



Australian Government

Department of Immigration and
Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

Application to visit Australia as a sponsored family visitor

Form

48S

Read the following information carefully **BEFORE** you complete your application.

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. If granted, the visa will only allow you to travel to Australia for a single visit.

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.

8205 – Where this condition applies, and you intend to study for longer than 4 weeks, you are required to pass a chest x-ray examination before you are able to commence study.

8503 – No Further Stay¹

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 shown on your visa label or on the letter advising you of 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.

¹ 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.

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. The amount of the security bond is determined on a case by case basis by the delegated officer and is generally between A\$5,000 and A\$15,000 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.

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. The 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. The security bond lodged to support your Sponsored Family Visitor visa application will normally be forfeited.

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.

Your sponsor must be one of the following:

- a relative (parent, child, adopted child, spouse, brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild, aunt, uncle, 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, spouse, 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 the application forms, and the sponsorship form 1149 in Australia at the same time.

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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.

Who cannot be a sponsor?

There are no provisions for fiancé(e)s, partners of the same sex, 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.

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 A\$5,000 and A\$15,000 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

Your sponsor must either pay the application charge at time of lodgement or provide evidence that it has been paid. The payment is generally not refunded if the application is unsuccessful. To make a payment in Australia, your sponsor should pay by credit card, debit card or by bank cheque or money order made payable to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (the department). Your sponsor cannot pay by cash or personal cheque.

How to apply

- From 2 April 2005, all Sponsored Family Visitor visa applications must be lodged at an office of the department 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 unit 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 must then lodge all applications, together with a completed form 1149 *Application for sponsorship for sponsored family visitors* at any regional office of the department in Australia.
- 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.

Other types of visitor visas

If you do not have an eligible relative who can sponsor you under this visa class, or if you want a visa which allows multiple entry, you can apply for other types of visitor visas. These are listed below and will require you completing a different visa application form.

Tourist visa, class TR, subclass 676

This visa can be applied for from outside Australia (offshore) or in Australia.

Visa validity

A Tourist visa allows a stay of up to 12 months. A stay beyond 12 months is **ONLY** granted where 'exceptional' circumstances exist.

It may be granted for a single entry or multiple entries within a specified period.

Generally a Tourist visa (subclass 676) allows a stay in Australia of 3 months or 6 months and is valid for multiple visits within 12 months from the date of grant.

It should be noted, however, under Australia's migration regulations, decision-makers may grant a Tourist visa permitting the visa holder to travel to and to remain in Australia for a specified period that they see as appropriate. In some circumstances the stay period granted may be less than the stay period requested by the applicant.

For more detailed information check the *Visiting Australia* website at www.immi.gov.au/e_visa/visit.htm

Ways to apply

There are 2 ways to apply for a Tourist visa:

- apply electronically over the internet; or
- apply on a paper application form.

To apply for a Tourist visa from outside Australia:

- Applications for a Tourist visa may be made via the internet using registered travel agents or airline services or by applicants applying directly on the internet. To apply through the internet, you must hold an eligible passport. A list of eligible passports for this service is available from the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (the department) website at www.immi.gov.au/e_visa/visit.htm
- Applications for a Tourist visa may also be made in the conventional way (on a paper application form) at an Australian Embassy, High Commission or Consulate.

To apply for a Tourist visa in Australia:

- Applications for a further stay in Australia as a Tourist may be made via the internet or at an office of the department or by mail depending on the length of the total stay period.
- An application for a total stay of up to 6 months from the date the applicant last entered Australia on an Electronic Travel Authority (Visitor) or Tourist visa (subclass 676) can be made over the internet. Further information is available on the department's website at www.immi.gov.au/e_visa/visit.htm
- An application for a total stay of more than 6 months can be made at an office of the department (use form 601).

For more details on visa lodgement options check the *Visiting Australia* website at www.immi.gov.au/e_visa/visit.htm

Medical Treatment visa, subclass 675 and 685

This visa is for visitors entering for pre-arranged medical treatment in Australia. If you want to apply for this visa, you need to complete form 48ME.

Short Stay Business visa, subclass 456

This visa is for visitors wishing to visit Australia for business purposes such as to attend a conference. This visa allows a stay in Australia of up to 3 months. If you want to apply for this visa, you need to complete form 456.

