of issue as shown in passport

Part I – Parental (custody) requirements (children under 18 years of age)

56 Are any of your family unit members who are migrating with you under 18 years of age?

No ► **Go to Part J**

Yes

57 Do you have the sole legal right to determine where each child shall live or to remove each child from their home country?

No ► Give details of ALL other people who have custody, access or guardianship rights in relation to the child(ren)

(You must attach a statutory declaration from each of these people giving permission for the child(ren) to migrate)

1. Name

Residential address

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

Telephone number

Country code	Area code	Number
()	()	<input type="text"/>

Relationship to the child

Nature of the legal right

2. Name

Residential address

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

Telephone number

Country code	Area code	Number
()	()	<input type="text"/>

Relationship to the child

Nature of the legal right

If insufficient space, give details at Part M – Additional Information

Yes ► Attach a certified copy of the court order giving you the sole legal right to determine where the child shall live or the right to remove the child from the country

Part J – Details of other family members

- 58** Give details of ALL your other family members, not already listed in this form
(If not living, write 'DECEASED' in country of current residence column)

Full name	Sex	Date of birth			Relationship status (use codes below)	Country of current residence
	M/F	Day	Month	Year		

Parents (including step-parents)

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Your brothers and sisters (including full, half, step and adopted brothers and sisters)

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Your children (including step-children from both current and previous marriages/relationships and the child sponsoring this application)

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'Relationship status' codes

- M** = Married
- E** = Engaged
- F** = De facto
- S** = Separated
- D** = Divorced
- W** = Widowed
- N** = Never married or been in a de facto relationship

59 If you have a partner, give details of ALL your partner's family
 (If not living, write 'DECEASED' in country of current residence column)

Full name	Sex	Date of birth			Relationship status (use codes below)	Country of current residence
	M/F	Day	Month	Year		

Your partner's parents (including step-parents)

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Your partner's brothers and sisters (including full, half, step and adopted brothers and sisters)

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Your partner's children (including step-children from both current and previous marriages/relationships)

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Part N – Assistance with this form

64 Did you receive assistance in completing this form?

No ► **Go to Part 0**

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

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

No

Yes ► **Go to Part 0**

66 Is the person/agent in Australia?

No ► **Go to Part 0**

Yes

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

No

Yes

Part O – Options for receiving written communications

68 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 P – Payment details

69 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 ► This application will be returned to you as a valid application will not have been made

Yes

Not applicable ► Only tick 'Not applicable' if you are eligible for an application free of the first VAC. For eligibility details, refer to the Department's website www.border.gov.au/trav/visa/fees

Part Q – Checklist

72 Indicate the **documents** you are including in your application

Note: If the documents are in a language other than English, translations into English must be provided.

It is in your interest to provide all the documents requested with your valid application. Failure to do so may result in the processing of your application being delayed or a decision being made to refuse to grant the visa.

If you are in Australia, certified copies of the passports or travel documents you, and members of your family unit used to enter Australia, and of any passports held since then.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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' names • identification document issued by the government • document issued by a court that verifies your identity. If you are unable to provide one of these documents, you must provide other acceptable evidence that you are who you claim to be.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 recent passport-sized photographs (45mm x 35mm) of yourself and any other applicant included in the application. These should be only of the head and shoulders 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 the photograph.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certified copies of birth certificates of all your children (showing names of both parents) or the family book (showing names of both parents).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certified copies of birth certificates of all persons included in the application.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence that your sponsor is a settled Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you or anyone included in the application is (or has been married), certified copies of the marriage certificate(s).	<input type="checkbox"/>
If anyone included in the application has been divorced or widowed, a certified copy of the divorce decree absolute or the death certificate of the deceased person (as appropriate).	<input type="checkbox"/>
If anyone included in the application has changed his or her name (eg. by marriage or deed poll), a certified copy of evidence of the name change.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of your relationship to your sponsor.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of where all your children reside (eg. passport, citizenship or residence certificate).	<input type="checkbox"/>
If any child included in the application is adopted, certified copies of the adoption papers.	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have served in the armed forces of any country, certified copies of military service record or discharge papers.	<input type="checkbox"/>
A completed form 40 Sponsorship for migration to Australia from your sponsor.	<input type="checkbox"/>
A completed form 47A Details of child or other dependent family member aged 18 years or older , for each member of the family unit, aged 18 years or over, of you and/or your partner.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part R – Signatures

73 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT REGARDING SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS

This acknowledgement must be signed by the main applicant and each accompanying person 16 years or over.

