Australian Government

Department of Home Affairs

Application for Australian citizenship

General eligibility

Form

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Important

Online lodgement is the Department of Home Affairs (the Department) preferred application lodgement method. Applying online will ensure your application and payment is received by the Department in a timely manner and helps us to finalise your application more quickly. Check if you can apply online at **www.homeaffairs.gov.au/citizenship**

If you apply using this paper form

Please read the information pages carefully. Pre-pay through ImmiAccount before posting your application to the Department (see page 27).

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

There are 9 steps in the application process to become an Australian citizen.

Step 1 **Ensure that you meet the eligibility criteria** (see page 1)

Step 2 **Check that you meet the residence requirement** (see page 2)

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You must be in Australia when the Department of Home Affairs (the Department) makes a decision about your application except in certain, limited circumstances described in *Step 2 – Residence requirement.*

Integrity of application

The Department is committed to maintaining the integrity of the visa and citizenship programs. 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

You should use this form if you meet the general eligibility criteria for Australian citizenship, that is, you:

- are aged 18 years or over and under 60
- are a migrant who is a permanent resident
- satisfy the residence requirement (see *Step 2*)
- are likely to reside, or to continue to reside, in Australia or to maintain a close and continuing association with Australia, and
- are of good character.

New Zealand citizens

Special eligibility conditions apply for certain New Zealand citizens holding:

- a Special Category visa (SCV), or
- a New Zealand stream Skilled Independent (subclass 189) visa and their New Zealand citizen family members holding a Skilled Independent (subclass 189) visa.

See *New Zealand citizens* on page 8.

Children

Children under 16 years of age can be included on a responsible parent's application form. **If both parents are applying for citizenship, include children in one responsible parent's application only**. Any child included in your application must be a permanent resident at the time of application and time of decision. You must be the responsible parent of any child included in your application and under policy it is expected that children included live with you. You may be requested to provide evidence that you are the responsible parent. There is no cost for children under 16 years of age applying on the same form as a responsible parent.

Children are also able to apply in their own right. A responsible parent must consent to and sign the application. Fees apply. For more information about eligibility and how to apply, see **immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/citizenship/become-a-citizen/under-16**

Under the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*, you are the responsible parent of a child if:

- you are the child's parent, unless a Family Court order has removed your parental responsibility
- the child is to live with you under a parenting order, whether you are their parent or not

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- you have parental responsibility for the child's long-term or day-to-day care under a Family Court order, whether you are their parent or not
- you have sole or joint guardianship or custody of the child under an Australian or foreign law, including by adoption, operation of law, court order or otherwise.

Children 16 or 17 years of age will need to complete their own application. Fees apply. For more information about eligibility and how to apply, see **immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/citizenship/become-a-citizen/persons-16-or-17**

Step 2 – Residence requirement

The residence requirement is based on the time you have lived in Australia and the time you have spent outside Australia. The *Residence Requirement Calculator* can help you calculate whether you meet this requirement and is available on the Department's website **immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/tools/residence-calculator**

General residence requirement

To meet the general residence requirement, you must:

- have been living in Australia on a valid Australian visa for 4 years immediately before the day they apply, which must include the last 12 months as a permanent resident, and
- **not** have been absent from Australia for more than 12 months in the past 4 years, including no more than 90 days in the 12 months immediately before applying.

Changes to the permanent residency commencement date apply for certain New Zealand citizens holding:

- an SCV, or
- a New Zealand stream Skilled Independent (subclass 189) visa.

See *New Zealand citizens* on page 8.

Special residence requirements

Special residence requirements may apply to you if:

- you are seeking to engage in specific activities of benefit to Australia such as participation as an athlete in an Australian Olympic team, or
- you are engaged in particular kinds of work for a total of at least 2 years in the past 4 years, that required you to travel outside Australia.

Additional documents should be provided to meet either of these special residence requirements.

For more information see *Special residence requirements applicants* on page 9.

Note: If you have spent time in prison or a psychiatric institution by order of a court in the 4 years immediately before making your application, that time during which you were confined cannot be counted as residence in Australia.

Defence service requirement

You meet the residence requirement if you have completed relevant defence service, which is if you:

- were appointed, enlisted or transferred into any of the permanent forces or reserves of the Commonwealth of Australia, **and**
- have served for a total of at least 90 days in the permanent forces, **or**
- have served for a total of at least 90 paid service days in the navy, army or air force reserve, **or**
- were discharged from defence service as medically unfit for service as a result of that service.

If you are a member of the family unit of a defence person you meet the residence requirement if:

- the defence person was granted one of the following visas on or after 1 July 2007: Labour Agreement (Migrant) Class AU, Labour Agreement (Residence) Class BV, Employer Nomination (Permanent) Class EN, Regional Employer Nomination (Permanent) Class RN, **and**
- you were included as an applicant in the visa application of the defence person and were granted the same type of visa at the same time, **and**
- you still hold that same visa, **and**
- the defence person has completed relevant defence service or dies while undertaking that service.

Ministerial discretions

There are a number of ministerial discretions which may be applied to an application to assist a person to meet the residence requirement for Australian citizenship.

1. If you were in Australia as an unlawful non-citizen during the 4 years immediately before making your application and it was as the result of an administrative error, then that period of time may be treated as a period of lawful residence in Australia.
2. If you were in Australia as a lawful non-citizen but not as a permanent resident as the result of an administrative error, then that period of time may be treated as a period of permanent residence.
3. If you were in Australia as a lawful non-citizen, but not as a permanent resident during the 12 months immediately before making your application, then that period of time may be treated as a period of permanent residence if you would otherwise suffer significant hardship or disadvantage.
4. Time spent in prison or a psychiatric institution by order of a court in the 4 years immediately before making your application may be counted as time in Australia if your conviction has been quashed.
5. If you are the spouse or de facto partner of an Australian citizen, or surviving spouse or de facto partner of an Australian citizen at the time you make your application, and you spent time outside Australia as a permanent resident in the 4 years immediately before making your application, you may treat those periods of absence as time in Australia if, during each period of absence:
   - you were the spouse or de facto partner of that Australian citizen, **and**
   - they were an Australian citizen, **and**
   - you maintained a close and continuing association with Australia.
6. If you spent time outside Australia as a permanent resident in the 12 months immediately before making your application as the holder of an interdependent visa, and your interdependent partner was an Australian citizen during your periods of absence, you may treat those periods of absence as time in Australia if you had a close and continuing association with Australia during those periods of absence.

If you do not provide evidence to support your claims at the time you lodge your application, processing of your application will be delayed.

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Step 3 – Original documents

You should 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**.

When applying for a Ministerial discretion to enable you to meet the residence requirement, or for a concession fee, you should provide additional documents – 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.

Translations

Provide an English translation for all documents that are not in English.

You need to provide the:

- original document
- English translation.

If you do not provide English translations of non-English documents, this may delay your application.

In Australia, you should use a translator accredited by the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI). For more information, see **www.naati.com.au**

Translators outside Australia do not have to be NAATI accredited.

