



Australian Government

Department of Immigration  
and Citizenship

# Application to visit Australia as a sponsored family visitor

Form  
**48S**

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

## Who should use this form?

Use this form if you are outside Australia, and you are applying for a **SPONSORED FAMILY VISITOR VISA** to visit relatives in Australia, and you have a relative who is eligible and willing to sponsor you.

You will need to complete and sign this form and send it back to your sponsor with all supporting documentation. Your sponsor will need to lodge it in Australia with form 1149 *Application for sponsorship for sponsored family visitors*.

A Sponsored Family Visitor visa will generally allow you to stay in Australia for a period of **up to 3 months**. In certain circumstances the period may be longer, up to 12 months. If granted, the visa will only allow you to travel to Australia for a single visit. If you:

- do not have an eligible relative who can sponsor you under this visa class, or if you want a Tourist visa which allows multiple entry, you should use form 48R *Application for general tourists to visit Australia for tourism or other recreational activities*.
- intend visiting Australia for medical treatment you should use form 48ME *Application to visit Australia for medical treatment (Class UB Medical Treatment)*.
- intend to study in Australia for more than 3 months you should apply for a student visa. Please contact the nearest Australian overseas mission for information on student visa applications, including the correct application form.
- intend visiting Australia for a short business trip you should use form 456 *Application for a Business (Short Stay) visa (for a stay of up to 3 months)*.

You must complete all questions in all sections. Failure to answer any question completely and accurately may result in the application being refused, or the visa may be cancelled at a later date.

More detailed information is available from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (the department) website [www.immi.gov.au/visitors/](http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/)

## Integrity of application

The department is committed to maintaining the integrity of the visa and citizenship programs. Please be aware that if you provide us with fraudulent documents or claims, this may result in processing delays and possibly your application being refused.

## Conditions for a Sponsored Family Visitor visa to Australia

Sponsored Family visitors to Australia must be willing and able to abide by the conditions listed below while in Australia. If you are unwilling or unable to abide by these conditions, you should not apply for this visa. If you do not abide by these conditions, your visa may be cancelled and you and your sponsor will be subject to other penalties.

**8101** – You must not work in Australia.

**8201** – While in Australia you must not engage, for more than 3 months, in any studies or training.

**8503** – No Further Stay<sup>1</sup>.

**8531** – You must not remain in Australia after the end of the period of stay permitted by your initial Sponsored Family Visitor visa.

## Further information regarding condition 8503

The effect of the 8503 'No Further Stay' condition is that it will not be possible for you to apply to remain in Australia beyond the authorised period of stay indicated in documents given to you by the department about the grant of your visa. It is particularly important, if the purpose of your visit to Australia is to attend a specific event, that you organise your travel so that you attend this event within your authorised period of stay, as you will not be able to extend your period of stay in Australia.

## Sponsor

A Sponsored Family visitor must have an eligible sponsor who will guarantee their stay and lawful departure from Australia and who may be requested to arrange for the lodgement of a security bond.

To avoid your sponsor incurring penalties, you **MUST** leave Australia before the expiry of your Sponsored Family Visitor visa.

**If for ANY reason you do not depart before your Sponsored Family Visitor visa expires, or if you breach any of the conditions on your Sponsored Family Visitor visa, penalties will be imposed upon your sponsor. Any security bond lodged to support your Sponsored Family Visitor visa application will normally be forfeited.**

If you request a waiver of the 8503 'No Further Stay' condition and this results in your remaining in Australia after your Sponsored Family Visitor visa expires, you will still be taken to have breached the 8531 'Must leave before visa expiry' condition, and the penalties will be imposed upon your sponsor, even if the 8503 is waived and a further visa is granted. Any security bond lodged to support your Sponsored Family Visitor visa application will normally be forfeited.

<sup>1</sup> Except in extremely limited circumstances which are outside your control, or to engage Australia's protection under the 1951 UN convention relating to the status of refugees.

## Who can be a sponsor?

In all cases, your sponsor must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident aged 18 years or over and settled in Australia for a reasonable period (usually 2 years).