Sponsored Business Visitor visa, subclass 459

This visa is for business visitors who want to visit Australia for a short business trip, and who have a sponsor who is willing to guarantee their stay in Australia. If you want to apply for this visa, you need to complete form 1238 *Application for a sponsored business visitor (Short Stay) visa (for a stay up to 3 months)*, and your sponsor needs to complete form 1235 *Application for sponsorship for sponsored business visitors*.

The business visa application form and the required visa application charge (or evidence that the charge has been paid) must be lodged together with form 1235 at an office of the department in Australia.

Health insurance

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 you are covered by a reciprocal health care agreement.

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.

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 Commonwealth 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 the form to indicate their consent to this form of communication.

Authorisation of sponsor to receive written communication and act on behalf of the visa applicant

In order for this application to proceed, you will need to authorise your sponsor to receive all written communications about the visa application, and to act on your behalf. The department will communicate with your sponsor about your application and will send your sponsor any written communications relating to your application that would otherwise have been sent to you. You will be taken to have received any documents sent to your sponsor, as if they had been sent to you. The exchange of information may include personal information. To authorise your sponsor to receive all communications about your application you will need to complete the sections with the headings *Options for receiving written communications* and *Authorising sponsor* in your application form, naming your sponsor as the authorised person.

Authorisation of a migration agent to act on behalf of the sponsor and visa applicant

Your sponsor may choose to appoint a migration agent to act on their behalf. In this case you and the nominated migration agent are required to complete the sections titled *Options for receiving written communications* and *Migration agent details*. You and the migration agent will need to sign the section titled *Migration agent details*. If a migration agent is authorised to act on behalf of your sponsor and you, this includes authorising the department to send that agent any written communication about the application that would otherwise have been sent to your sponsor. Your sponsor will be taken to have received any documents sent to that agent as if they had been sent to your sponsor.

When you provide details of the migration agent please make sure you give the agent's 7-digit migration agent registration number (MARN) and the agent's full name.

If you change your migration agent or end his/her appointment after you have lodged this application you must promptly advise the department by using form 956 *Appointment of migration agent*, which is available on the department's website or from your migration agent. You should also notify the agent of this, preferably in writing.

Appointing a migration agent to act on your behalf includes authorising the department to:

- discuss your application with your agent and seek further information via your agent; and
- send to your agent any written communication about your application that would otherwise have been sent to you. This means your migration agent will be your authorised recipient for written communication under section 494D of the *Migration Act 1958* and you will be taken to have received any documents sent to the migration agent as if they were sent to you.

The department will communicate with your agent about your application, including your personal information such as health, police checks, financial viability and personal relationships. If your agent authorises it, this communication may take place by e-mail. The department will only send to your agent information which you are entitled to receive. For example, if you are a visa applicant and have a sponsor, your agent will not receive personal information about your sponsor, unless your sponsor has also appointed the same agent.

In some situations the department's staff will need to speak with you directly, rather than your migration agent, for example, if you are applying for a visa the department may interview you about your personal circumstances relevant to the visa application. In some situations the department's staff will also send documents to you directly (such as your passport) instead of sending these to your agent, but will inform your agent that it has done so.

If you have appointed a migration agent to act for you, you are still responsible for the accuracy of information and supporting documentation that you provide to your agent so that your agent can provide it to the department.

Using a migration agent

You are not required to use a migration agent. However, if you intend to use a migration agent you are advised to use an Australian registered migration agent.

Under Australian law, anyone who uses knowledge of migration procedures to offer immigration assistance to a person wishing to obtain a visa to enter or remain in Australia must be registered.

A list of registered migration agents is available from the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) website www.themara.com.au

You can contact the MARA at:

PO Box Q1551
QVB NSW 1230
AUSTRALIA

Telephone: 61 2 9299 5446

Fax: 61 2 9299 8448

E-mail: themara@themara.com.au

Registered migration agents are bound by the Migration Agents Code of Conduct and generally charge for their services. The MARA investigates complaints against registered migration agents and may take disciplinary action against them. If you have a concern about a registered migration agent, you should contact the MARA. You can also download a copy of the complaint form from the MARA website.

Using an agent exempted from registration

Only registered migration agents can provide 'immigration assistance' for a fee or gift. However, certain people, such as officials, parliamentarians, diplomats, are able to provide immigration assistance as exempted agents so long as they do not receive a fee or gift.

