

Commonwealth of Australia

STATUTORY DECLARATION – PARTNER VISA (APPLICANT)

Statutory Declarations Act 1959

1 Insert the name, address* and occupation of person making the declaration

I,¹

make the following declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959:

1. That I have a mutual commitment to a shared life as a husband and wife, or as a de facto partner, or as an interdependent partner, to the exclusion of all others, with²

2 Insert the full name of your partner

2. That our relationship is genuine and continuing.

3 Insert the full name of your partner

3. That³ and I:

(a)⁴ live together; or

(b)⁴ live separately and apart on a permanent basis

4 Cross out whichever is inapplicable

4. That our relationship began in⁵ and we have lived together for⁶

5 Insert the year your partner relationship commenced.

6 Insert number of months or years.

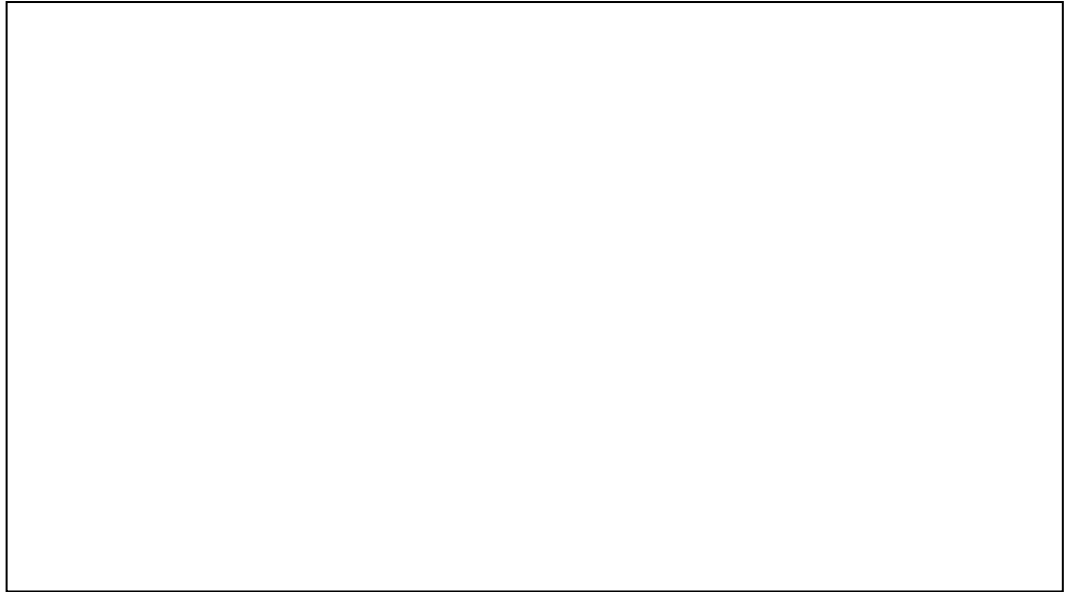
5. Describe financial commitments you and your partner share, for example joint/individual bank accounts, ownership of property or other major assets, pooling of financial resources and sharing of day to day household expenses. (Please provide evidence of this financial commitment)

[Empty box for financial commitments]