Your sponsor must be one of the following:

- a relative (parent, child, partner, brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild, aunt, niece, nephew, or 'step' equivalent of any of these); or
- a member of an Australian parliament (Commonwealth, state or territory); or
- an authorised person representing a Commonwealth, state or territory government department or instrumentality; or
- a local government mayor.

Your sponsor can only sponsor one person or one 'family unit' at a time. A 'family unit' normally includes the head of the family, partner, and dependent children of the head of the family. Other relatives may be included in the 'family unit' if they can provide evidence that they are fully dependent on the head of the family. If you and the other members of your family unit are applying for Sponsored Family Visitor visas with the same sponsor, your sponsor **MUST** lodge all application forms, and the sponsorship form 1149 *Application for sponsorship for sponsored family visitors* in Australia at the same time.

Only one passport holder can apply on a form. You can include in your application any children under 18 years of age who are listed in your passport and who will be travelling with you. If another adult is included in your passport, they need to complete a separate application form.

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

## Who cannot be a sponsor?

There are no provisions for fiancé(e)s, cousins, friends, in-laws or New Zealand citizens to sponsor.

If your sponsor has already provided a sponsorship for another relative, and that other relative has been granted a Sponsored Family Visitor visa, and that visa is still in effect, then your sponsor will not be eligible to sponsor you until the other relative has departed Australia and complied with all visa conditions, or until their visa has expired.

If your sponsor has already provided a sponsorship for another relative, and that other relative has breached a condition of that visa, for example they did not depart Australia before the expiry of their Sponsored Family Visitor visa, then your sponsor will not be eligible to provide further sponsorships in this visa class for a period of 5 years. The only exception is where the visa condition that the other relative breached was condition 8531 (must leave before visa expiry) and your sponsor is able to satisfy the department that they breached this condition due to circumstances that:

- were beyond the visa holder's control; and
- arose after their arrival in Australia.

If your sponsor is found to be not eligible after your visa application has been lodged, then your application will normally be refused, on the basis that the sponsorship cannot be approved.

## Security bond

Your sponsor **may** be asked to arrange for the lodgement of a security bond in support of your Sponsored Family Visitor visa application. The amount of the security bond is determined on a case by case basis by the delegated overseas officer and is generally between AUD5,000 and AUD15,000 per person.

It should be noted, however, under the *Migration Act 1958* the decision to request a security bond is at the discretion of the delegated officer. Therefore, depending on the circumstances of the individual case, the delegated officer may ask for a security bond of any amount that they see as appropriate. The purpose of the security bond is to give the decision-maker assessing your application additional assurance that you will comply with all visa conditions and that you will leave Australia on or before the expiry of your Sponsored Family Visitor visa.

If the delegated officer determines that a security bond needs to be lodged in support of your application, your sponsor will be sent details of how and where to lodge the security bond. The time limit for lodging the security bond is 35 days. Once the bond has been lodged, the decision-maker will be notified, and will be able to finalise the processing of your application.

If a security bond is requested and not lodged, your application will normally be refused.

If a security bond is lodged, and you are granted a Sponsored Family Visitor visa, and you breach any visa conditions, in particular **if you do not leave Australia before the expiry of your Sponsored Family Visitor visa, normally the security bond will be forfeited.**

## Visa Application Charge

An application payment must accompany each application.

- The application cannot be processed until this payment has been received.
- The payment is generally not refundable if a visa is not granted.

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

To check the Visa Application Charge, see form 990i *Charges* available from the department's website [www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm) or check with the nearest office of the department.

## Methods of payment

Payment or evidence of payment must accompany your application.

Please check the *How to apply* information to find out how and where you need to lodge the application before you choose your payment method.

**Note:** Personal and travellers' cheques are not accepted.

**For applications lodged, or payments made, in Australia** you can pay by:

- credit card;
- Australia Post money order made payable to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship;
- bank cheque or international money order:
  - drawn on a bank with representation in Australia; and
  - in Australian dollars (AUD); and
  - made payable to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship; or
- debit card (only if paying in person in Australia).

