



Australian Government

Department of Immigration  
and Citizenship

# Application for migration to Australia by a child

Form

# 47CH

## Life in Australia – Australian values

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

This includes understanding that the English language, as the national language, is an important unifying element of Australian society. Australian society is also united through the following shared values:

- respect for the freedom and dignity of the individual;
- freedom of religion;
- commitment to the rule of law;
- Parliamentary democracy;
- equality of men and women;
- a spirit of egalitarianism that embraces mutual respect, tolerance, fair play and compassion for those in need and pursuit of the public good;
- equality of opportunity for individuals, regardless of their race, religion or ethnic background.

The *Life in Australia* booklet provides more information on the values that Australians share and their way of life. This booklet is available in a wide range of languages. If the applicant has not already received a copy of the booklet then it can be obtained from [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)

Each applicant aged 18 years or older, who is included in this form, must have read the *Life in Australia* booklet before completing this application form. If they have difficulty, or are unable to read the booklet, they may have the content of it explained to them, for example, by a friend or relative. This form contains a statement, that they must sign, that confirms they understand and will respect the values of Australian society (as explained in the booklet) and will obey the laws of Australia. This includes acknowledging what would be required if they later applied for Australian citizenship.

## About this form

Important – Please read the detailed requirements in booklet 2, *Child Migration*, before completing this form. Also read the following information carefully. Once the application is completed we strongly advise that the applicant keep a copy for their records.

**Note:** If the child is applying from outside Australia, he/she will be applying to migrate. If the child is applying in Australia, he/she will be applying for permanent residence. In this form the term ‘migrate’ covers both. Siblings must **each** lodge an application form and a sponsorship form, however, only one Visa Application Charge is payable for siblings who apply at the same time and same place.

## Integrity of application

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (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.

## Before lodging the application

Make sure the **required documents** are attached to the application.

Make sure all instructions relevant to the visa for which the child is applying have been followed. Refer to booklet 2, *Child Migration*.

The child’s sponsor should complete form 40CH *Sponsorship for a child to migrate to Australia*. Both forms (47CH and 40CH) should be lodged together.

## Making a valid application

To lodge a valid application:

- this form must be used – it is provided with the booklet pack or is available from [www.immi.gov.au/allforms/](http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/) or from any office of the department in Australia or Australian mission overseas;
- indicate the correct visa class (Child, Adoption or Orphan Relative) at **Part A** of this form. If the child is supported by an Australian state or territory welfare authority, this should also be indicated at **Part A**.  
**Note:** Australian state or territory welfare authority supported child refers only to children in permanent or long-term care of an Australian state or territory welfare authority. It does not relate to any other type of support;
- provide the address where the applicant intends to live while the application is being dealt with. Failure to give a residential address will result in the application being invalid.  
**Note:** A post office box address will not be accepted as an applicant’s residential address;
- pay the required Visa Application Charge;
- attach any documentation that is required to be provided with this application; and
- send or deliver this application to the nearest office of the department if applying in Australia, or Australian mission if applying outside Australia.

In addition, if you are in Australia, have had a visa refused or cancelled and do not hold a substantive visa, to make a valid application you must:

- be under 25 years of age unless claiming to be incapacitated for work due to disability; and
- provide an approved form 40CH *Sponsorship for a child to migrate to Australia* that has been completed and signed by an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen who claims to be the parent of the applicant.

## The applicant must ensure that:

- the form is completed in English;
- all questions are answered truthfully; and
- supporting documents are provided where necessary.

**If incorrect information or documents are provided, this may affect whether or not a visa is granted, or whether or not the visa might subsequently be cancelled.**

Read the notes on each question. If a question is not applicable, write 'N/A'. Any changes or corrections made to the form must be initialled and dated by each person who signs the form. If **Part H** of this form is used or additional sheets of paper are attached, ensure each page is signed and dated by all persons who sign the form.

## Charges

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

To check the 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.

## Method of payment

### In Australia

To make a payment, please pay by credit card, debit card, bank cheque or money order made payable to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. Debit card and credit card are the preferred methods of payment.

### Outside Australia

Before making a payment outside Australia, please check with the Australian Government office where the application is to be lodged as to what methods of payment and currencies they can accept and to whom the payment should be made payable.

## Who the form covers

The application form covers the child and, if applicable, any dependants of that child.

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

## Dependants

If the child has dependants, contact the department or an Australian mission for advice about including them in the application.