Every translation should include the translator's:

- full name
- address and telephone number
- qualifications and experience in the language they are translating.

Provide all translator details in English.

Certified copies

Unless specified that original documents are required, certified copies of original documents should be attached to your application. These documents should be certified by a person with the correct authority. See *Certifying documents – list of professions* on page 10 for people who can certify documents. Further information on certifying documents is available on the Department's website **immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/on-paper/certified-copy**

If you need to provide overseas penal clearance certificates, you should provide certified copies of the certificates.

Identity documents

Applicants 18 years of age or over

You should provide identity documents for yourself and all children included in your application.

For yourself, you should provide the following 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.

If you do not provide these documents, processing of your application will be delayed.

Children

If you are including children under 16 years of age in your application (Question 29), you should provide the following for each child:

1. Identity documents that show a:
   - birth name, date of birth and gender
   - photograph and current name, if available.
2. Proof of change of name, if applicable.

The following checklist will help you identify suitable documents. If you have difficulty finding suitable documents please call the Citizenship Information Line.

Identity document checklist

Attach certified copies of relevant documents to your application.

Applicants 18 years of age or over

A current document with your photograph and/or signature

An Australian driver 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/or photograph, eg. an air crew identity document, seafarer identity document, military identity document or an Australian issued proof of age card	☐
Document for travel to Australia (DFTTA)	☐

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, gender and any changes of name

A full birth certificate	☐
Evidence of links between present and previous names, for example an official marriage or divorce certificate, if applicable	☐
A certificate issued by an Australian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages as evidence of other changes of name, if applicable	☐

Your photograph

One passport-sized photograph with your full name clearly written on the back of the photograph	☐

Evidence of when you first arrived in Australia and your present country of citizenship

Current and previous passport, **or**	☐
Travel document with a visa such as a Document for Travel to Australia, PLO56 (M56), Titre de Voyage or ImmiCard	☐

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Children

The following documents should be provided for all children under 16 years of age

A full birth certificate or family register containing parent's details	☐
Passport or travel document	☐
Evidence of links between birth name and current name, if applicable	☐
One passport-sized photograph with the full name of your child clearly written on the back of the photograph	☐

Photograph requirements

Attach a photograph of each applicant to the front of the application form by placing the photograph(s) in a plastic sleeve or envelope and stapling it to the form. **Do not** staple the photograph directly to the form.

The photograph should:

- be no more than 6 months old
- have a full-face view of your head and shoulders
- be of good quality, in colour, against a neutral or light grey coloured background that contrasts with your face
- be unedited (do not remove background, moles, wrinkles, scars or red eyes)
- be passport-sized: 35mm to 40mm wide and 45mm to 50mm high. The size of the face from chin to crown can be up to a maximum of 36mm, with a minimum of 32mm (see example below).

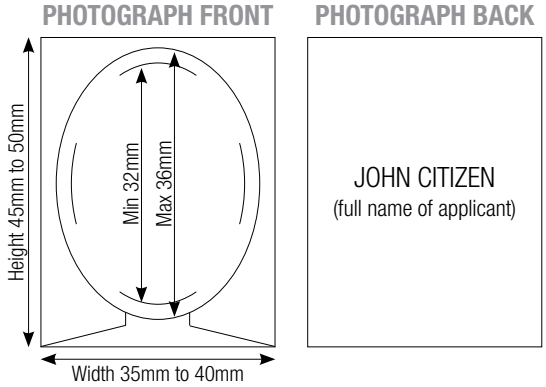
If you wear glasses they should be removed unless you cannot remove them for medical reasons. If worn they should be untinted (except for medical reasons), the frames should not obscure your eyes and there should not be any reflection from the lenses.

If you wear a head covering for religious reasons, you can wear the head covering in your photo as long as your whole face is visible. The covering should be plain material without any patterns.

For more information, see **immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/citizenship/photo-requirements-for-citizenship-applications**

Write the applicant's name on the back of the photograph (see example below).

Example



Circumstances when an application cannot be approved

If any of the following circumstances apply to you, your application for Australian citizenship cannot be approved:

- your identity cannot be verified.
- you are not in Australia at the time of decision on your application. (If you have an Australian citizen spouse or de facto partner the decision maker **may** use a discretion to approve your application while you are outside Australia.)
- it is less than 12 months since you last ceased to be an Australian citizen.
- there is an adverse or qualified security assessment in place in relation to you, or you have been convicted of a national security offence.

Criminal offences

If you are 16 years of age or over, the Department will request a Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check (NCCHC) from the National Police Checking Service (NPCS).

If any of the following circumstances apply to you, your application for Australian citizenship cannot be approved:

- when proceedings for an offence against an Australian law (including proceedings by way of appeal or review) are pending.
- when it is less than 2 years since you were released from prison after serving a prison sentence of 12 months or more, or 10 years if you are a repeat offender.
- you are subject to certain conditions set by an Australian court (such as being released on parole, good behaviour or bail) where action may be taken against you for breach of those conditions.
- you are in prison or a psychiatric institution by order of the court at the time of decision.

Good character

If you are 18 years of age or over, you will also need to be assessed under the good character requirement.

Convictions

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 or a fine or good behaviour bond. A traffic infringement, such as an on-the-spot speeding or parking fine is not considered a conviction.

If any of the above apply to you at the time you lodge your application please call the Citizenship Information Line.

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 years (or 5 years for juveniles) period, **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 available from the website **immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character/character-requirements-for-australian-citizenship**

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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 should 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

Penal clearance certificates from overseas countries should be provided if:

- you lived or travelled outside Australia since turning 18 years of age, **and**
- you held a permanent Australian visa at that time, **and**
- the total time spent outside Australia adds up to 12 months or more, **and**
- the time spent in any one country was 90 days or more, **or**
- requested by the Department.

Penal clearance certificates from New Zealand

If the above applies to you, and New Zealand is one of the countries where you spent time, you do not need to give us an overseas penal clearance certificate for New Zealand. We will request this directly from the New Zealand Ministry of Justice (NZ MOJ) for you.

Do not contact the NZ MOJ as we do not accept overseas penal clearances from New Zealand that are provided by applicants.

New Zealand citizen – Special Category Visa (SCV) holders

If you are a New Zealand citizen who holds an SCV and have spent any time outside Australia since turning 18 years of age, **you should provide us with an overseas penal clearance certificate from any other country you have visited or stayed in for 90 days or more**. This applies to you regardless of how long you have resided in Australia. For New Zealand citizens who acquired citizenship by grant, this includes the country of usual residence before you migrated to New Zealand.

You **do not** need to give us a penal clearance certificate for New Zealand as we will request a penal clearance certificate directly from the NZ MOJ for you. Do not contact the NZ MOJ as we do not accept overseas penal clearances from New Zealand that are provided by applicants.

How to get an overseas penal clearance certificate

You can get a penal clearance certificate from a country's government or law enforcement authority.