For more information about accepted methods of payment, see form 990i *Charges* available from the department's website [www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm)

## How to apply

- All Sponsored Family Visitor visa applications must be lodged in Australia.
- Complete and sign application form 48S. False or misleading information may lead to refusal or cancellation of your visa, or penalties while in Australia. You may arrange for another person to help you complete the application form, but you must sign it. If you have been assisted in completing the application form, you should only sign the declaration(s) if the information in it is true and correct.
- You must tell the department where you intend to live while your application is being dealt with. Failure to give your residential address will result in this application being invalid. A post office box address will not be accepted as your residential address.
- Send the completed and signed form(s) for you and your family members included in the sponsorship and all supporting documentation, including a certified copy of each applicant's passport, to your sponsor in Australia.
- Your sponsor should lodge all applications, together with a completed form 1149 *Application for sponsorship for sponsored family visitors* at one of the processing centres in Australia according to the address of your sponsor at the time of lodgement.
- All Sponsored Family Visitor visa applications will be assessed and decided at one of two Sponsored Family Visitor visa processing centres (SFVPC) in:
  - Brisbane; or
  - Sydney CBD.
- Sponsors who live in **New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania or the ACT**, should lodge their forms by post or courier, directly with the **SFVPC (NSW)**. More information is available from the department's website [www.immi.gov.au/contacts/australia/processing-centres/sfvpc](http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/australia/processing-centres/sfvpc)
- Sponsors who live in **Queensland, Northern Territory, South Australia or Western Australia**, should lodge their forms by post or courier directly with the **SFVPC (QLD)**. More information is available from the department's website [www.immi.gov.au/contacts/australia/processing-centres/sfvpc](http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/australia/processing-centres/sfvpc)

- The decision-maker may require you to undergo medical or x-ray examinations.
- If the decision-maker determines that a security bond is required, your sponsor will be contacted and will be given details of how to lodge the security bond.
- If a visa is granted, your sponsor will be advised of the arrangements for a visa label to be placed in your passport.
- Carefully check the details and conditions on your visa label or on the letter advising you of the grant of your visa.

## Health insurance

Medical treatment in Australia can be very expensive. It is recommended that you take out health insurance for you and your family for the period of stay in Australia. You will not be covered by Australia's national health scheme, unless there is a reciprocal health care agreement between Australia and your country of residence (or in certain circumstances your country of residence and citizenship). For more information, see [www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/yourhealth/going\\_overseas](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/yourhealth/going_overseas)

### If you are 75 years of age or over

In order to satisfy the financial requirement for these visas, you may be asked to provide evidence with your application that you have health insurance to cover your stay in Australia. More information about Australian private health insurance is available from the department's website [www.immi.gov.au/visitors/](http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/)

## Vaccinations

If it is your intention to enrol your child in an Australian school or childcare centre (creche or preschool) during your visit to Australia, you are strongly encouraged to carry certification of your child's vaccination status.

Vaccination is recommended against polio, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), Haemophilus influenzae hypo (Hib), and Hepatitis B.

Certification may be sought at time of enrolment.

**Note:** Vaccination against rubella is also recommended for women of child bearing age.

## Immigration assistance

A person gives immigration assistance to you if he or she uses, or claims to use, his or her knowledge or experience in migration procedure to assist you with your visa application, request for ministerial intervention, cancellation review application, sponsorship or nomination.

In Australia a person may only lawfully give immigration assistance if he or she is a registered migration agent or is exempt from being registered. Only registered migration agents may receive a fee or reward for providing immigration assistance.

If an unregistered person in Australia, who is not exempt from registration, gives you immigration assistance they are committing a criminal offence and may be prosecuted.

**Sponsors of applicants for Sponsored Family Visitor visas are exempt from the requirements to be registered as a migration agent in order to assist applicants in relation to Sponsored Family Visitor visas.**

## Migration agents in Australia

Migration agents in Australia must be registered with the Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (Office of the MARA) unless they are exempt from registration.

## Migration agents outside Australia

Migration agents who operate outside Australia do not have to be registered. The department may give some overseas agents an ID number. This number does not mean that they are registered.