## Supporting documents

Documents that must be provided with the application are listed in **Part G** of this application form. The department may ask for further documentation during the processing of the application. 'Certified copies' of documents mean copies authorised or stamped as being true copies of originals by a person or agency recognised by the law of the child's home country. In Australia, they must be certified by a justice of the peace or commissioner for declarations or by a person before whom a statutory declaration may be made. All documents not in English must be accompanied by a certified English translation of the original. Originals of the documents may be asked for at a later stage. Do not provide originals unless the department specifically asks for them.

**Note:** Applicants and sponsors are encouraged to use the local websites of Australian overseas missions to check for special local documentation requirements before lodging the child's visa application. Website addresses are located on the department's website [www.immi.gov.au/contacts/](http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/)

## About the information given

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 for assessing eligibility for a visa to travel to, 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, review of decisions and regulation of migration agents.

The information provided on this form, including any information on the applicant's health, will be used to assess the applicant's health for an Australian visa and may be disclosed to the relevant Commonwealth, state and territory health agencies and examining doctor(s).

Form 1071i *Health Requirement for permanent entry to Australia* provides additional information on Australia's visa health requirements. Form 1071i is available at offices of the department or from the department's website [www.immi.gov.au/allforms/](http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/)

The *Privacy Act 1988* is the key law designed to safeguard personal information collected by government agencies. The information privacy principles in the Privacy Act must be obeyed by federal government agencies, including the department, when gathering, processing and disclosing information about the applicant.

Please read the information form 993i *Safeguarding your personal information*, which is available from the department's website [www.immi.gov.au/allforms/](http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/) or from an office of the department, so as to be better informed about the agencies to which personal information might be disclosed.

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.

## Options for receiving written communications

An applicant may authorise another person to receive all communications, both written and electronic, about this application with the department. The applicant will be taken to have received any documents sent to that other person as if they had been sent to the applicant.

To do this please complete Part J *Options for receiving written communications* and form 956 *Appointment of a migration agent or exempt agent or other authorised recipient*. For an explanation of what a migration agent or exempt agent or authorised recipient can do please read the sections below.

To change or end the appointment of a migration agent or exempt agent or authorised recipient the department must be promptly advised in writing. This can also be done by using form 956 *Appointment of a migration agent or exempt agent or other authorised recipient*.

For those applicants who are applying on the basis of an **inter-country adoption through a state or territory adoption authority**, please provide the adoption authority's details at Question 52 and they will be authorised to receive information about this application.

For those applicants who are applying on the basis of being a **state or territory welfare authority supported child**, please provide the welfare authority's details where requested at Question 2 and they will be authorised to receive information about this application.

## Authorised recipient information

An authorised recipient is someone appointed to receive written communications about an application with the department.

All written communication about the application will be sent to the authorised recipient, unless the applicant indicates that they wish to have health and/or character information sent directly to themselves.

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

## Migration agent information

A migration agent is someone who can:

- advise on the visa that may best suit an applicant;
- inform an applicant on the documents needed to be submitted with the application;
- help an applicant fill in the application and submit it; and
- communicate with the department on the applicant's behalf.

If a migration agent is appointed, the department will assume that the migration agent will be the authorised recipient, unless the applicant indicates otherwise.

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

It is not a requirement to use a migration agent. However, if a migration agent is used, the department encourages applicants 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.

## Immigration assistance

A person gives immigration assistance to an applicant if he or she uses, or claims to use, his or her knowledge or experience in migration procedure to assist with the applicant's 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, provides immigration assistance they are committing a criminal offence and may be prosecuted.

## Migration agents in Australia

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

## Migration agents outside Australia

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

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

## Exempt agents

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 sponsor or nominator for this visa application;
- 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.

## Further information on migration agents

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)

Information about migration agents can also be accessed on the department's website [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)

## Consent to communicate electronically

The department may use a range of means to communicate with the visa applicant. However, electronic means such as fax or e-mail will only be used if the applicant indicates their agreement to receiving communication in this way. The department may also contact people by mail, telephone or in person. However, if an email address is provided, this may speed up communication.

To process the application the department may need to communicate with the applicant 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 the applicant agrees to the department communicating with them by electronic means, the details provided by the applicant will only be used by the department for the purposes for which they have been provided unless there is a legal obligation or necessity to use them for another purpose, or the applicant has consented to use them for another purpose. The information 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.

