



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 your relative has not already received a copy of the booklet then it can be obtained from www.immi.gov.au

Each person that you are sponsoring, who is aged 18 years or over when they lodge their visa application form, must have read the *Life in Australia* booklet before signing their application. If they have difficulty, or are unable to read the booklet, they may have the content of it explained to them, including by you. Their application form contains a statement that confirms they understand and 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 this information carefully before you complete the sponsorship application. Once you have completed the application we strongly advise that you keep a copy for your records.

This form advises how to sponsor a parent, aged dependent relative, remaining relative or carer to migrate to Australia. The following form is to be completed by a prospective sponsor with reference to the relevant visa information booklet. The booklets and visas covered by this form are:

Booklet 3, *Parent Migration*

Visas for applicants applying from outside Australia

Parent (Class AX – Migrant) (subclass 103)

Contributory Parent (Class CA – Migrant) (subclass 143)

Contributory Parent (Class UT – Temporary) (subclass 173)

Visas for applicants applying from within Australia

Aged Parent (Class BP – Residence) (subclass 804)

Contributory Aged Parent (Class DG – Residence) (subclass 864)

Contributory Aged Parent (Class UU – Temporary) (subclass 884)

Note: Parent visas comprise 2 categories:

- Parent category (subclasses 103 and 804); and
- Contributory Parent category (subclasses 143, 173, 864 and 884).

Booklet 4, *Other Family Migration*

Visas for applicants applying from outside Australia

Aged Dependent Relative (Class BO – Migrant) (subclass 114)

Remaining Relative (Class BO – Migrant) (subclass 115)

Carer (Class BO – Migrant) (subclass 116)

Visas for applicants applying from within Australia

Aged Dependent Relative (Class BU – Residence) (subclass 838)

Remaining Relative (Class BU – Residence) (subclass 835)

Carer (Class BU – Residence) (subclass 836)

Note: The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (the department) has a series of other booklets designed to help applicants and sponsors understand the migration process. Each booklet contains the necessary information and should be read when completing the relevant visa application and sponsorship forms. Please only use this form if you are sponsoring an applicant for one of the above visas. If you are sponsoring an applicant for another visa, then you will need to read a different booklet and complete a different sponsorship form. For example, if you are sponsoring:

- a partner (spouse, de facto partner or fiancé), use form 40SP *Sponsorship for a partner to migrate to Australia* and read booklet 1, *Partner Migration*.
- a dependent child, an adopted child or an orphan relative, you will need to complete form 40CH *Sponsorship for a child to migrate to Australia* and read booklet 2, *Child Migration*.
- a skilled person, you will need to complete form 1277 *Application for sponsorship under general skilled migration* and read booklet 6, *General Skilled Migration*.

Migration booklets and forms for all visa categories are available from the department's website

www.immi.gov.au/allforms/ or from offices of the department.

Integrity of sponsorship

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 sponsorship being refused.

Who can sponsor?

A sponsor for applicants applying for a Parent category visa, Contributory Parent category visa, Aged Dependent Relative visa, Remaining Relative visa or Carer visa, must be:

- aged 18 years or over; and
- an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or an eligible New Zealand citizen; and
- a relative of the applicant or if specified in the eligibility criteria for the relative visa class, a cohabiting partner of the relative of the applicant; and
- be settled and resident in Australia at the time the application is lodged.

Note: 'Partner' means your spouse or de facto partner (including same-sex partners). 'Cohabiting partner' means living together as husband and wife or as de facto partners. Acceptable evidence of cohabitation would include the relationship status of the sponsor and partner and a current common residential address.

Eligible New Zealand citizens

Eligible New Zealand citizens may sponsor their non-New Zealand citizen family unit members to Australia. An eligible New Zealand citizen is a New Zealand citizen who is not an Australian permanent resident, and who:

- was in Australia on 26 February 2001 (on a Special Category visa (SCV)); or
- held a SCV for at least one year in the 2 years preceding that date; or
- have a certificate, issued under the *Social Security Act 1991*, that states that the citizen was, for the purposes of the Act, residing in Australia on a particular date and would have met certain health and character requirements on last entry to Australia.

Sponsors who are eligible New Zealand citizens must undertake health and character checks.

Other New Zealand citizens

New Zealand citizens may settle and live in Australia. However, any New Zealand citizen who entered Australia after 26 February 2001 cannot sponsor their relatives for migration unless they have since obtained Australian citizenship or Australian permanent residence.

Person under 18 years of age – sponsoring parents

There are special provisions that allow for a relative, guardian or community organisation to sponsor a parent on behalf of a person who is under 18 years of age.

For parent visas, a 'relative' is defined as a close relative or a grandparent, grandchild, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew or step equivalent. A 'close relative' is defined as a spouse, de facto partner, child, brother, sister, parent, step-child, step-parent, step-brother or step-sister.