**Note:** Some Australian registered migration agents operate overseas.

## Migration agent information

A migration agent is someone who can:

- advise you on the visa that may best suit you;
- tell you the documents you need to submit with your application;
- help you fill in the application and submit it; and
- communicate with the department on your behalf.

If you appoint a migration agent, the department will assume that your migration agent will be your authorised recipient, unless you indicate otherwise.

Your migration agent will be the person with whom the department will discuss your application and from whom it will seek further information when required.

You are not required to use a migration agent. However, if you use a migration agent, the department encourages you to use a registered migration agent. Registered agents are bound by the Migration Agents Code of Conduct, which requires them to act professionally in their clients' lawful best interests.

Information on migration agents, including a list of registered migration agents, is available on the Office of the MARA website [www.mara.gov.au](http://www.mara.gov.au)

You can also access information about migration agents on the department's website [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)

## Exempt persons

The following people do not have to be a registered migration agent in order to provide immigration assistance, but they must not charge a fee for their service:

- a close family member (spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, brother or sister);
- a member of parliament or their staff;
- an official whose duties include providing immigration assistance (eg. a Legal Aid provider);
- a member of a diplomatic mission, consular post or international organisation.

## Appointing a migration agent/exempt person

To appoint a migration agent/exempt person you should complete Question 47 *Options for receiving written communications*.

Your migration agent/exempt person should complete form 956 *Advice by a migration agent/exempt person of providing immigration assistance*.

Form 956 is available from the department's website [www.immi.gov.au/allforms/](http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/)

## Options for receiving written communications

If you do not appoint a migration agent/exempt person you may still authorise another person, in writing, to receive written communications on your behalf. This person is called the authorised recipient.

### Authorised recipient information

All written communication about your application will be sent to your authorised recipient, unless you indicate that you wish to have health and/or character information sent directly to you.

The department will communicate with the most recently appointed authorised recipient as you may only appoint one authorised recipient at any time for a particular application.

You will be taken to have received any documents sent to that person as if they had been sent to you.

To appoint an authorised recipient you should complete:

- Question 47 *Options for receiving written communications*; and
- form 956A *Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient*.

**Note:** Migration agents/exempt persons do not need to complete form 956A.

Form 956A is available from the department's website [www.immi.gov.au/allforms/](http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/)

## Consent to communicate electronically

The department may use a range of means to communicate with you. However, electronic means such as fax or e-mail will only be used if you indicate your agreement to receiving communication in this way.

To process your application the department may need to communicate with you about sensitive information, for example, health, police checks, financial viability and personal relationships. Electronic communications, unless adequately encrypted, are not secure and may be viewed by others or interfered with.

If you agree to the department communicating with you by electronic means, the details you provide will only be used by the department for the purpose for which you have provided them, unless there is a legal obligation or necessity to use them for another purpose, or you have consented to use for another purpose. They will not be added to any mailing list.

The Australian Government accepts no responsibility for the security or integrity of any information sent to the department over the internet or by other electronic means.

If you authorise another person to receive documents on your behalf and they wish to be contacted electronically, their signature is required on this form, form 956 or 956A to indicate their consent to this form of communication.

**Note:** Electronic communication is the fastest means of communication available and the department prefers to communicate electronically because this results in faster processing.

## About the information you give

The department is authorised to collect information provided on this form under Part 2 of the *Migration Act 1958* 'Control of Arrival and Presence of Non-Citizens'. The information provided will be used by the department for assessing your eligibility for a visa to travel, enter and remain in Australia and for other purposes relating to the administration of the Migration Act, for example, to assist migrants with settling in Australia, to monitor the conduct of migration agents, or for ensuring compliance with the Migration Act.



The information provided might also be disclosed to agencies who are authorised to receive information relating to adoption, border control, business skills, citizenship, education, health assessment, health insurance, health services, law enforcement, payment of pensions and benefits, taxation, superannuation, review of decisions and regulation of migration agents.