*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*



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

Tick where applicable

## Part A – Application overview

1 How many people are included in this application?

2 TYPE OF APPLICATION – *select one only*

### CHILD

- OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA:  
CLASS AH (CHILD – MIGRANT)
- IN AUSTRALIA:  
CLASS BT (CHILD – RESIDENCE)

- ▶▶ • The child must be:
  - a biological child of the Australian parent; or
  - an adopted child or a step-child of the Australian parent within the meaning of the *Migration Act 1958*; or
  - a child conceived through an artificial conception procedure as provided for in the *Family Law Act 1975*; or
  - a child born under surrogacy arrangements, where parentage has been transferred by court order under a prescribed state or territory law.
- ▶▶ • The child must not be engaged to be married, married or in a de facto relationship.
  - If the child is aged 18 years or older, they must in addition to the above be financially dependent on the sponsor; or incapacitated for work due to a disability.
  - A child aged 18 years or older must also be aged under 25 years of age and a full-time student unless they have a disability that stops them from working.
- ▶▶ • If the child is onshore and has had a visa refused or cancelled and does not hold a substantive visa, they must be under 25 years of age (unless claiming to be incapacitated for work due to disability), and must provide a completed and signed form 40CH *Sponsorship for a child to migrate to Australia*.
- ▶▶ • If the child is an adopted child applying outside Australia, they can only apply in this category if they were adopted by the sponsor before the sponsor became an Australian citizen or permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen.
- ▶▶ • A step-child can only be included in the Child visa application if the step-child is under 18 years of age and the sponsoring step-parent is no longer the partner of the child's parent but has parental responsibility in relation to the child

### ORPHAN RELATIVE

- OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA:  
CLASS AH (CHILD – MIGRANT)
- IN AUSTRALIA:  
CLASS BT (CHILD – RESIDENCE)

- ▶▶ • The child must be under 18 years of age and not married or in a de facto relationship.
- ▶▶ • The child must be a relative of an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen (the sponsor) who is willing and able to look after the child because the child has no parent to care for them.

### ADOPTION

- (CHILD – MIGRANT) CLASS AH

- ▶▶ Applications must be made outside Australia.
    - The child must be under 18 years of age; and
    - if the adoption is arranged by an Australian state or territory adoption authority, the adoption of the child must be in progress.
    - In other cases: the child must have been adopted; the adoption must give full and permanent parental rights to the adopting parent; the sponsoring parent must have resided overseas for at least 12 months.
    - If the child has already been adopted by the sponsor, the child must have been adopted after the sponsor became an Australian citizen or permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen.
- Note:** Strict criteria apply to adoption visas: ensure that you have obtained all information before you lodge this application.

**AUSTRALIAN STATE OR TERRITORY WELFARE  
AUTHORITY SUPPORTED CHILD**

**Note:** The child must be currently in the permanent or long-term care of an Australian state or territory welfare authority.

Please provide contact details of the welfare authority

Name of welfare authority

Name of contact at the welfare authority

Postal address  
  
  
 POSTCODE

E-mail address

Telephone number  
COUNTRY CODE    AREA CODE    NUMBER

**9** Child's place of birth

Town/city

Country

**10** Details from the child's passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue  DAY MONTH YEAR

Date of expiry  / /

Issuing authority/  
Place of issue as shown in the passport

**11** Details of identity card or identity number issued to the child by his/her government (*if applicable*) eg. National identity card.

**Note:** If the 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 the child lives in.

Identity number

Country of issue

**12** Of which countries is the child a citizen?

**13** Country of current residence

**14** Child's relationship status

Never married or been in a de facto relationship

Engaged to be married  **Name of intended spouse**

Date of intended marriage  DAY MONTH YEAR

Married or in a de facto relationship  **Name of partner**

Date of marriage or date de facto relationship began  DAY MONTH YEAR

Previously married or in a de facto relationship  **Name of partner**

**Note:** This includes children who are widowed

Period of marriage or de facto relationship

From  MONTH YEAR

to  /

**Part B – Child's details**

**3** Child's full name  
(as shown in their passport or travel document)

Family name

Given names

**4** Child's name in their own language or script (*if applicable*)

**5** Other ways used to spell the child's name

Family name

Given names

**6** Other names the child is, or has been, known by  
(including name at birth, previous married names, aliases)

**7** Sex    Male     Female

**8** Child's date of birth  DAY MONTH YEAR

## Part C – Dependants

### 15 Child's current residential address

**Note:** A post office box address is not acceptable as a residential address. Failure to give a residential address will result in the child's application being invalid.