A 'guardian' can sponsor a parent on behalf of a person under 18 years of age or on behalf of that person's partner if they are also under 18 years. The 'guardian' should be the legal guardian or hold a parenting order from the Family Court. Such a guardian would have:

- responsibility for the long-term welfare of a person under 18 years;
- have, all the powers, rights and duties that are vested by law or custom, other than the right to have the daily care and control of the person; and
- the right and responsibility to make decisions concerning the daily care and control of the person who is under 18 years.

The 'relative' or guardian of the person under 18 years of age must have turned 18 years of age and be a settled Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen.

A 'community organisation' may sponsor a parent on behalf of an applicant who is under 18 years of age regardless of the availability of a relative or guardian to be the sponsor. Types of organisations that might be approved to sponsor include, but are not limited to:

- community-based organisations;
- ethnic organisations; and
- church-based groups with which the minor has affiliation or which are assisting the minor in settling.

The sponsoring organisation should provide evidence that it has:

- a relationship with the person aged under 18 years;
- the authority of its Board or management committee;
- the legal capacity to undertake the sponsorship; and
- the financial and other resources necessary to support a family for a protracted period.

The relative, guardian or sponsoring organisation should consider that applicants for a parent visa are not eligible for any Australian Government entitlements including welfare, housing or Medicare prior to visa grant. Therefore, as sponsor, their obligations would continue throughout the visa processing period and for 2 years after visa grant (unless their country of origin has a reciprocal agreement with Australia).

Limitations on sponsorship

For each visa, there are different eligibility criteria for who can be sponsored and who can sponsor. Please read the eligibility criteria as well as the information for sponsors in the appropriate booklet. Following is a brief guide.

- A sponsor of a parent or remaining relative visa application can be changed before the visa application is finally determined.
- A sponsor of a carer or aged dependent relative visa application usually cannot be changed once the sponsorship application form is lodged.
- A parent cannot be sponsored under either of the Remaining Relative visa subclasses.
- For parents to be eligible for sponsorship under the Balance of Family Test (BoF), any permanent resident children who are identified as being resident in Australia must be able to demonstrate that they are settled and usually resident in Australia. (Booklet 3, *Parent Migration* provides an explanation of the BoF.)
- A sponsor for a relative applying for an Aged Dependent Relative visa must be able to demonstrate that for a reasonable period (usually 3 years) their relative has been wholly or substantially dependent on them for basic needs of food, shelter and clothing; or that their aged relative is dependent upon them because the relative has a disability that prevents them from working.
- A person who has previously been granted a Preferential Family (Class AY) subclass 104 visa, Family (Class AG/AO/AS) subclass 806 visa, Other Family (Class BO) subclass 115 (Remaining Relative) visa or Other Family (Class BU) subclass 835 (Remaining Relative) visa cannot sponsor an applicant for a Remaining Relative visa.
- A person who has previously sponsored or nominated a successful applicant for a Preferential Family (Class AY) subclass 104 visa, Family (Class AG/AO/AS) subclass 806 visa, Other Family (Class BO) subclass 115 (Remaining Relative) visa or Other Family (Class BU) subclass 835 (Remaining Relative) visa cannot sponsor another person for a Remaining Relative visa.
- The partner of the applicant's Australian relative cannot act as the sponsor if the Australian relative was a successful applicant for, or has previously sponsored or nominated a successful applicant for, a Preferential Family (Class AY) subclass 104 visa, Family (Class AG/AO/AS) subclass 806 visa, Other Family (Class BO) subclass 115 (Remaining Relative) visa or Other Family (Class BU) subclass 835 (Remaining Relative) visa.
- The partner of the applicant's Australian relative cannot act as the sponsor if the partner has previously sponsored or nominated a successful applicant for a Preferential Family (Class AY) subclass 104 visa, Family (Class AG/AO/AS) subclass 806 visa, Other Family (Class BO) subclass 115 (remaining Relative) visa or Other Family (Class BU) subclass 835 (Remaining Relative) visa on behalf of the Australian relative.
- A person cannot be sponsored for a Carer visa to provide general family support.

Settled

'Settled' (in relation to an Australian citizen, an Australian permanent resident or an eligible New Zealand citizen) means lawfully resident in Australia for a reasonable period.

Under policy, the 'reasonable period' is at least 2 years.

However, when assessing whether or not a person is settled, regard is given to the facts of each case. For example, a shorter period of lawful residence may be considered for Australian citizens for sponsorship purposes if:

- there are compassionate and compelling circumstances; or
- the Australian citizen, having resided overseas for a lengthy period, has returned to Australia and wishes to sponsor family members, but may be precluded from doing so due to the 2 year policy requirement.

Under policy, the 'reasonable period' should not be reduced to less than 3 months.