If you wish to appoint an exempted agent you must complete form 956 *Appointment of migration agent* and attach it to this application form.

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 provided² 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, review of decisions and regulation of migration agents.

Relevant information about you may 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 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.

² The information provided in relation to health on this form, and the results of any tests for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), will be used to assess your health for an Australian visa. A positive HIV **or other** test result will not necessarily lead to a visa being denied. Your result may be disclosed to the relevant Commonwealth, State and Territory Health agencies.

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.

The department has authority under the *Migration Act 1958* to collect a range of personal identifiers from non-citizens, including visa applicants, in certain circumstances. 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**

The *Freedom of Information Act 1982* also relates to your personal information. Under this Act you can apply for access to documents containing your personal information. You or someone authorised to access information on your behalf can apply to do this at any office of the department in Australia. There is no fee for accessing your own information. If you are overseas, you must provide an address in Australia to which copies of your personal records can be sent. More information on how to make a request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* is given on the form 424 *Request for access to documents*.

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);
- any information to show that you have an incentive and authority to return to your country of residence.

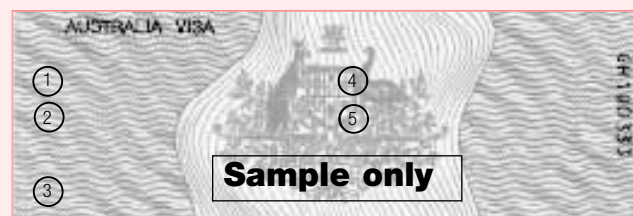
Application checklist

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).

Before you lodge your application, separate this information sheet and keep it for future reference. When you have lodged your application, you should attach your application receipt to this sheet.

Understanding your visa label



If you are granted a visa, the following information is provided to assist you in understanding the terms and conditions of your visa.

- 1 The name of the office that granted your visa.
- 2 Your name and the names of any family members included in your application and listed in your passport.
- 3 Visa validity information, including:
 - the date your visa was granted;
 - the date by which you must enter Australia;
 - the number of times you can travel to Australia within the validity of the visa (**single entry**); and
 - your authorised period of stay in Australia (a maximum of **12 months only**).
- 4 The type of visa you have been granted.
- 5 The conditions attached to your visa:
8101 – NO WORK
8201 – MAX. 3 MONTHS STUDY
8205 – X-RAY IF STUDY > 4 WEEKS
8503 – NO FURTHER STAY
8531 – MUST LEAVE BEFORE VISA EXPIRY

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DIMIA enquiry line

Telephone **131 881** (24 hours a day, 7 days a week). This number is available only in Australia. If you are outside Australia, please contact your nearest Australian mission.



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

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?

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PHOTOGRAPH

Please attach a recent
photograph (not more
than 6 months old) of
yourself
AND
any children who are on
your passport and will
be travelling with you.

Your details

3 Name(s) as shown in your passport

Family name

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Given names

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Other names you have been known by

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Name in your own language or script (if applicable)

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4 Sex Male ☐ Female ☐

5 Date of birth

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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If you are 70 years or over, you will be asked to provide evidence from your doctor that you are fit to travel and 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 Marital status

Married ☐ Separated ☐ Never married ☐
Engaged ☐ Divorced ☐
De facto ☐ Widowed ☐

7 Place of birth Town/city

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Country

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8 Details from your passport

Passport number

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Country of passport

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Date of issue

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Date of expiry

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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.

9 Country of current citizenship

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10 Do you hold any other citizenship?

No ☐

Yes ☐ Give details

Country

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Passport number

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11 Country of usual residence

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12 Your current residential address

Note: A Post Office box address is not acceptable as a residential address. Failure to give your residential address will result in this application being invalid.

POSTCODE

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- 13** Postal address
(If the same as your residential address, write 'AS ABOVE')

POSTCODE

- 14** Your telephone numbers

	COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
Office hours	()	()	
After hours or mobile/cell	()	()	

- 15** 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
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E-mail address

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- 16** Please provide the name of the nearest Australian mission where you can collect your visa label, if granted a visa.

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Children included in passport

You can include in this application any **children included in your passport who will be travelling with you.**

Children under 18 years of age, travelling alone or without one or both of their parents or legal guardians, require notarised authorisation from the non-accompanying parent(s) or guardian(s) to travel to Australia.