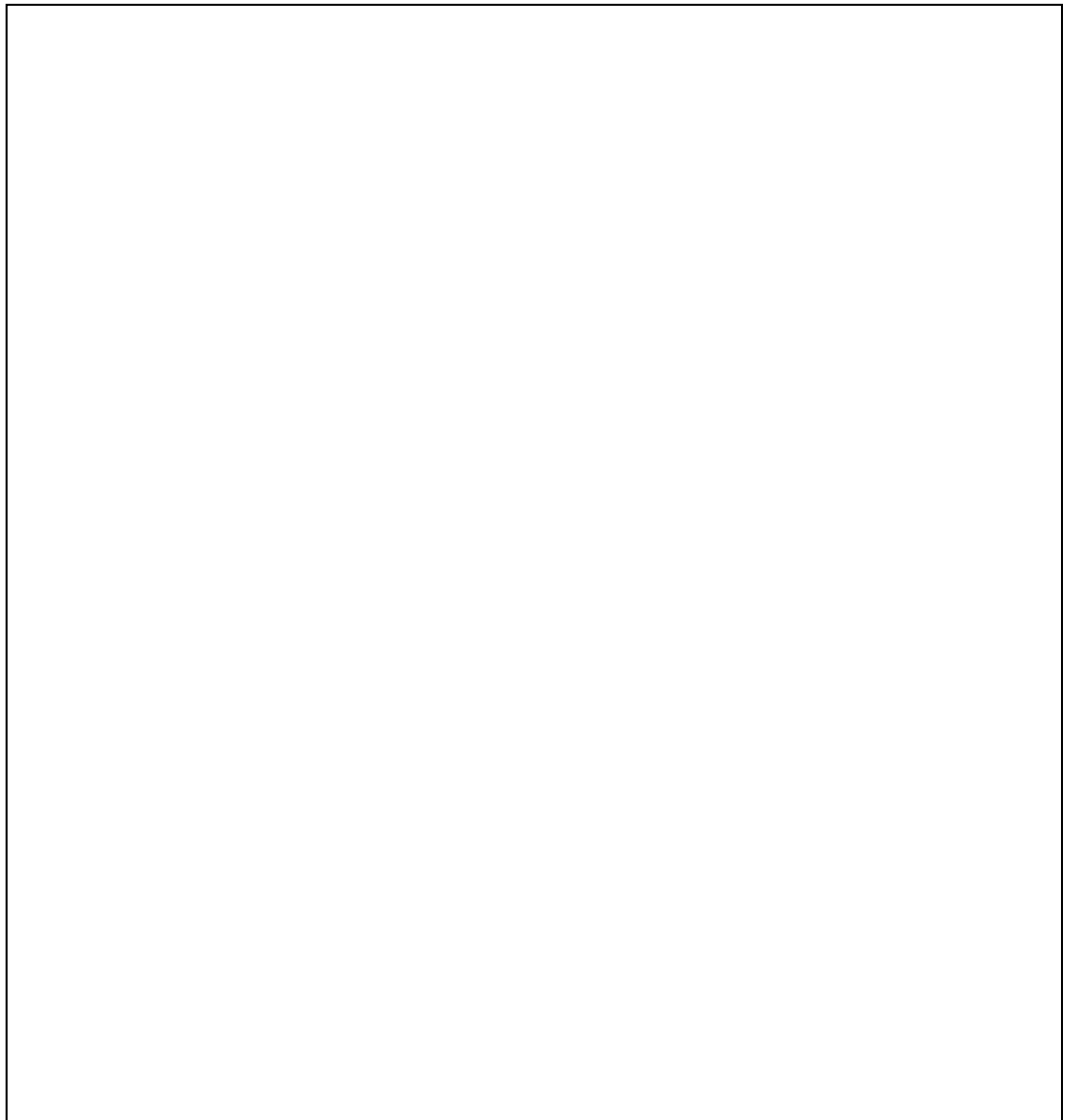
6. Describe the nature of your household including any joint responsibility for the care and support of children, your living arrangements and sharing of the responsibility for housework. A certified copy of birth certificate for any children born since the grant of your last visa to be provided.

[Empty box for household description]

7. Describe the social aspects of your relationship including social activities, attending special events or joint travel you and your partner undertake. (Please provide evidence of this commitment)



8. Describe the nature of your commitment to each other including the degree of companionship and emotional support you draw from each other and whether you see the relationship as a long-term one.



7 Insert the full name, occupation, address* and telephone number(s) of two (2) persons** agreeing to make a verbal or written declaration about your relationship

9. I also provide the details (including occupation, address and contact telephone number(s)) of the following two persons:

⁷1.

⁷2.