Information about how to get an overseas penal clearance certificate for specific countries is available on the Department's website **immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/contact-us/offices-and-locations/offices-outside-australia**

For more information, including what to do if you can't get an overseas penal clearance certificate, see **immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character/character-requirements-for-australian-citizenship**

Supporting documents

Documents supporting your application should be provided for a variety of reasons, such as:

- to request a Ministerial discretion to enable you to meet the residence requirement
- to provide evidence that your spouse or de facto partner is an Australian citizen
- to provide evidence relating to character
- to provide evidence that you are the responsible parent of children included in your application
- to claim fee concessions (form 1298i *Citizenship application fees* provides a list of fees and concessions).

The following checklist provides a list of supporting documents which should be provided. Attach certified copies of relevant documents to your application.

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

Evidence of relevant defence service

A letter or discharge papers from the Australian Defence Force or Australian Reserve Force specifying service dates	☐

Evidence for Ministerial discretions (See page 2)

Discretions 1 and 2 Evidence of a departmental administrative error affecting your lawful or permanent residence status	☐
Discretions 3 A statement and appropriate supporting documentation to support the claim that you would suffer significant hardship or disadvantage	☐
Discretions 4 Evidence from a court that your convictions have been quashed	☐
Discretions 5 Evidence of the Australian citizenship of your living or deceased spouse or de facto partner, (for example birth certificate, citizenship certificate or passport)	☐
and evidence of your relationship, such as a marriage certificate for spouse relationships, or joint utilities accounts, joint bank accounts, joint tenancy agreements, or joint mortgage agreements for de facto relationships	☐
and a statement explaining the reasons why you were both overseas, such as a letter from an employer and evidence of travel	☐
and evidence that you had a close and continuing association with Australia during the period of absence	☐
Death certificate, if applicable	☐
Discretions 6 Evidence of the Australian citizenship of the person with whom you have an interdependent relationship	☐
and your close and continuing association with Australia during periods of absence	☐
and a statement explaining the reasons why you were overseas	☐

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Evidence for fee concessions and exemptions

A Pensioner Concession Card where you are the **primary card holder** (or **dependant** if under 18 years of age) issued by the Australian Government (Services Australia or the Department of Veterans' Affairs). Check your eligibility for a concession fee on the Department's website at **immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/citizenship/become-a-citizen/permanent-resident/fee-concessions-or-exemptions**	☐
A letter from the Child Migrants Trust as evidence of arrival as part of the Commonwealth Child Migration Scheme	☐
A letter or discharge papers from the Australian Defence Force specifying service dates	☐

Evidence of residence — British migrants

If you are a British subject and arrived in Australia before 1 January 1975, have not travelled in or out of Australia since that date, and do not have evidence of your entry into Australia, you should provide evidence of residence in Australia. For example employment, taxation and school records. The National Archives of Australia can help with documents pre-1974. For more information, see **www.naa.gov.au/help-your-research/ask-us-about-collection**	☐

Evidence for the special residence requirement

If you are seeking to engage in activities of benefit to Australia that are supported by particular organisations including the Australian Olympic and Paralympics committees, Commonwealth Games Australia, Tennis Australia (Davis Cup or Federation Cup), Cricket Australia, or a Commonwealth Department or Agency, a letter of support from the relevant organisation detailing your participation or employment should be provided. For more information, select Prepare your documents>Supporting documents>Evidence to meet the special residence requirement at **immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/citizenship/become-a-citizen/permanent-resident#HowTo**	☐
If you are engaged in particular kinds of work requiring regular travel outside Australia, evidence from an employer that shows you have worked in that particular kind of work for a total of at least 2 years in the past 4 years should be provided. For a list of relevant kinds of work see *Kinds of work* on page 9. For more information, select Prepare your documents>Supporting documents>Evidence to meet the special residence requirement at **immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/citizenship/become-a-citizen/permanent-resident#HowTo**	☐
Evidence that although you have spent periods of time overseas, your home has been in Australia. Examples of evidence may include the presence of a spouse or children in Australia, evidence of property, tenancy agreements, rates notices or income tax payments	☐

Documents relating to children

Any orders relating to the custody, guardianship or parental responsibility for your child, if applicable	☐
Evidence of adoption of your child, if your child was adopted overseas	☐

Documents relating to character

Overseas penal clearance certificate(s), if applicable	☐
Court documents and orders, if applicable	☐

Documents relating to overseas military service/training

Form 1399 *Declaration of Service*, if applicable (see **immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/form-listing/forms/1399.pdf**)	☐

Step 4 – Complete your application form

If completing this form electronically, use the text boxes provided to type the required information in English.

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

You may also be able to apply online. Check if you can at **www.homeaffairs.gov.au/citizenship**

Part A – Your details – Part A requires you to provide your personal details and show that you satisfy the residence requirement.

If you change address during the application process you must tell the Department your new address. See **immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/change-in-situation/contact-details** and complete the *'Update Contact Details'* web-form.

Part B – Your children – Part B requires you to provide details of your children under 16 years of age that you have responsibility or legal custody for, and whom you are including in this application. You should also include details for all your other children, including adult children.

Children 16 or 17 years of age will need to complete their own application using form 1290 *Application for Australian citizenship – Other situations*.

Part C – Your parents – Part C requires you to provide the personal details of both your parents (or adopted parents, if applicable) including whether they have been known by any other names.

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

Part E – Identity documents – Part E requires you to list your identity documents. See page 3 for information about this part of the application.

Part F – Travel, good character and criminal offences – Part F requires you to list travel outside Australia in the last 10 years. You are asked to complete questions concerning your background in relation to good character and any criminal activity. See pages 4–5 for information about this part of the application.

Part G – Supporting documents – Part G requires you to list any supporting documents you are providing with your application.

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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 – Preference for ceremony – Part I allows you to choose between 2 citizenship pledges

Pledge 1 From this time forward, under God,
I pledge my loyalty to Australia and its people,
whose democratic beliefs I share,
whose rights and liberties I respect, and
whose laws I will uphold and obey.

Pledge 2 From this time forward,
I pledge my loyalty to Australia and its people,
whose democratic beliefs I share,
whose rights and liberties I respect, and
whose laws I will uphold and obey.

Part J – Proposed overseas travel – It is important that you notify the Department of any proposed overseas travel while your application is being processed.

Part K – Method of payment – Make your payment electronically through the 'My Payments' section of ImmiAccount. Sign into, or create, your ImmiAccount and select My Payments>Manage Payments>Pre-Pay Paper Service, at **www.homeaffairs.gov.au/immiaccount**

If you are eligible for a fee concession or exemption (see form 1298i *Citizenship application fees*) you should indicate this in Part K. You **must** provide documents to show you are eligible. If you do not provide evidence, or are not eligible for a fee concession or exemption, your application will not be considered.

Generally, fees are not refundable.

Part L – Declaration – Carefully read and make sure you understand the terms of this declaration before signing it.