Relevant information about you will be disclosed to federal, state and territory police to assist in your location and possible detention in the event that you become an unlawful non-citizen. You will become an unlawful non-citizen if your visa ceases (by cancellation for breach of visa condition for example) or expires and you do not hold another visa authorising you to remain in Australia.

If your application for a visitor visa has also been supported by an Australian Member of Parliament or a Community Leader based in Australia, information on the outcome of your application and of your compliance with visa conditions, if your visa is granted, may be provided to the Member of Parliament or the Community Leader.

The collection, access, storage, use and disclosure by the department of the information you provide in this form is governed by the *Privacy Act 1988* and, in particular, by the 11 Information Privacy Principles. The information form 993i *Safeguarding your personal information*, available from the department's offices, gives details of agencies to which your personal information might be disclosed. Form 993i is also available from the department's website

[www.immi.gov.au/allforms/](http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/)

The department is authorised under the *Migration Act 1958*, in certain circumstances, to collect a range of personal identifiers including a facial image, fingerprints and a signature from non-citizens, including from visa applicants. The department requires personal identifiers to assist in assessing your identity. The department is authorised to disclose your personal identifiers and information relating to your name and other relevant biographical data to a number of agencies including law enforcement and health agencies and to other agencies who may need to check your identity with this department. Where the department obtains personal identifiers they will become part of your official record with the department.

The department is involved in international information exchanges with a number of countries, including the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada and New Zealand. These international information exchanges may involve the sharing of personal identifiers, including facial images and fingerprint data, collected by immigration agencies such as this department. If, as a result of this sharing between countries, there is a match with your personal identifiers, the department will disclose your biographical data, copies of travel and other identity documents or information from such documents, your immigration status and immigration history (which may include any immigration abuse and offences) and any criminal history information relevant to immigration purposes. The purpose of such disclosure would be to help confirm your identity and determine if you have presented to the department and the other agency under the same identity and with similar claims.

For more detailed information you should read information form 1243i *Your personal identifying information*, which is available from the department's website

[www.immi.gov.au/allforms/](http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/) or from any office of the department or Australian mission overseas.

## Application checklist

With your completed and signed application form 48S, you must include:

- a copy of all pages of your valid passport.
- proof of payment of the application charge. (Generally paid by your sponsor in Australia.)
- a recent (not more than 6 months old) passport photograph of yourself and any children included in your passport and travelling with you.
- evidence of the relationship between the applicant(s) and the sponsor. For example, if your uncle is sponsoring you, you will need to show evidence (eg. birth certificate, marriage certificate, family census) that he is your mother's or your father's brother, or your aunt's husband.
- if required, authorisation for children to travel with you (refer to the section on the form 'Children included' for details).
- if required, a completed form 1257 *Undertaking declaration*, for children staying in Australia with someone other than their parent, legal guardian or relative (refer to 'Children included in passport' on Page 8 of this form for details).

**When you have lodged your application, you should attach your application receipt to this sheet.**

## Additional documentation

Under the *Migration Act 1958*, decision-makers are not obliged to seek additional information from the applicant before making a decision on a visa application. It is therefore in the applicant's best interest to submit the following documentation with their application:

- evidence that you have access to sufficient funds to support yourself for the duration of your proposed visit in Australia;
- evidence of your medical/travel insurance (if held);
- medical examination or tests (if applicable);
- a letter from your employer confirming your leave for the proposed period of your visit and that you will return to work after your visit in Australia (if applicable);
- evidence of enrolment at school, college or university (in your home country – if applicable);
- other information to show that you have an incentive and authority to return to your country of residence, such as property or other significant assets in your home country.

*Home page*

**[www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)**

*General enquiry line*

Telephone **131 881** during business hours in Australia to speak to an operator (recorded information available outside these hours). If you are outside Australia, please contact your nearest Australian mission.