- 17** Are there any children included in your passport who will be included in your application and will be travelling with you?

No ☐
Yes ☐ Give details

Family name

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Given names

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Sex Male ☐ Female ☐

Date of birth

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Country of birth

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Details of passport

Passport number

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Country of passport

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Date of issue

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Date of expiry

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in your passport

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

Family name

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Given names

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Sex Male ☐ Female ☐

Date of birth

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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Country of birth

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Details of passport

Passport number

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Country of passport

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Date of issue

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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Date of expiry

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in your passport

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

Family name

Given names

Sex

Male

☐

Female

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Date of birth

DAY

MONTH

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Country of birth

Details of passport

Passport number

Country of passport

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Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in your passport

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Family name

Given names

Sex

Male

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Date of birth

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Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in your passport

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

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

18 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.

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Family NOT travelling with you

19 Do you have a spouse, de facto, 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	
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If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet with the details.

Details of your visit to Australia

20 Name/details of your sponsor in Australia

Sponsor's name	Sponsor's telephone number	Sponsor's current full residential address (A Post Office box is not acceptable as a residential address.)

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

21 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 spouse, 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, birth certificate)

22 Do you have any other relatives, friends or contacts in Australia?

No ☐ Yes ☐ ► Give details

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

23 Why do you want to visit Australia?

Include details of any dates that are of special significance to your visit.

24 Do you intend to do a course of study of more than 4 weeks while in Australia?

No ☐ Yes ☐ ► Please 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.

- 25** In the last 5 years, have you, or have any children included in this application, visited or lived outside your country of usual residence for more than 3 consecutive months?

No ☐ Yes ☐ Give details

- 26** Do you, or any children included in this application, intend to enter an Australian hospital, health care facility, nursing home for any purpose?

No ☐ Yes ☐ Give details

- 27** Have you, or any children included in this application:

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

No ☐ Yes ☐ Give details

- 28** Do you require assistance with mobility and/or care in Australia or overseas?

No ☐ Yes ☐ Provide details of the care/mobility concerns that apply to you and how they are addressed

- 29** During your proposed visit to Australia, do/will you, or any children included in this application have, or expect to incur, medical costs or require treatment or medical follow up for:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| • blood disorder | • mental illness |
| • cancer | • pregnancy |
| • heart disease | • respiratory disease that has required hospital admission |
| • hepatitis B | • any form of surgery |
| • HIV infection, including AIDS | • any other health concerns? |
| • kidney disease, including dialysis | |
| • liver disease | |

No ☐ Yes ☐ Give details

- 30** Do you intend performing medical procedures (eg. as a practicing/trainee doctor, dentist, nurse etc.) during your stay in Australia?

No ☐ Yes ☐ Provide details of medical/dental/nursing procedures you may be involved with in Australia

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31 Have you, or any children included in this application, ever:

- been convicted of a crime or offence in any country (including any conviction which is now removed from official records)? No ☐ Yes ☐
- been charged with any offence that is currently awaiting legal action? No ☐ Yes ☐
- been acquitted of any criminal offence or other offence on the grounds of mental illness, insanity or unsoundness of mind? No ☐ Yes ☐
- been removed or deported from any country (including Australia)? No ☐ Yes ☐
- left any country to avoid being removed or deported? No ☐ Yes ☐
- been refused a visa for Australia or another country? No ☐ Yes ☐
- been excluded from or asked to leave any country (including Australia)? No ☐ Yes ☐
- committed, or been involved in the commission of war crimes or crimes against humanity or human rights? No ☐ Yes ☐
- been involved in any activities that would represent a risk to Australian national security? No ☐ Yes ☐
- had any outstanding debts to the Australian Government or any public authority in Australia? No ☐ Yes ☐
- been involved in any activity, or been convicted of any offence, relating to the illegal movement of people to any country (including Australia)? No ☐ Yes ☐
- served in a military force or state sponsored/private militia, undergone any military/paramilitary training, or been trained in weapons/explosives use (however described)? No ☐ Yes ☐

If you answered **'Yes'** to any of the above questions, provide all the relevant details. If insufficient space, attach an additional statement.