POSTCODE

### 16 Child's address for correspondence

*(If the same as the child's residential address, write 'AS ABOVE')*

POSTCODE

### 17 Child's telephone numbers

	COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
Office hours	( )	( )	
After hours	( )	( )	

### 18 Do you agree to the department communicating with the child by fax, e-mail or other electronic means?

No

Yes  ► Give details

	COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
Fax number	( )	( )	
E-mail address			

### 19 Child's main language

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### 20 How well does the child communicate in English?

Better than functional

Functional

Limited

Not at all

### 21 Other languages the child reads, understands, speaks and writes fluently


### 22 If applying from outside Australia:

Where does the child intend to live in Australia?

Australian Capital Territory

Tasmania

New South Wales

Victoria

Northern Territory

Western Australia

Queensland

External Territory

South Australia

Don't know

### 23 If applying from outside Australia:

What is the value of money, goods and assets which the child intends to bring to Australia?

Local currency

Australian dollar equivalent

### 24 Does the child have any dependants?

**Note:** Siblings of the child who wish to migrate together cannot be dependants and should make their own application.

No  ► Go to Question 28

Yes

### 25 Give details of ALL the child's dependants who are INCLUDED in this application

#### 1. Full name

Sex Male  Female

Date of birth 

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Country of current residence

Citizenship

Relationship to the child

#### 2. Full name

Sex Male  Female

Date of birth 

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Country of current residence

Citizenship

Relationship to the child

#### 3. Full name

Sex Male  Female

Date of birth 

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Country of current residence

Citizenship

Relationship to the child

**26** Does the child have the sole legal right to determine where each dependant under 18 years of age shall live or to remove each dependant from their home country?

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

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

1. Name

Residential address



POSTCODE

Telephone number

COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER

Relationship to the child

Nature of the legal right






2. Name

Residential address



POSTCODE

Telephone number

COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER

Relationship to the child

Nature of the legal right






*If you do not have enough space please attach a separate sheet with further details*

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

**27** Give details of ALL the child's dependants who are NOT INCLUDED in this application

1. Full name

Sex Male  Female

Date of birth

Country of current residence

Citizenship

Relationship to the child

2. Full name

Sex Male  Female

Date of birth

Country of current residence

Citizenship

Relationship to the child

3. Full name

Sex Male  Female

Date of birth

Country of current residence

Citizenship

Relationship to the child



## Part D – Details of other family members

**28** Give details of ALL the child's other family members, not already listed in this form at Part C

(If not living, write 'DECEASED' in country of current residence column)

**Note:** Adoption visa applicants are **not** required to provide details of their biological family

Full name	Sex	Date of birth			Relationship status (use codes below)	Country of current residence
	M/F	DAY	MONTH	YEAR		

Parents

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

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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







## Part F – Application details (for Child visa applicants only)

**38** Is the child aged 18 years of older?

No  ► Go to Part G

Yes

**39** STUDENT STATUS DETAILS

Details of the child's secondary education

Name of school

Location

Date commenced

Date completed  
(or estimated date  
of completion)

**40** Is the child currently undertaking a post secondary course of study leading to a trade, vocational or professional qualification (*this does not include single subject courses, hobby type courses or other general interest courses of a short duration*)?

No

Yes  ► Give details

Name of institution

Location

Date commenced

Estimated date of completion

Type of qualification

Full-time  Part-time

Student identification number

*Attach evidence of the child's enrolment and active participation in this course of study*

**41** EMPLOYMENT DETAILS

Give details of any current employment

Name and address of employer


Date commenced

Number of hours worked per week

Weekly earnings in local currency

If the child has a disability which stops them from working, you must provide a report from a qualified medical practitioner to support this claim.



## Part G – Checklist

### 44 The following documents must be provided as part of the visa application.

**Note:** If the documents are in a language other than English, translations into English must be provided. In Australia, the translator must be accredited by the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI).

Applicants and sponsors are encouraged to use the local websites of Australian overseas missions to check for specific local documentation requirements before lodging the child's visa application. Website addresses are located on the department's website

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

For **all** visa categories, please provide the following documents (as appropriate) (see Supporting documents section on page 2 of this form about certified copies of documents and English translations)