*Please keep these information pages for your reference*

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

Tick where applicable

**1** When do you wish to visit Australia?

From 

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

 to 

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

 or

**2** How long do you wish to stay in Australia?

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Please attach required photographs of yourself  
AND  
all members of your family unit included in this application

## Your details

**3** Name(s) as shown in your passport

Family name

Given names

Other names you have been known by

Name in your own language or script *(if applicable)*

**4** Sex Male  Female

**5** Date of birth 

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

**Note:** If you are 75 years or over, you will be asked to undergo a health assessment and may be asked to show that you have medical insurance to cover your stay in Australia. Please contact an Australian overseas mission for further advice before lodging your application. If additional medical consultations are required, a decision on your visa application will be delayed.

**6** Relationship status

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

**7** Place of birth

Town/city

Country

**8** Details from your passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue 

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Date of expiry 

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in your passport

*Make sure your passport is valid for the period of stay you are applying for.*

**Note:** If you hold an APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC) the Australian visa associated with your ABTC will cease if this application is approved.

**9** Details of identity card or identity number issued to you by your government *(if applicable)* eg. National identity card.

**Note:** If you are the holder of multiple identity numbers because you are a citizen of more than one country, you need to enter the identity number on the card from the country that you live in.

Identity number

Country of issue

**10** Country of current citizenship

**11** Do you hold any other citizenships?

No   
Yes  ► Give details

Country

Passport number





2. Family name

Given names

Sex Male  Female

Date of birth  / /

Country of birth

Details of passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue  / /

Date of expiry  / /

Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in your passport

*The passport should be valid for the period of stay they are applying for.*

Details of identity card or identity number issued to your child by their government (if applicable) eg. National identity card.

**Note:** If your child is the holder of multiple identity numbers because he/she is a citizen of more than one country, you need to enter the identity number on the card from the country that your child lives in.

Identity number

Country of issue

3. Family name

Given names

Sex Male  Female

Date of birth  / /

Country of birth

Details of passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue  / /

Date of expiry  / /

Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in your passport

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Details of identity card or identity number issued to your child by their government (if applicable) eg. National identity card.

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Identity number

Country of issue

4. Family name

Given names

Sex Male  Female

Date of birth  / /

Country of birth

Details of passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue  / /

Date of expiry  / /

Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in your passport

*The passport should be valid for the period of stay they are applying for.*

Details of identity card or identity number issued to your child by their government (if applicable) eg. National identity card.

**Note:** If your child is the holder of multiple identity numbers because he/she is a citizen of more than one country, you need to enter the identity number on the card from the country that your child lives in.

Identity number

Country of issue

*If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet with the details.*

19 Are there any other relatives who will be travelling with you?

No

Yes  ▶ Make sure all the applications are lodged at the same time

Full name	Relationship to you	Sponsor

If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet with the details.

### Family NOT travelling with you

20 Do you have a partner, any children, or fiancé who will NOT be travelling with you?

No

Yes  ▶ Give details

Full name	Relationship to you	Date of birth			Their address while you are in Australia
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
		/	/		
		/	/		
		/	/		
		/	/		

If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet with the details.

### Details of relatives

21 Please list **all** your family members (not listed in Question 19 and Question 20) living in your home country and abroad including full, half, step and adopted brothers and sisters (if not living, write 'deceased' in the home address column. If whereabouts unknown, write 'unknown' in home address column).

Family composition	Full name	Date of birth			Relationship status (use codes below)	Home address	Previous visits to Australia		
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR			DAY	MONTH	YEAR
Father/Mother		/	/			/	/		
Father/Mother		/	/			/	/		
Brother/Sister		/	/			/	/		
Brother/Sister		/	/			/	/		
Brother/Sister		/	/			/	/		
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#### 'Relationship status' codes

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

# Details of your visit to Australia

## 22 Name/details of your sponsor in Australia

Sponsor's name	Sponsor's telephone number	Sponsor's current full residential address <i>(A post office box is not acceptable as a residential address)</i>

If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet with the details.

## 23 Details of your relationship to the sponsor

Relationship to your sponsor *(eg. brother, sister, uncle, aunt)*

What documents are you providing as evidence of your relationship? If you are the partner, or other member of the family unit, of the person who is related to the sponsor, please provide evidence of your relationship to that person *(eg. marriage certificate, evidence you are in a de facto relationship, birth certificate)*.

