

Australian Government Department of Immigration and Citizenship

Visitor visa (subclass 600) Application document checklist

You must provide documents to support your application for this visa. The department can make a decision using the information you provide when you lodge your application. It is in your interest to provide as much information as possible with your application.

You must provide certified copies of original documents. Do not include original documents unless specifically requested by the department. Documents not in English must be accompanied by accredited English translations.

Use this checklist to make sure your application is complete.

Outside Australia: Visa application requirements differ from country to country. If you are applying outside Australia, your nearest <u>immigration office outside Australia</u> will tell you exactly how to submit your application and what documents to provide.

Approved Destination stream: Contact your travel agent. Your travel agent prepares your documents and lodges your application for you. If you apply for this visa with an approved travel agent for a tour that is part of the Approved Destination Status scheme in China, your approved travel agent will lodge the application form for you.

Forms

A completed application form.

Receiving assistance

Complete this section only if you are lodging a paper application.



If someone gives you advice or lodges your application for you:

• <u>Form 956</u> Advice by a migration agent/exempt person of providing immigration assistance (the agent or exempt person completes the form and you must sign it)



If you would like someone to receive correspondence from the department on your behalf:

• <u>Form 956A</u> Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient (the recipient completes the form and you must sign it)

Charges

Pay the visa application charge.

Your identity

- Certified copies of the biographical pages of the current passports or travel documents of all people included in the application.
- One recent passport sized photograph (45 mm x 35 mm) of each person included in the application.
 - o **These photographs should be of the head and shoulders only against a plain background**
 - Print the name of the person on the back of each photograph.
- If your name has changed or the name of anyone included in your application has changed: a certified copy of evidence of the name change.
 - Certified copies of birth certificates for you and any other person included in the application. The certificates must show the names of both parents of everyone included in the application.

The character requirements

If you or anyone included in the application has served in the armed forces of any country: certified copies of military service record or discharge papers.

Documents to show you are a genuine visitor

- Evidence of sufficient funds, such as personal bank statements, pay slips, audited accounts, taxation records or credit card limit.
- If you are visiting relatives or friends, a letter of invitation from your relative or friend in Australia. If your relative or friend is paying for your visit, evidence that they have the necessary funds.
- If you are visiting under the Tourist stream: Your itinerary for your stay in Australia.
- Other information to show that you have an incentive and authority to return to your home country, such as:
 - o a letter from your employer stating your intention to return to your job
 - o evidence of enrolment at a school, college or university in your home country
 - evidence of immediate family members in your home country
 - o evidence of your visa or residence status in your home country, and your right to return
 - evidence of property or other significant assets owned in your home country.

Children younger than 18 years of age

If you are younger than 18 years of age: evidence that every person with a legal right to decide where you live consents to your travel to Australia on this visa. If you will not have one or both parents come with you, provide:

- o a <u>statutory declaration</u> giving their permission
- Form 1229 Consent form to grant an Australian visa to a child under the age of 18 years (125 kB PDF).

If you use this form, you will have to attach a certified copy of your parent's or guardian's government-issued identification document (such as a passport or driver's licence) with their photograph and their signature.

If you are younger than 18 years of age and you will stay in Australia with someone other than a parent, legal guardian or relative: a declaration signed by the person who will be responsible for you Australia

• Form 1257 Undertaking declaration (125 kB PDF).

Evidence of enrolment at school, college or university.

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Additional documents for the Sponsored Family stream

- Form 1149 Application for sponsorship fo Application for sponsorship for Sponsored Family Visitors (219 kB PDF file)- completed by an eligible sponsor
- Certified copies of marriage certificates or relationship registrations for you, your partner or anyone else included in your application, even if they are not joining you in Australia.
- If you are living in a de facto relationship: independent evidence that you have been in the relationship for at least 12 months (for example, joint bank account statements or billing accounts in joint names).
- If you or anyone included in the application has been widowed, divorced or permanently separated: a certified copy of the death certificate, divorce decree absolute, or statutory declaration/separation certificate.

Evidence of dependency for all dependants aged 18 or older (such as evidence of current studies):

- o a certified copy of their birth certificate and proof of their relationship to you
- o proof that the relative lives in your household
- proof that your relative has been dependent on you for at least the 12 months immediately before you lodge your application.

Additional documents for the Business Visitor stream

Evidence of why you need to visit Australia on business, such as:

- o a letter of invitation from the host organisation in Australia
- o conference registration details
- o a letter from your employer stating the reasons for your visit
- your itinerary, with contact details of the business parties involved.
- Your educational or professional qualifications.
- Your current employment and your role during your visit to Australia.
- Details of previous contacts with Australian businesspeople or organisations Australia.
- Documents to show that the company you work for is an actively operating business, such as a business registration certificate or annual report.