Step 5 – Lodge your application form

Applications can be made online or posted to the Department. When your completed application, certified copies of your documents and the correct fee are received, you will be provided with a date and time for your citizenship appointment.

While you may make an application without providing all your documents, if you do not provide these documents, processing of your application will be delayed. See our processing times at **immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/citizenship/citizenship-processing-times**

Apply online

Online applications are made through the website **www.homeaffairs.gov.au/citizenship**

Children under 16 years of age may be included in the online application of a responsible parent.

Generally, you can make an application online if you:

- are a permanent resident
- have a current or expired passport or other travel document including a DFTTA, ImmiCard, PLO56(M56) or Titre de Voyage
- have travelled in and out of Australia since July 1990
- are not applying for a fee exemption
- are not claiming an Australian Defence Force residence exemption.

Lodge your application by post

Send your completed paper application to the relevant postal address listed on page 11.

If you lodge your application by post you should include certified copies of original documents with your application. Do not post original documents with your application

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Step 6 – Prepare for the citizenship test

To prepare for the Australian citizenship test you should read the *Australian Citizenship: Our Common Bond* (OCB) resource booklet which is available in English and a range of community languages. The test is conducted in English only. All test questions are based on the OCB resource booklet.

You can also:

- listen to the *Our Common Bond* podcast
- do the citizenship practice test
- use the AMEPOnline citizenship modules.

These resources are available on the Department's website **www.homeaffairs.gov.au/prepare-for-citizenship**

Consider enrolling into the general AMEP Program if you wish to improve your English language skills to assist you with preparing for the test. See **immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/settling-in-australia/amep/about-the-program**

Note: The Department does not endorse or recommend any external courses that claim to help you prepare for the citizenship test, including paid external apps.

Help with the test

If you require support to sit the test see **immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/citizenship/test-and-interview/learn-about-citizenship-interview-and-test/learn-about-citizenship-test**

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Step 7 – Attend your citizenship test appointment

Bring a photo identity document (ID) to your appointment. Examples include:

- an Australian driver licence
- passport
- an Australian issued proof of age card.

We will not accept certified copies or electronic images of your photo ID. If you do not bring a photo ID, your appointment will be changed to a later date.

At your appointment we will discuss your citizenship application, and confirm your identity and eligibility to sit the citizenship test.

Allow up to an hour for your appointment.

If you need to reschedule your appointment, follow the instructions in your appointment letter.

Your application may be refused if you do not attend your appointment.

Step 8 – Wait to receive notification

When a decision is made on your application, you will be notified in writing.

You must tell the Department if you change your address, and in some circumstances your application cannot be approved if you are outside Australia.

If your application is refused

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

Step 9 – Attend a citizenship ceremony

After you have received notification that your application has been successful you will need to attend a citizenship ceremony and make a pledge of commitment to complete the process of becoming an Australian citizen.

Usually, your ceremony will be held within 6 months of your application being approved.

If your children are under 16 years of age, they are not required to make the pledge but are welcome to attend a ceremony. They will become Australian citizens when you make the pledge.

You must attend your citizenship ceremony within 12 months of your application being approved otherwise the decision to approve your application for citizenship may be cancelled.

If you have not been contacted about attending a citizenship ceremony within 6 months, please call the Citizenship Information Line for advice.

Passports and travel

You will be able to apply for an Australian passport once you have attended a ceremony and made the pledge. For information on Australian passports visit **www.passports.gov.au** You should travel out of and into Australia on your Australian passport.

New Zealand citizens

When you apply, you must hold either a permanent visa or an SCV. New Zealand citizens holding an SCV are considered permanent residents for citizenship purposes.

To be eligible to apply you must:

- have been living in Australia on a valid visa for 4 years immediately before the day you apply,
- have held a permanent visa or an SCV, for the last 12 months immediately before the day you apply, and
- **not** have been absent from Australia for more than 12 months in the past 4 years, including no more than 90 days in the 12 months immediately before applying.

Note: If you are an SCV holder, you continue to be considered a permanent resident for citizenship purposes while outside Australia, provided you held an SCV immediately before your departure.

Children of New Zealand citizens

Children born in Australia to New Zealand citizen parents may already be Australian citizens (unless their parents were entitled to diplomatic privileges) if they were:

- born between 24 November 1952 and 19 August 1986, or
- born on or after 20 August 1986 and were ordinarily resident in Australia for the first 10 years from their birth, or
- born between 1 September 1994 and 26 February 2001 and their parent held a permanent visa or an SCV, or
- born on or after 27 February 2001 and their parent held a permanent visa, or
- born between 27 February 2001 and 30 June 2022 and their parent:
  - was in Australia on 26 February 2001 on an SCV, or
  - was in Australia for at least 12 months on an SCV in the 2 years before 26 February 2001, or
  - was issued with a Centrelink certificate stating they were resident in Australia on a particular date, or
- born between 1 January 2022 and 30 June 2023, prior to the grant of their parent's New Zealand stream Skilled Independent (subclass 189) visa, and this visa was granted between 1 January 2022 and 30 June 2023, or
- born between 1 January 2022 and 30 June 2023, prior to the grant of their parent's Skilled Independent (subclass 189) visa, and this visa was granted to their parent as a dependent applicant on their family member's New Zealand stream Skilled Independent (subclass 189) visa between 1 January 2022 and 30 June 2023, or
- born on or after 1 July 2022 and their parent held an SCV.

Children born in Australia between 26 January 1949 and 23 November 1952 to New Zealand citizen parents may be Australian citizens even if their parents were entitled to diplomatic privileges.

If the circumstances described above apply to you/your child, you/they may be eligible to apply for Evidence of Australian citizenship. More information can be found on the Department's website **immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/citizenship/certificate/get-a-certificate#Eligibility**

Note: New Zealand citizens who arrived in Australia prior to 1 September 1994 are considered exempt non-citizens. Children born in Australia between 20 August 1986 and 31 August 1994 to a New Zealand citizen who was an 'exempt non-citizen' generally did not acquire Australian citizenship by birth.

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New Zealand citizens holding an SCV

For citizenship purposes, if your SCV was granted:

- before 1 July 2022, we consider you to be a permanent resident from 1 July 2022, or
- for the first time on or after 1 July 2022, we consider you to be a permanent resident from the grant date of this visa.

The above:

- also applies if you were outside Australia on 1 July 2023 and last held an SCV or Special Purpose Visa (SPV) as an airline crew member or airline positioning crew member immediately before last leaving Australia, but
- does not apply if you were outside Australia because you were removed or deported from Australia under the *Migration Act 1958*, unless the decision to cancel your visa was revoked.

To meet the general residence requirement when you apply for Australian citizenship, you must:

- have been living in Australia on a valid Australian visa for 4 years immediately before the day you apply, and
- have held a permanent visa or an SCV for the last 12 months immediately before the day you apply, and
- **not** have been absent from Australia for more than 12 months in the past 4 years, including no more than 90 days in the 12 months immediately before applying.