## 24 Do you have any other relatives in Australia?

No

Yes  Give details

Citizen or permanent resident of Australia? (YES or NO)
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Full name	Relationship to you	Date of birth			Address	
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR		
		/	/			
		/	/			
		/	/			
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If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet with the details.

## 25 Do you have any friends or contacts in Australia?

No

Yes  Give details

Citizen or permanent resident of Australia? (YES or NO)
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Full name	Relationship to you	Date of birth			Address	
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR		
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If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet with the details.

**26** Why do you want to visit Australia?  
*Include details of any dates that are of special significance to your visit.*


**27** Do you intend to do a course of study while in Australia?

No   
Yes  Give details

Name of the course

Name of the institution

How long will the course last?

### *Health and character*

Visitors to Australia must be of good health and of good character. The following questions ask you to make a declaration about the health and character of yourself and any children included in your application. If your circumstances change before you travel you should inform the Australian visa office.

**28** In the last 5 years, have you, or any other person included in this application, visited or lived outside your country of passport for more than 3 consecutive months?

No   
Yes  Give details

1. Name   
Country(s)   
Date from 

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 to 

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2. Name   
Country(s)   
Date from 

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 to 

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3. Name   
Country(s)   
Date from 

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**29** Do you, or any other person included in this application, intend to enter a hospital or a health care facility (including nursing homes) while in Australia?

No   
Yes  Give details


**30** Do you, or any other person included in this application, intend to work as, or study to be, a doctor, dentist, nurse or paramedic during your stay in Australia?

No   
Yes  Give details


**31** Have you, or any other person included in this application:

- ever had, or currently have, tuberculosis?
- been in close contact with a family member that has active tuberculosis?
- ever had a chest x-ray which showed an abnormality?

No   
Yes  Give details






## Employment status

35 What is your employment status?

Employed/self-employed  ► Details of employer/business

Name

Address

Telephone number

Position you hold

How long have you been employed by this employer/business?

YEARS MONTHS

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Retired  ► Year of retirement

DAY MONTH YEAR / /

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Student  ► Your current course

Name of educational institution

How long have you been studying at this institution?

YEARS MONTHS

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Other  ► Please provide details

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Unemployed  ► Please explain why you are unemployed and provide details of your last employment (if applicable)

## Evidence of funds

All visitors to Australia must be able to demonstrate they have adequate funds to cover all costs associated with their visit. Providing evidence of funds will help expedite the processing of a visitor visa application. Examples may include showing personal bank statements showing a financial history, pay slips, audited accounts, taxation records or details of funds that visitors will be taking with them or funds that are available to them. Relevant factors may also include the number of persons to support, the type of activities planned and the length of stay sought.

36 How will you be maintaining yourself financially while you are in Australia? (Please provide details)

37 Will your sponsor or someone else provide support for your visit to Australia?

No  ► Go to Question 39

Yes  ► Give details

Full name	Relationship to you	Date of birth			Their address while you are in Australia
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
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		/	/		
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If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet with the details.

38 What support will they provide? Financial  Accommodation  Other  ► Please attach details

The person or people you have listed will need to provide evidence of their ability to provide this support.

## Previous applications

- 39** Have you, or any other person included in this application, ever been in Australia and not complied with visa conditions or departed Australia outside your authorised period of stay?

No  Yes  Give details


- 40** Have you, or any other person included in this application, ever had an application for entry to or further stay in Australia refused, or had a visa for Australia cancelled?