If the child is applying in Australia, certified copies of the passport or travel document the child used to enter Australia, and of any passports held since then.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 recent passport sized photographs (45mm x 35mm) of the child (4 photos if health examinations have not been completed). These should be of the head and shoulders only, and should show the child facing the camera and against a plain background. Print the name of the child on the back of each photograph.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the child is aged 16 years or older, a police good conduct/character certificate for each country outside Australia where the child has lived for more than 12 months over the past 10 years (since turning 16).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence that the child's sponsor is an Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen (certified copy of birth certificate, Australian passport or foreign passport containing evidence of permanent residence, Australian citizenship certificate).	<input type="checkbox"/>
A completed form 40CH <i>Sponsorship for a child to migrate to Australia</i> that has been filled in and signed by the child's sponsor	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the child is under 18 years of age and has <b>not</b> been adopted with the involvement of an Australian state or territory adoption authority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>if the <b>sponsor</b> and/or the <b>sponsor's partner</b> have spent a total of 12 months or more in Australia since turning 16 years of age, an Australian National Police Check from the sponsor and/or their partner; and</li> <li>police certificates from each other country in which the <b>sponsor</b> and/or the <b>sponsor's partner</b> have spent a total of 12 months or more in the last 10 years since turning 16 years of age.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> The sponsor and/or the sponsor's partner who are required to submit an Australian National Police Check must complete the National Police Check application form that is available from the Australian Federal Police (AFP) website <a href="http://www.afp.gov.au">www.afp.gov.au</a> Fingerprints are not required for National Police Checks.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>

For **Child** visa category, please provide the following documents (as appropriate)

A certified copy of the child's birth registration showing both parent's names. If a birth certificate is not available, a certified copy of the identification pages of at least one of the following documents must be provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>passport;</li> <li>family book showing both parents' names;</li> <li>identification document issued by the government; or</li> <li>document issued by a court that verifies the child's identity.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the child is an adopted child, certified copies of the adoption papers.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the child is a step-child of the sponsor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the step-child must be under 18 years of age;</li> <li>provide evidence that the child's parent is the former partner of the sponsoring step-parent;</li> <li>provide evidence of the child's parentage;</li> <li>provide evidence that the step-parent has parental responsibility in relation to the child.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the child is aged 18 years or older and is a full-time student, evidence of their enrolment and active participation in a post-secondary course of study. <p><b>Note:</b> If there has been a gap of over 6 months in study between finishing the final year of secondary school and commencing further studies, please provide a statement explaining this time frame.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the child is aged 18 years or older and is claiming to have a disability, evidence from a qualified medical practitioner that the child has total or partial loss of bodily or mental functions and this stops them from working.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the child is aged 18 years or older, evidence that they are financially dependent on their sponsor for their basic needs of food, shelter and clothing, and how long this support has been provided. Evidence may include bank statements, money transfers, rent receipts, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the child is aged under 18 years, evidence that the sponsor has the legal right to determine where the child shall live (eg. court order) or a statutory declaration from each person with a legal responsibility to the child stating that they have no objection to the child's migration, or a court order supporting the child's migration. <p><b>Note:</b> Where a non-migrating parent has the legal right to determine where the child can live, please provide a statutory declaration from the non-migrating parent granting their permission for the child to migrate to Australia, together with a certified copy of the non-migrating parent's identification (eg. passport or driver's licence).</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the child's name has been changed, a certified copy of evidence of the name change.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the child has served in the armed forces of any country, certified copies of military service records or discharge papers.	<input type="checkbox"/>

For **Orphan Relative** visa category, please provide the following documents (as appropriate)

<p>A certified copy of the child's birth registration showing both parents' names. If a birth certificate is not available, a certified copy of the identification pages of at least one of the following documents must be provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• passport;</li> <li>• family book showing both parents' names;</li> <li>• identification document issued by the government; or</li> <li>• document issued by a court that verifies the child's identity.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>If the child's name has been changed, a certified copy of evidence of the name change.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Documents to show the child's relationship to the sponsor, eg. birth certificate or court order of the child's parents and birth certificate or court order of sponsor would indicate siblings relationship.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>If one or both parents are dead, a death certificate or other official documentation to verify this.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>If one or both parents' whereabouts are unknown, evidence of how long they have been missing and what efforts have been made to contact or find them.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>If one or both parents are permanently incapacitated, evidence showing why they are unable to care for the child. For example, if a parent has a physical or mental illness which stops them from being able to care for the child, provide a medical report to verify this.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Evidence that the sponsor has the legal right to determine where the child shall live (eg. court order) or a statutory declaration from each person with a legal responsibility to the child stating that they have no objection to the child's migration, or a court order supporting the child's migration.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The statutory declaration needs to be accompanied by a certified copy of their identification (eg. passport or driver's licence).</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

For **Adoption** visa category, please provide the following documents (as appropriate)