New Zealand citizens holding a New Zealand stream Skilled Independent (subclass 189) visa and their New Zealand citizen family members holding a Skilled Independent (subclass 189) visa

You do not need to have held this permanent visa for 12 months before applying if the below applies to you.

For citizenship purposes you are eligible to apply for Australian citizenship from 1 January 2023 if you were granted this permanent visa:

- between 1 January and 31 December 2022 as we consider you to be a permanent resident from 1 January 2022, or
- on or after 1 January 2023 as you are eligible to apply for Australian citizenship from the visa grant date.

To meet the general residence requirement when you apply for Australian citizenship, you must also:

- have been living in Australia on a valid Australian visa for 4 years immediately before the day you apply, and
- **not** have been absent from Australia for more than 12 months in the past 4 years, including no more than 90 days in the 12 months immediately before applying.

Special residence requirements applicants

You may apply for Australian citizenship under one of the following special residence categories if you meet all other eligibility criteria for citizenship, including sitting the citizenship test and the good character requirements, if you satisfy one of the following two requirements.

1. **Seeking to engage in activities of benefit to Australia**

   You are seeking to engage in a specific activity listed below, are required to be an Australian citizen in order to engage in that activity, and there is insufficient time to satisfy the general residence requirement.

   Activities

   - Participation as an athlete in an Australian team in activities supported by the following organisations:
     - Australian Olympic and Paralympics committees
     - Commonwealth Games Australia
     - Tennis Australia (Davis Cup or Federation Cup)
     - Cricket Australia (men's or women's international cricket match)

   or

   - Employment in a Department, an Executive agency or a Statutory agency of the Commonwealth requiring a Negative Vetting 2 or higher security clearance.

   You must have been ordinarily resident in Australia as the holder of a valid Australian permanent visa throughout the 2 years immediately before you apply. During those 2 years, you must have been living in Australia for at least 180 days, including at least 90 days during the past 12 months.

2. **Engaged in particular kinds of work requiring regular travel outside Australia**

   If:

   - you are engaged in particular kinds of work listed below at the time of application and for a total of at least 2 years in the past 4 years, and
   - you were required to regularly travel outside Australia for that work during the 4 year period.

   Kinds of work

   Work that is carried out:

   - on duty by a crew member of a ship or aircraft, or
   - on duty on a resources installation or a sea installation, or
   - as an employee of an S&P/ASX All Australian 200 listed company in one of the following positions:
     - a chief executive officer, or
     - an executive manager, or
   - research and development of benefit to Australia done as a scientist who has been awarded a Doctor of Philosophy in their field of specialty and is employed by an Australian university, or
   - as a scientist employed by:
     - the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), or
     - a medical research institute that is a member of the Association of Australian Medical Research Institutes (AAMRI), or
   - as a medical specialist internationally renowned in their field, who:
     - is a fellow of an organisation listed in column 1 of an item in the table in clause 1 in Schedule 1 to the *Health Insurance Regulations 2018*, and
     - holds a qualification relevant to the organisation, or

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- in association with a person's Distinguished Talent visa (DTV) or Global Talent visa (GTV). This needs to have been processed under the Distinguished Talent pathway in the following areas:
  - academia and research
  - the arts
  - a profession
  - a sport

  where the work undertaken is in the same field the visa was granted for.

You must have been ordinarily resident in Australia on a valid Australian visa for 4 years immediately before applying, including 1 year as a permanent resident immediately before applying.

You should also have been living in Australia for a total of 480 days during the 4 years before you apply, with at least 120 days of that time in the year immediately before your application.

You should include supporting documents to apply for either of these special residence requirements. See checklist *Evidence for the special residence requirement* on page 6.

The special residence requirement cannot be used in conjunction with Ministerial discretions 3, 5 and 6. Children under 16 may be included in your application. See *Step 2 – Residence requirement* on page 2.

Applicants can apply for citizenship and be approved when outside Australia.

Certifying documents – list of professions

People currently working in a profession or occupation listed below can certify documents.

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**
- not be related to you by birth, marriage or de facto relationship.

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
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. Registered migration agent (where registration is not suspended or subject to a caution)
36. Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, of a court
37. Sheriff
38. Teacher employed on a full-time basis at a school or tertiary education institution
39. Veterinary surgeon (licensed or registered).

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Important information about privacy

The *Privacy Act 1988* contains 13 Australian Privacy Principles which regulate the way that the Department collects and handles personal information. Information about how the Department collects, uses and discloses personal information for its key functions can be found in form 1442i *Privacy notice*. More information about the Department's general information handling practices (including form 1442i) can be found in the Department's Privacy policy at **www.homeaffairs.gov.au/access-and-accountability/our-commitments/privacy**

Personal identifiers collected under the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* are generally photographs. 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. More information on personal identifiers is contained in information form 1243i *Your personal identifiers*. Information form 1243i is available from the Department's website **www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms**

Citizenship testing by Services Australia

Citizenship appointments are conducted at selected offices of Services Australia (Centrelink).

Test administrators at Services Australia are authorised to collect and access your identifying information such as your photograph and signature, and use it along with personal and identifying information provided to Services Australia by the Department to verify your identity and confirm that you are eligible to sit the citizenship test. Personal and identifying information includes your name, date of birth, address, photograph, signature and copies of identity documents.

At the conclusion of your test appointment, the test administrator will electronically transmit the documents and photograph that were used to verify your identity, to the Department for storage in the Department's records management system. The test administrator will then securely destroy the personal and identifying information, including electronic records, except for a record of your name, date of birth and the date of your appointment.

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.

Department of Home Affairs contact details

If lodging your application online, select the office of the Department closest to you.

In Australia send your paper application to the postal address of the office of the Department closest to you.

Australian Capital Territory
GPO Box 9984
SYDNEY NSW 2001

New South Wales
GPO Box 9984
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Northern Territory
GPO Box 9984
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Queensland
GPO Box 9984
BRISBANE QLD 4001

South Australia
GPO Box 2399
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Tasmania
GPO Box 794
HOBART TAS 7001

Victoria
GPO Box 241
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

Western Australia
Locked Bag 7
NORTHBRIDGE WA 6865

For applicants outside Australia

If you are outside Australia, apply online or send your paper application by post to:

Postal address:

Overseas Citizenship Unit
Department of Home Affairs
GPO Box 9984
SYDNEY NSW 2001
AUSTRALIA

Home page	**www.homeaffairs.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, telephone +61 2 6196 0196.

Please keep these information pages for your reference

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Australian Government

Department of Home Affairs

Application for Australian citizenship

General eligibility

Form

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Please read the information pages before completing this application.

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 ☑

PHOTOGRAPH

You must attach the endorsed photograph of yourself

AND

all children included in your application to this page.

Attach the photo(s) by placing them in a plastic sleeve and stapling the sleeve to this page.

Do not apply tape, glue or staples directly to the photo(s).

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 certificate)

Family name

Given names *(including all middle names)*

3 Have you been known by any other names?
(including name at birth, previous married names, aliases, patronymic names, clan or tribal names, or alternative spellings or full spelling of all names)

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details

Family name

Given names

Reason for change of name

If you have been known by more than one other name, attach additional details on a separate sheet.