Employment status

32 What is your employment status?

Employed/self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Details of employer/business	Name			
		Address			
		Telephone number			
		Position you hold			
	How long have you been employed by this employer/business?	YEARS	MONTHS		
Retired <input type="checkbox"/>	Year of retirement	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
Student <input type="checkbox"/>	Your current course				
	Name of educational institution				
	How long have you been studying at this institution?	YEARS	MONTHS		
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Please provide details				
Unemployed <input type="checkbox"/>	Please explain why are you 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.

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

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

No ☐ Go to Question 36

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

35 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

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Have you, or any children 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

37

Have you, or any children 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

38

Complete the following details if you (or any children 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)

39

Complete the following details if you (or any children 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

- 40** Did you receive assistance in completing this form?
- No ☐ ► Go to Question 43
- Yes ☐ ► Please give details of the person who assisted you

Family name (not a business or company name)

Given names

Address

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

POSTCODE

- 41** Is this person an Australian registered migration agent?
- No ☐ ► Go to Question 43
- Yes ☐

- 42** Did you pay the person and/or give a gift for this assistance?
- No ☐
- Yes ☐ ► How much did you pay?

A\$ AND/OR

What kind of gift did you give? (eg. jewellery)

Value of gift (approximately)

A\$

Options for receiving written communications

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

Sponsor ☐ ► Go to Question 44

Sponsor's migration agent ☐ ► Go to Question 46

Agents exempted from registration ☐ ► You must complete form 956 *Appointment of migration agent or exempted agent* and attach it to this application. Go to Question 50

Authorising sponsor

Note: Do NOT complete this section if you are a migration agent, go to Question 46

- 44** 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.

The Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (the department) may need to exchange information about this application with the sponsor.

I consent to the department and the sponsor named above exchanging information about me, including personal information, for the purpose of this application.

Signature of visa applicant

<input type="text"/>

DAY MONTH YEAR

Date

<input type="text"/>	/	<input type="text"/>	/	<input type="text"/>
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Visa applicant's full name
(block letters)

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

- 45** As the sponsor named in this form, 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

(<input type="text"/>)	(<input type="text"/>)	<input type="text"/>
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E-mail address

<input type="text"/>

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Migration agent details

- 46** Provide the details requested below about the migration agent who is authorised to act on your behalf and to receive all written communications about this application.

Migration Agent Registration Number (MARN)	7 DIGITS		
	:	:	:
Title: Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/>			
Family name	<input type="text"/>		
Given names	<input type="text"/>		
Business or company name	<input type="text"/>		
Postal address	<input type="text"/>		
	<input type="text"/>		
	POSTCODE <input type="text"/>		
Telephone number	COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
	(<input type="text"/>)	(<input type="text"/>)	<input type="text"/>

- 47** As the migration agent named on this form, 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
	(<input type="text"/>)	(<input type="text"/>)	<input type="text"/>
E-mail address	<input type="text"/>		

- 48** I understand and accept that I am the person appointed by the sponsor to receive all written communications and act as his/her migration agent.

Signature of migration agent

Date DAY MONTH YEAR
 / /

- 49** I understand my sponsor has appointed the above mentioned migration agent to receive all written communication and act on their behalf. I also understand and consent to my sponsor and the above mentioned migration agent exchanging information about me, including personal information, for the purposes of this visa application.

Signature of applicant

Date DAY MONTH YEAR
 / /

Visa applicant's full name
(block letters)

Payment details

- 50** Do you have **the application payment** to include with your application?
(Check with the department or the Australian Mission for the current charges, or refer to the latest form 990i Charges.)

No ☐ Application will be returned unassessed
Yes ☐ How will you pay the application charge?

Bank cheque ☐ Please make payable to:
Money order ☐ Department of Immigration and
Credit card ☐ Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
Give details below

If you wish to pay by credit card, please complete this section

Payment by (tick one box)	Australian Dollars
Mastercard <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/> A\$
Bankcard <input type="checkbox"/> Diners Club <input type="checkbox"/>	
American Express <input type="checkbox"/> JCB <input type="checkbox"/>	

Credit card number

Expiry date MONTH YEAR
 /

Cardholder's name

Telephone numbers	COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
	(<input type="text"/>)	(<input type="text"/>)	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>		
	<input type="text"/>		
	POSTCODE <input type="text"/>		

Signature of cardholder

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

Declaration

51 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**

Date

DAYMONTHYEAR

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