No  Yes  Give details


- 41** Complete the following details if you (or any other person included in this application) have applied for **permanent** entry to Australia in the last 5 years

Month and year	Place of application	Type of visa applied for	Was a visa granted? (YES or NO)

- 42** Complete the following details if you (or any other person included in this application) have applied for **temporary** entry to Australia in the last 5 years

Month and year	Place of application	Type of visa applied for	Was a visa granted? (YES or NO)

## Assistance with this form

**43** Did you receive assistance in completing this form?

No  ▶ Go to Question 47

Yes  ▶ Please give details of the person who assisted you

Title: Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Other

Family name

Given names

Address

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

Telephone number or daytime contact

	COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
Office hours	( )	( )	

Mobile/cell

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

No

Yes  ▶ Go to Question 47

**45** Is the person/agent in Australia?

No  ▶ Go to Question 47

Yes

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

No

Yes

## Options for receiving written communications

**47** All written communications about this application should be sent to:  
(Tick one box only)

Sponsor  ▶ Go to Question 48

**OR**

Authorised recipient  ▶ You should complete form 956A *Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient*

**OR**

Migration agent  **OR** Exempt person  ▶ Your migration agent/exempt person should complete form 956 *Advice by a migration agent/exempt person of providing immigration assistance*  
Go to Question 51

## Authorising sponsor

**48** I authorise my sponsor

Sponsor's full name (block letters)

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

to receive written communication in relation to this application and to act on my behalf.

**49** The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (the department) may need to exchange information about this application with the sponsor.

I consent to the department and the sponsor named above (and if appointed, the sponsor's migration agent) exchanging information about me, including personal information, for the purpose of this application.

**Signature of visa applicant**

<input type="text"/>
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Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Visa applicant's full name  
(block letters)

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

**50** Do you agree to the department communicating with you by fax, e-mail or other electronic means?

No

Yes  ▶ Give details

Fax number

COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
( )	( )	

E-mail address

<input type="text"/>
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## Payment details

### 51 How will you pay your application charge?

Payment or evidence of payment must accompany your application.  
To check current charges see [www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm)

**For applications lodged, or payments made, in Australia** credit card is the preferred method of payment.

- Bank cheque  Please make payable to:  
 Money order  Department of Immigration and Citizenship  
 Debit card  Only in person in Australia  
 Credit card  Give details below

Payment by (tick one box)

Australian Dollars

MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/>	Diners Club <input type="checkbox"/>	AUD
American Express <input type="checkbox"/>	JCB <input type="checkbox"/>	
Visa <input type="checkbox"/>		

Credit card number

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Expiry date

MONTH	YEAR
:	:

Cardholder's name

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Telephone number

AREA CODE

(            )
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Address

POSTCODE

**Signature of cardholder**

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

## Declaration

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

### 52 Having read the 'Conditions for a Sponsored Family Visitor visa to Australia' on page 1 of this form:

- I understand that the visa I am applying for allows me to enter Australia on a single occasion and does not allow for multiple re-entry.
- I understand that the visa I am applying for does not permit me to work or undertake business activities in Australia.
- I acknowledge that if I am granted a Sponsored Family Visitor visa, the mandatory 8503 'No Further Stay' condition will be imposed on my visa. I understand that the effect of the 8503 visa condition is that I will not, after entering Australia, be entitled to apply for or be granted a substantive visa, other than a protection visa, while I remain in Australia, except in limited circumstances. I understand the restriction that condition 8503 places on me and agree to abide by this condition if a visa is issued to me as a result of this application. I will advise my sponsor regarding the imposition of the condition to ensure that they understand that such a condition is attached to my visa.
- I acknowledge that if I am granted a Sponsored Family Visitor visa, the mandatory 8531 'Must Leave Before Visa Expiry' condition will be imposed on my visa. I understand that the effect of the 8531 visa condition is that I must leave Australia on or before the expiry of the period of stay permitted by my Sponsored Family Visitor visa.
- I understand that if I do not abide by the conditions imposed on my visa, my visa may be cancelled or I may be subject to other penalties. My sponsor may also be penalised.
- I have access to adequate funds to meet all costs associated with the visit to and from Australia for all those included in this application.
- My intention to visit Australia is genuine and I will abide by the conditions and period of stay of the visa.
- In any part of this form which has been completed with the assistance of another person, I declare that the information as set down is true and correct and has been included with my full knowledge, consent and understanding.
- If granted a visa, I will advise the office that granted the visa if my circumstances change prior to my travel to Australia.
- I have truthfully declared all relevant details requested of me in this application.

**Signature of applicant**

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Date

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