4 Sex Male ☐ Female ☐ Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified ☐

5 Have you previously identified as being a different gender to the one selected at Question 4?

No ☐

Yes ☐

6 Date of birth Day Month Year

7 Have you ever had a different date of birth to the one shown at Question 6?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Different date of birth Day Month Year

Reason for different date of birth

8 Place of birth

Town/city

State/province

Country

9 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

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10 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

11 Telephone numbers

Work (Area code)

Home (Area code)

Mobile/cell

12 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 or legal practitioner email addresses.

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ List all of your email addresses

13 Do you agree to the Department communicating with you by email or other electronic means?

Note: If consent to use electronic communication is not provided, delays will occur including notification of the outcome of this application.

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details

Email address

14 Have you previously been an Australian citizen?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Date you ceased to be an Australian citizen — Day Month Year

15 Have you previously sat and passed the Citizenship test?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Citizenship Appointment ID number

16 Do you need help with the Citizenship test?
(See *Help with the test* on page 7)

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details

17 Do you hold or have you ever held citizenship of any other country?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details (including all current and previous citizenships)

1. Country of citizenship

Citizenship is: Current ☐ Previous ☐

Day Month Year

Date acquired

Date ended

2. Country of citizenship

Citizenship is: Current ☐ Previous ☐

Day Month Year

Date acquired

Date ended

3. Country of citizenship

Citizenship is: Current ☐ Previous ☐

Day Month Year

Date acquired

Date ended

18 List all the countries where you hold permanent residence and are not a citizen

19 Your occupation

20 Passport details

Passport number

Country of passport

Passport type: Government ☐ UN Refugee ☐ Private ☐

Day Month Year

Date of issue

Date of expiry

Issuing authority/ Place of issue as shown in passport

21 Do you ever use Chinese Commercial Code Numbers for the name shown in the passport at Question 20?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Chinese Commercial Code Numbers (in full)

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22 Do you currently have, or have you ever had, any **national identity** documents or numbers (including birth registration numbers, social security cards, etc.)?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details as they appear on the document

1. Family name
   Given names
   Type of document
   Identity number
   Country of issue

2. Family name
   Given names
   Type of document
   Identity number
   Country of issue

3. Family name
   Given names
   Type of document
   Identity number
   Country of issue

23 Date you first entered Australia as a holder of a permanent visa or were granted a permanent visa *(enter the later date)*

Day Month Year

24 Have you ever held an Australian visa other than your current permanent visa?

No ☐ ▶ **Go to Question 25**

Yes ☐ ▶ Date your first Australian visa was granted *(if known)*

Day Month Year

Were you in Australia at the time?

No ☐ ▶ Date you first arrived in Australia on that visa

Day Month Year

Yes ☐

25 Do you have an Australian driver licence?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details as they appear on the licence

Australian driver licence number

Card number

Date of expiry (Day Month Year)

Issuing state/territory

26 Do you have an Australian firearms licence?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details

Firearms licence number

Issuing state/territory

27 Are you seeking a residence exemption or discretion?
(See *Step 2 – Residence requirement* on page 2)

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Exemption and/or discretion you are applying under

You should provide a statement and evidence to support your claim for an exemption/discretion or it will not be assessed and your application may be refused.

Part B – Your children

- Provide details of your **children under 16 years of age** that you have responsibility or legal custody for, and whom you are including in this application for Australian citizenship, at Questions 28 to 30. If both parents are applying for citizenship, include children in one responsible parent's application only.
- Provide details of all your **other children**, at Question 31. This includes children who are applying on another application (including with another responsible parent), and children who are already citizens.

  (**Note**: Details of your other children should be provided in this application. If these children want to apply for Australian citizenship they will need to complete their own application.)

Children includes biological or adopted children, step-children, deceased children and adult children.

28 Do you have any children under 16 years of age, that you have responsibility or legal custody for, and whom you are including in this application?

No ☐ ▶ **Go to Question 31**

Yes ☐

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Details of children included in this application

29 How many children are you including in this application?

☐ ▶ Give details for each child
If you are including more than 6 children, attach their details on a separate sheet

Child 1

Relationship to you

Child's full name (this will appear on their citizenship certificate)

Family name

Given names *(including all middle names)*

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

Sex Male ☐ Female ☐ Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified ☐

Date of birth Day Month Year

Place of birth

Town/city

State/province

Country

Has this child 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

List all countries where this child holds permanent residency

Does this child have their own passport/travel document?

No ☐ ▶ Name of person whose passport they are on

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details from the child's passport/travel document

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue Day Month Year

Date of expiry

Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in passport

Child 2

Relationship to you

Child's full name (this will appear on their citizenship certificate)

Family name

Given names *(including all middle names)*

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

Sex Male ☐ Female ☐ Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified ☐

Date of birth Day Month Year

Place of birth

Town/city

State/province

Country

Has this child 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

List all countries where this child holds permanent residency

Does this child have their own passport/travel document?

No ☐ ▶ Name of person whose passport they are on

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details from the child's passport/travel document

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue Day Month Year

Date of expiry

Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in passport

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Child 3

Relationship to you

Child's full name (this will appear on their citizenship certificate)

Family name

Given names *(including all middle names)*

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

Sex Male ☐ Female ☐ Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified ☐

Date of birth Day Month Year

Place of birth

Town/city

State/ province

Country

Has this child 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

List all countries where this child holds permanent residency

Does this child have their own passport/travel document?

No ☐ ▶ Name of person whose passport they are on

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details from the child's passport/travel document

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue Day Month Year

Date of expiry

Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in passport

Child 4

Relationship to you

Child's full name (this will appear on their citizenship certificate)

Family name

Given names *(including all middle names)*

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

Sex Male ☐ Female ☐ Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified ☐

Date of birth Day Month Year

Place of birth

Town/city

State/ province

Country

Has this child 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

List all countries where this child holds permanent residency

Does this child have their own passport/travel document?

No ☐ ▶ Name of person whose passport they are on

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details from the child's passport/travel document

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue Day Month Year

Date of expiry

Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in passport

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Child 5

Relationship to you

Child's full name (this will appear on their citizenship certificate)

Family name

Given names *(including all middle names)*

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

Sex Male ☐ Female ☐ Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified ☐

Date of birth Day Month Year

Place of birth

Town/city

State/ province

Country

Has this child 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

List all countries where this child holds permanent residency

Does this child have their own passport/travel document?

No ☐ ▶ Name of person whose passport they are on

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details from the child's passport/travel document

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue Day Month Year

Date of expiry

Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in passport

Child 6

Relationship to you

Child's full name (this will appear on their citizenship certificate)

Family name

Given names *(including all middle names)*

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

Sex Male ☐ Female ☐ Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified ☐

Date of birth Day Month Year

Place of birth

Town/city

State/ province

Country

Has this child 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

List all countries where this child holds permanent residency

Does this child have their own passport/travel document?