I understand that if granted a visa:

- there is a two-year wait for social security payments, including unemployment benefits, for most newly arrived migrants;
- that is a permanent visa, I will not be eligible for an Australian age and/or disability pension for 10 years;
- I will need to have enough money, even if unemployed, to support myself for the first 2 years and if I run out of money or fail to get a job in that period, that would not be sufficient reason to make me eligible for social security income support payments;
- that is a permanent visa (and has an Assurance of Support (AoS) in force), that my assurer or assurers has/have a legal commitment to repay to the Commonwealth of Australia any recoverable social security payments made by Centrelink. This is for a period of:
 - 2 years for any person covered by an AoS relating to a Parent (class AX – Migrant) (subclass 103) or an Aged Parent (class BP – Residence) (subclass 804) visa; or
 - 10 years for any person covered by an AoS relating to a Contributory Parent (class CA – Migrant) (subclass 143) or a Contributory Aged Parent (class DG – Residence) (subclass 864) visa;
- the cost of living in Australia, compared to many other countries, is high. As a guide, the Australian Bureau of Statistics Household Expenditure Survey in 2009–10 reported that the average Australian household of 2.5 persons spent AUD1236 per week. The main items of expenditure were food AUD204 per week, housing AUD223 per week, transport AUD193 per week and recreation AUD161 per week.

Signature of main applicant



Signature



Name

Signature



Name

Signature



Name

Signature



Name

Signature



Name

74 AUSTRALIAN VALUES STATEMENT

This statement must be signed by the main applicant and each person aged 18 years or over who is included in this application.

I confirm that I have read, or had explained to me, information provided by the Australian Government on Australian society and values.

I understand:

- 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 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 undertake to respect these values of Australian society during my stay in Australia and to obey the laws of Australia.

I understand that, if I should seek to become an Australian citizen:

- Australian citizenship is a shared identity, a common bond which unites all Australians while respecting their diversity;
- Australian citizenship involves reciprocal rights and responsibilities. The responsibilities of Australian citizenship include obeying Australian laws, including those relating to voting at elections and serving on a jury.

If I meet the legal qualifications for becoming an Australian citizen and my application is approved I understand that I would have to pledge my loyalty to Australia and its people.

Signature of main applicant



Signature




Name

Signature



Name

Signature



Name

Signature



Name

Signature



Name

75 BIOMETRICS DECLARATION AND CONSENT

This declaration and consent must be signed by the main applicant and each accompanying person aged 16 years or over.

If I am requested or required to provide my fingerprints and facial image:

I consent to:

- the collection of my fingerprints and facial image; and
- if applicable, the collection of the fingerprints and facial image of each accompanying person under 16 years of age.

I declare that:

- I understand that my fingerprints and facial image and my biographical information (and those of each accompanying person under 16 years of age) held by the Department may be given to Australian law enforcement agencies to help identify me and each accompanying person, to help determine my eligibility and the eligibility of each accompanying person for grant of the visa applied for, and for law enforcement purposes.

I consent to:

- Australian law enforcement agencies disclosing my biometric, biographical and criminal record information (and that of each accompanying person under 16 years of age) to the Department for any of the purposes outlined above; and
- the Department using the information obtained for the purposes of the *Migration Act 1958* or the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*.

**Signature of
main applicant**

Day Month Year

Date

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Signature

Name

Signature

Name

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Name

76 DECLARATION

WARNING: Giving false or misleading information or documents is a serious offence.

This declaration must be signed by the main applicant and each accompanying person 18 years or over.

- I understand that if this application is approved, any person not included in this application will not have automatic right of entry to Australia by way of this application and whether they can migrate will depend on the migration settings at the time they apply, their circumstances and their ability to meet visa requirements, including the health requirement.
- I will inform the Department of any changes to my personal circumstances (including change of address) while my application is being considered.
- I authorise the Australian Government to make any enquiries necessary to determine my eligibility for permanent stay in Australia, and to use any information collected for that purpose. Information may be obtained from the following agencies/organisations:
 - federal, state or territory government agencies;
 - federal, state or territory law enforcement agencies;
 - state or territory housing authorities (including private landlords);
 - local government authorities;
 - financial institutions;
 - educational institutions;
 - private businesses (including telecommunication and internet service providers, insurance companies); and
 - any other relevant businesses or agencies.
- I have read and understood the information supplied to me in this application.
- I declare that the information I have supplied in this application is complete, correct and up-to-date in every detail.
- I am aware that I may not be eligible for Medicare or for any Australian Government financial or health assistance for the entire period that I am waiting finalisation of my visa application and that I must use my own or sponsor's resources or have other means to cover the cost of my health care needs.
- 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*.
- I understand that if any fraudulent documents or false or misleading information has been provided with this application, or if I fail to satisfy the Minister of my identity, my application may be refused and I, and any other member of my family unit, may become unable to be granted a visa for specified periods of time.
- If documents are found to be fraudulent or information to be incorrect after the grant of a visa, the visa may subsequently be cancelled.

**Signature of
main applicant**



Day Month Year

Date

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Signature



Name

Signature



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Name

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