<p>If the child has been allocated for adoption, a letter from the Australian state or territory adoption authority supporting the adoption. The letter should contain the adoption authority's contact details.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>If the child has been adopted, certified copies of the adoption papers or adoption compliance certificate, including evidence that the authority in the child's home country permits the child to migrate to Australia.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>If the child has been adopted by expatriate adoptive parents <b>without</b> the support of an Australian state or territory adoption authority, provide a written statement outlining the reasons for the adoptive parent's residence overseas.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

For **Australian state or territory welfare authority supported child**, please provide

<p>Letter of support from the state or territory welfare authority stating the child's need for permanent resident status.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## Part I – Assistance with this form

46 Was assistance given in completing this form?

No  ▶ Go to Part J

Yes  ▶ Please give details of the person who gave assistance

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

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

No

Yes  ▶ Go to Part J

48 Is the person/agent in Australia?

No  ▶ Go to Part J

Yes

49 Was the person/agent paid and/or given a gift for this assistance?

No

Yes

## Part J – Options for receiving written communications

50 Does this application relate to a state or territory sponsored adoption or an Australian state or territory supported child?

No

Yes  ▶ Go to Part K

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

The applicant  ▶ All written communications will be sent to the applicant's address for communications provided in this form.

**OR**

Authorised recipient

**OR**

Migration agent  ▶

**OR**

Agent exempt from registration

The form 956 *Appointment of a migration agent or exempt agent or other authorised recipient* must be completed and attached to this application form. Form 956 is available from the department's website [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)

**Note:** If applying for an Adoption visa, where the child has been allocated for adoption by an Australian state or territory adoption authority, it is recommended that this adoption authority be authorised to receive all written communications about this application. There can only be one authorised recipient.

## Part K – Authorised recipient details (for Adoption visa applicants only)

52 If applying for an **Adoption** visa, where the child has been allocated for adoption by an Australian state or territory adoption authority, it is recommended that this adoption authority be authorised to receive all written communications about this application. **Note:** There can only be one authorised recipient.

Provide details of the adoption authority and the employee of the adoption authority who is authorised on the applicant's behalf to receive all written communications about this application.

Name of adoption authority

Name of contact at the adoption authority

Postal address

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

E-mail address

Telephone number

	COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
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**Note:** If this application relates to an **Australian state or territory welfare authority supported child** the welfare authority specified at Question 2 will be authorised to receive information about this application.



## 56 AUSTRALIAN VALUES STATEMENT

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

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

*I understand:*

- *Australian society values respect for the freedom and dignity of the individual, freedom of religion, commitment to the rule of law, Parliamentary democracy, equality of men and women and a spirit of egalitarianism that embraces mutual respect, tolerance, fair play and compassion for those in need and pursuit of the public good;*
- *Australian society values equality of opportunity for individuals, regardless of their race, religion or ethnic background;*
- *the English language, as the national language, is an important unifying element of Australian society.*

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

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

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

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

**Signature of main applicant**

Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

**Signature**

Name

**Signature**

Name

**Signature**

Name

**Signature**

Name

## 57 DECLARATION AND CONSENT

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

This declaration and consent must be signed.

If the applicant is under 16 years of age, this declaration and consent may be signed, on behalf of the child, by the child's parent, relative or guardian as appropriate.

- *I declare that the information I have supplied in this application is complete, correct and up-to-date in every detail.*
- *I understand that if I give false or misleading information, my application may be refused, or any visa granted may be cancelled.*
- *I understand that if this application is approved, any person not included in this application will not have automatic right of entry to Australia by way of this application.*
- *I will inform the Department of Immigration and Citizenship of any changes to my personal circumstances (including change of address) while my application is being considered.*
- *I authorise the Australian Government to make any enquiries necessary to determine my eligibility for permanent stay in Australia, and to use any information supplied in this application for that purpose.*
- *I have read and understood the information supplied to me in this application.*

For offshore applicants who are required to provide their fingerprints and facial image:

- *I understand that my fingerprints and facial image and my biographical information held by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship may be given to Australian law enforcement agencies to help identify me, to help determine my eligibility for grant of the visa I have applied for, and for law enforcement purposes.*
- *I consent to:*
  - *Australian law enforcement agencies disclosing my biometric, biographical and criminal record information to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship for any of the purposes outlined above; and*
  - *the Department of Immigration and Citizenship using the information obtained for the purposes of the Migration Act 1958 or the Citizenship Act 2007.*

**Signature of main applicant**

*(A parent, relative or guardian may sign if applicant is under 16 years of age)*

Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

We strongly advise that the applicant keep a copy of the application and all attachments for their records.