No ☐ ▶ Name of person whose passport they are on

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details from the child's passport/travel document

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue Day Month Year

Date of expiry

Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in passport

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30 Is there a parenting order giving responsibility for any child, named in Question 29, to another person?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details of the child(ren) and person(s)

Note: Documents should be provided.

Details of other children NOT included in this application

31 Do you have any other children you are NOT including in this application?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details of each child
If you have more than 4 other children, attach their details on a separate sheet

Other child 1 *(not included in this application)*

Relationship to you

Child's full name

Family name

Given names

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

Sex Male ☐ Female ☐ Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified ☐

Date of birth Day Month Year

Place of birth

Town/city

State/ province

Country

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

List all countries where this child holds permanent residency

Is this child included in another citizenship application?

No ☐

Yes ☐

Has this child ever held citizenship of any country?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details (including all current and previous citizenships held)

Other child 2 *(not included in this application)*

Relationship to you

Child's full name

Family name

Given names

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

Sex Male ☐ Female ☐ Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified ☐

Date of birth Day Month Year

Place of birth

Town/city

State/ province

Country

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

List all countries where this child holds permanent residency

Is this child included in another citizenship application?

No ☐

Yes ☐

Has this child ever held citizenship of any country?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details (including all current and previous citizenships held)

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Other child 3 *(not included in this application)*

Relationship to you

Child's full name

Family name

Given names

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

Sex Male ☐ Female ☐ Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified ☐

Date of birth Day Month Year

Place of birth

Town/city

State/ province

Country

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

List all countries where this child holds permanent residency

Is this child included in another citizenship application?

No ☐

Yes ☐

Has this child ever held citizenship of any country?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details (including all current and previous citizenships held)

Other child 4 *(not included in this application)*

Relationship to you

Child's full name

Family name

Given names

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

Sex Male ☐ Female ☐ Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified ☐

Date of birth Day Month Year

Place of birth

Town/city

State/ province

Country

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

List all countries where this child holds permanent residency

Is this child included in another citizenship application?

No ☐

Yes ☐

Has this child ever held citizenship of any country?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details (including all current and previous citizenships held)

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Part C – Your parents/adoptive parents

Provide details of one parent at Question 32
and the other parent at Question 33

Parents include biological parents, adopted parents, step-parents, legal guardians and deceased parents

32 Parent 1

Relationship to you

Parent/adoptive parent's full name

Family name

Given names

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

Sex Male ☐ Female ☐ Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified ☐

Parent/adoptive parent's date of birth Day Month Year

Place of birth

Town/city

State/ province

Country

Has this parent/adoptive 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)

Has this parent/adoptive parent ever held Australian citizenship?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Date acquired (if known) Day Month Year

Date parent/adoptive parent ceased to be an Australian citizen (if known)

Present country(s) of citizenship *(if not living, write 'DECEASED')*

Present country(s) of permanent residence

33 Parent 2

Relationship to you

Parent/adoptive parent's full name

Family name

Given names

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

Sex Male ☐ Female ☐ Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified ☐

Parent/adoptive parent's date of birth Day Month Year

Place of birth

Town/city

State/ province

Country

Has this parent/adoptive 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)

Has this parent/adoptive parent ever held Australian citizenship?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Date acquired (if known) Day Month Year

Date parent/adoptive parent ceased to be an Australian citizen (if known)

Present country(s) of citizenship *(if not living, write 'DECEASED')*

Present country(s) of permanent residence

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Part D – Associated family

34 Do you have any other immediate family members whose details have not been provided in this application?

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

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Provide details of all other immediate family members, including those who are deceased
If you have more than 5 other immediate family members, attach their details on a separate sheet

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 ☐ Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified ☐

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 ☐ Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified ☐

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 ☐ Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified ☐

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 4

Relationship to you

Person's full name

Family name

Given names

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

Sex Male ☐ Female ☐ Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified ☐

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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Family member 5

Relationship to you

Person's full name

Family name

Given names

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

Sex Male ☐ Female ☐ Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified ☐

Date of birth Day Month Year

Place of birth

Town/city

State/ province

Country

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

Part E – Identity documents

35 If you are 18 years of age or over, you should provide at least 3 documents which collectively contain your:

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

You should also provide proof of any changes of name, if applicable.

Attach certified copies of your documents to this application.

If you do not provide these documents, processing of your application will be delayed.

Do not post original documents to the Department.

Please list the identity documents you are providing (see *Step 3 – Original documents* on page 3).

Applicants 18 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 gender

Evidence of any changes of name, if applicable

Your photograph

Passport-sized photograph

For each child in the application

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

A document with the child's photograph and current name

Evidence of any changes of name, if applicable

A photograph

Passport-sized photograph

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Part F – Travel, good character and criminal offences

36 Since the age of 18 years, have you lived or travelled outside Australia (only consider the last 10 years)?

No ☐

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			Date to			Reason for visit
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	

37 Since the age of 18 years, have you lived or travelled outside Australia for periods totalling 12 months or more (only consider the time since you were granted an Australian permanent visa)?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ List overseas countries where you have spent 90 days or more and attach certified copies of all penal clearance certificates from those countries
(See *Overseas penal clearance certificates* on page 5)

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38 Please answer the following questions for yourself and any children included in your application:

(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 ever been the subject of a domestic violence or family violence order, or any other order, of a tribunal or court or other similar authority, for the personal protection of another person? No ☐ Yes ☐

(d) Have you ever been found guilty of a sexually based offence involving a child (including where no conviction was recorded)? No ☐ Yes ☐

(e) Have you ever been named on a sex offender register? No ☐ Yes ☐

(f) Have you ever been associated with a person, group or organisation that has been or is involved in criminal conduct? No ☐ Yes ☐

(g) 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 ☐

(h) 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 ☐

(i) 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 ☐

(j) 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 ☐

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

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

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

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

(o) Have you ever served in a military, police force, state sponsored / private militia or intelligence agency (including secret police)? No ☐ Yes ☐

(p) Have you ever undergone any military/ paramilitary training, been trained in weapons/explosives or in the manufacture of chemical/biological products? No ☐ Yes ☐

If you answered '**Yes**' to (o) or (p) above, you should attach a completed form 1399 *Declaration of Service* (see page 6) and any supporting documents.

If you answered '**Yes**' to any of the questions at Question 38, you should 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.

Please attach court documents (for example sentencing remarks or court transcripts) and where relevant, provide a copy of all declared orders (for example, any domestic or family violence orders, child protection orders, or orders that prohibit the applicant from having contact with another person for their personal protection). You are only requested to declare an order where the applicant is the respondent or subject of the order. You are not asked to declare an order where the applicant is the person requiring personal protection.