8 Insert the full name of your partner

who have agreed to provide a verbal or written declaration on request regarding the nature of my relationship with ⁸

should the Department wish to contact them and request a declaration.

I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under section 11 of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.

9, Signature of person making the declaration

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10 Place
11 Day (eg, sixth)
12 Month and year

Declared at ¹⁰ on ¹¹ of ¹²

13 Insert the full name of person before whom the declaration is made

Before me, ¹³

14 Signature of person before whom the declaration is made (see over)

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15 Full name, qualification and address* of person before whom the declaration is made (in printed letters)

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Note 1 A person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence, the punishment for which is imprisonment for a term of 4 years — see section 11 of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*.

Note 2 Chapter 2 of the *Criminal Code* applies to all offences against the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* — see section 5A of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*.

* "address" means the place at which, or through which, a person may be contacted, and includes a postal address, but does not include the person's email address.

** Department of Immigration and Citizenship policy is that a person who agrees to be your supporting witness about your relationship should know both you and your partner and the history of your relationship, be aged 18 years or over and be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident.

A statutory declaration under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* may be made before—

(1) a person who is currently licensed or registered under a law to practise in one of the following occupations:

Chiropractor	Dentist	Legal practitioner
Medical practitioner	Nurse	Optometrist
Patent attorney	Pharmacist	Physiotherapist
Psychologist	Trade marks attorney	Veterinary surgeon

(2) a person who is enrolled on the roll of the Supreme Court of a State or Territory, or the High Court of Australia, as a legal practitioner (however described); or

(3) a person who is in the following list:

Agent of the Australian Postal Corporation who is in charge of an office supplying postal services to the public
Australian Consular Officer or Australian Diplomatic Officer (within the meaning of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*)

Bailliff

Bank officer with 5 or more continuous years of service

Building society officer with 5 or more years of continuous service

Chief executive officer of a Commonwealth court

Clerk of a court

Commissioner for Affidavits

Commissioner for Declarations

Credit union officer with 5 or more years of continuous service

Employee of the Australian Trade Commission who is:

(a) in a country or place outside Australia; and

(b) authorised under paragraph 3 (d) of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*; and

(c) exercising his or her function in that place

Employee of the Commonwealth who is:

(a) in a country or place outside Australia; and

(b) authorised under paragraph 3 (c) of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*; and

(c) exercising his or her function in that place

Fellow of the National Tax Accountants' Association

Finance company officer with 5 or more years of continuous service

Holder of a statutory office not specified in another item in this list

Judge of a court

Justice of the Peace

Magistrate

Marriage celebrant registered under Subdivision C of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*

Master of a court

Member of Chartered Secretaries Australia

Member of Engineers Australia, other than at the grade of student

Member of the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants

Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy

Member of the Australian Defence Force who is:

(a) an officer; or

(b) a non-commissioned officer within the meaning of the *Defence Force Discipline Act 1982* with 5 or more years of continuous service; or

(c) a warrant officer within the meaning of that Act

Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants or the National Institute of Accountants

Member of:

(a) the Parliament of the Commonwealth; or

(b) the Parliament of a State; or

(c) a Territory legislature; or

(d) a local government authority of a State or Territory

Minister of religion registered under Subdivision A of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*

Notary public

Permanent employee of the Australian Postal Corporation with 5 or more years of continuous service who is employed in an office supplying postal services to the public

Permanent employee of:

(a) the Commonwealth or a Commonwealth authority; or

(b) a State or Territory or a State or Territory authority; or

(c) a local government authority;

with 5 or more years of continuous service who is not specified in another item in this list

Person before whom a statutory declaration may be made under the law of the State or Territory in which the declaration is made

Police officer

Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, of a court

Senior Executive Service employee of:

(a) the Commonwealth or a Commonwealth authority; or

(b) a State or Territory or a State or Territory authority

Sheriff

Sheriff's officer

Teacher employed on a full-time basis at a school or tertiary education institution