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39 Consent

- I consent to my personal and identifying information being provided to the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission's National Police Checking Service (NPCS) and Australian police agencies for the purpose of conducting a Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check (NCCHC) in relation to me as part of my application for Australian citizenship.
- I consent to a NCCHC being undertaken on all names I am known by and have been known by.
- I understand that this is for the purposes of assessing whether I am of good character and whether the *Offences* provision, as defined in section 24(6) of the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*, applies to me.
- I understand that the NCCHC may also be used for the purpose of considering whether my visa may be subject to cancellation under the *Migration Act 1958*.
- I understand that more than one NCCHC 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 seek a review of that decision.
- I acknowledge that my personal and identifying information may also be used by Australian police agencies for general law enforcement purposes including those purposes set out in the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002*.
- I acknowledge that my personal information provided will not be used without my prior consent for any other purpose, unless otherwise authorised by law.
- I consent to Australian police agencies disclosing my personal information in relation to spent convictions of specific offences (10 years from the date of conviction for adults) and pending charges to the Department for the purposes outlined above.
- I acknowledge that I have read the *National Police Checking Service – General Information* and understand the spent convictions legislation.
- I consent to my personal and identifying information being provided to the New Zealand Ministry of Justice to obtain my full criminal conviction record, if required. Information about New Zealand criminal conviction records can be found at **www.justice.govt.nz**

See **immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character/character-requirements-for-australian-citizenship** for information about good character, the *Offences* provision, spent convictions and the *National Police Checking Service – General Information.*

See information form 1243i *Your personal identifiers* for information regarding the Department's authority to collect personal identifiers and form 1442i *Privacy notice* for general information on the collection, use and disclosure of personal information. The forms are available from the Department's website **www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms**

Signature of applicant

Date (Day Month Year)

Part G – Supporting documents

40 Are you providing supporting documents?
(See *Supporting documents* under *Step 3* on page 5)

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ What type of document are you attaching?

Evidence relating to the residence requirement	☐
Evidence for fee concessions or exemptions	☐
Documents relating to children	☐
Documents relating to character	☐
Documents relating to overseas military service / training	☐

Part H – Nomination of representative

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

No ☐ ▶ **Go to Part I – Preferences for ceremony**

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

42 Authority to disclose information

I hereby authorise the Department of Home Affairs 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)

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Part I – Preferences for ceremony

43 Which Australian Citizenship Pledge would you like to make? Pledge 1 is made 'under God' and Pledge 2 is not.

Pledge 1 From this time forward, under God, ☐
I pledge my loyalty to Australia and its people,
whose democratic beliefs I share,
whose rights and liberties I respect, and
whose laws I will uphold and obey.

OR

Pledge 2 From this time forward, ☐
I pledge my loyalty to Australia and its people,
whose democratic beliefs I share,
whose rights and liberties I respect, and
whose laws I will uphold and obey.

44 What is the name of your local council?

45 If you wish to attend the ceremony with a particular person(s) who is also an applicant for Australian citizenship, give their details below.

1. Family name
   Given names
   Date of birth (Day Month Year)

2. Family name
   Given names
   Date of birth (Day Month Year)

46 The Department occasionally conducts citizenship ceremonies which may attract media interest. Please tick the box below if you do not want to take part in such a ceremony.

I do not want to be involved in a ceremony which may attract media attention ☐

Part J – Proposed overseas travel

In some circumstances your application cannot be approved if you are outside Australia.

It is important that you notify the Department of any proposed travel while your application is being processed.

47 Do you intend to spend time outside Australia within the next 12 months?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Purpose of your proposed travel

Date of proposed departure (Day Month Year)

Length of proposed absence

Part K – Payment details

IMPORTANT: Ensure you pay the correct fee. See form 1298i *Citizenship application fees* for information on fees, concessions and exemptions. Form 1298i is available from **www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms**

48 Are you eligible for a fee concession (discounted fee)?

Note: Check your eligibility before answering this question as not all concession cards entitle you to a concession fee. Refer to form 1298i *Citizenship application fees* for further information and the applicable concession amount.

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Provide a certified copy of both sides of your concession card as detailed in form 1298i *Citizenship application fees*. If you do not provide the certified copy, or are not eligible, your application will not be considered.
Go to Question 50

49 Are you eligible for a fee exemption (nil fee)?

Note: Fee exemptions apply to some British and Maltese former child migrants, persons with relevant Defence service and persons applying under the Statelessness provision only. Refer to form 1298i *Citizenship application fees* for further information.

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Provide evidence as detailed in form 1298i *Citizenship application fees*. If you do not provide evidence, or are not eligible, your application will not be considered.
Go to Part L – Declaration

50 **Payment details**

Make your payment electronically through the 'My Payments' section of ImmiAccount. Sign into, or create, your ImmiAccount and select My Payments>Manage Payments>Pre-Pay Paper Service, at **www.homeaffairs.gov.au/immiaccount**

Do not provide credit card details on this form. Make your credit card payment electronically through the 'My Payments' section of ImmiAccount.

Payment receipt number from the 'My Payments' section of ImmiAccount

Attach a copy of your printed receipt.

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Part L – 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.

51 Please read the following carefully before signing
Complete this declaration if you are the main applicant and are aged 18 years or over.

- I declare that I intend to reside or continue to reside in Australia, or maintain a close and continuing association with Australia.
- I declare that the information I have supplied in this form is complete, truthful and correct in every detail.
- I acknowledge that this application constitutes an application for evidence of Australian citizenship.
- 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 (including the freedom not to follow a particular religion), freedom of speech, and freedom of association;
  - commitment to the rule of law, which means that all people are subject to the law and should obey it;
  - parliamentary democracy whereby our laws are determined by parliaments elected by the people, those laws being paramount and overriding any other inconsistent religious or secular 'laws';
  - equality of opportunity for all people, regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, race, or national or ethnic origin;
  - a 'fair go' for all that embraces:
    - mutual respect;
    - tolerance;
    - compassion for those in need;
    - equality of opportunity for all;
  - the English language as the national language, and as 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 undertake to conduct myself in accordance with these values of Australian society, and to obey the laws of Australia.
- I undertake to make reasonable efforts to learn the English language, if it is not my native language.
- I understand that, if in the future I meet the legal qualifications for becoming an Australian citizen and my application is approved, I will need to pledge my loyalty to Australia and its people.
- 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 confirm that I am authorised to provide the personal details presented and I consent to my information being checked with the document issuer or official record holder via third party systems for the purpose of confirming my identity.
- 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

Day Month Year

Date

Children aged under 16 years

The responsible parent is to complete the following declaration for applicant(s) under 16 years of age.

- I declare that I am the responsible parent of the applicant(s).
- I declare that the information I have supplied in this form is complete, truthful and correct in every detail.
- I consent to the conferral of Australian citizenship to the applicant(s) with my full acceptance of the consequences resulting from that acquired citizenship status at law.
- I acknowledge that this application constitutes an application for evidence of Australian citizenship.
- I confirm that I am authorised to provide the personal details presented and I consent to the applicant's information being checked with the document issuer or official record holder via third party systems for the purpose of confirming their identity.
- 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*.

Signature of responsible parent

Day Month Year

Date

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

Day Month Year

Date / /

Approved ☐ Not approved ☐ CC Ref ☐

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