Temporary absence from Australia would not necessarily preclude a person from meeting the requirement to be settled. However, the person must be able to demonstrate that the absence was/is temporary and that they have maintained their residence in Australia.

Usually resident

The place that a person is 'usually resident' is determined taking into account their physical residence (where they ordinarily eat, sleep and have a home) and the person's intention to make that place their home. Temporary absence from Australia would not necessarily preclude a person from meeting the requirement to be usually resident.

Sponsorship obligations

Sponsors of applicants for permanent visas are obliged to assist the applicant with accommodation and financial assistance as the Australian community has a general expectation that non-citizens should not become a burden on the wider community. The department will make an assessment regarding:

- the financial and employment standing of the sponsor and/or partner; and
- the availability and adequacy of the accommodation and the sponsor's ability to assist the sponsored persons financially if that were to become necessary.

If the department assesses that the sponsor's obligations cannot be met, then the sponsorship cannot be approved.

Sponsorship undertaking

As part of their sponsorship obligations, a sponsor must sign a sponsorship undertaking at Part L *Your sponsorship undertaking*. It is very important that sponsors understand that they are expected to provide adequate accommodation and financial assistance as required to meet their relative's reasonable living needs from the date of their arrival in Australia if the relatives are not in a position to support themselves and their immediate family members from their own resources.

Sponsors should consider not only the Visa Application Charges, the Assurance of Support (AoS) and their sponsorship obligations, but also the ongoing longer term impact and cost of sponsoring a person to migrate and of supporting them. Sponsors should discuss the impact of sponsorship on their family and think carefully about whether they are able and willing to provide this support before they undertake the sponsorship. Sponsors should also talk to their relatives about the costs of living in Australia and work out how much assistance they might need.

Assurance of Support

An Assurance of Support (AoS) is a legal commitment by a person to repay to the Australian Government certain recoverable social security payments made by Centrelink to those covered by the assurance.

An AoS is a mandatory requirement for all visas covered by this sponsorship form except for carer and temporary Contributory Parent Category visas. The AoS is a two-stage process requiring assurers to lodge an AoS form and payment of an AoS bond. An AoS bond is payable to and managed by Centrelink.

Centrelink assesses and approves the assurer. The sponsor of the visa applicant is not required to act as the assurer.

Generally a person who has received the full rate of any pension, benefit or allowance (other than family payments) from Centrelink during the last year will not qualify as an assurer.

Another person who is an Australian citizen or permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen who is usually resident in Australia aged 18 years or over can act as the assurer. A joint AoS can be undertaken by up to three persons.

The AoS commences when the overseas migrant first arrives in Australia (after the permanent visa is granted) or when the permanent visa is granted for an applicant applying from within Australia. The AoS period lasts for 2 years after the start date for all visas covered in this form except for permanent Contributory Parent Category visas, where it lasts for 10 years. For a full list of benefits that must be repaid to the Australian Government, please refer to the Centrelink website www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/factors/assurance_support.htm

For more information about the AoS scheme, including applications and procedures, refer to Centrelink's website above or contact Centrelink on **132 850** from within Australia or **61 3 6222 3455** from outside Australia.

Waiting period for social security payments

All migrants have to be in Australia for 10 years as a permanent resident before they are eligible to apply for an Australian aged or disability pension.

Certain parent visa applicants who are in Australia may have many years to wait for a visa to be granted and, during this time, they may need to rely on the sponsor for support. The visa class selected may require some long-term financial planning by both the sponsor and their relative.

Sponsors should be aware that any visa applicant who is in Australia and comes from a country that does not have a reciprocal health care agreement with Australia may not be covered by Medicare and they will need to take out private health or travel insurance.

What documents do you need?

For all visas covered by this form, a sponsor will need to provide proof of their relationship to their relative. They will also need to send evidence of their Australian citizenship or permanent resident status in Australia or proof that they are an eligible New Zealand citizen. An Australian citizen will need to send a certified true copy of their citizenship certificate or, if Australian-born, a full certified copy of their birth certificate. Also such evidence may be official documents to establish age and family relationships, for instance:

- birth certificates (showing full names of parents);
- marriage certificates;
- death certificates; or
- adoption certificates.

Assessment of the sponsor's ability to fulfil the sponsorship undertaking will take place as part of the assessment of the application and sponsors may be asked to provide documentation covering:

- their latest income tax assessment;
- their current pay slips or other satisfactory evidence of alternative income;
- evidence of major assets, including bank or similar accounts, details of real estate/motor vehicle ownership;
- confirmation of liabilities, such as mortgage repayments, rent, hire purchase, credit card repayments etc; and
- any other evidence that may help to establish their ability to meet their undertaking.

The sponsor may be asked to submit evidence of their being settled and usually resident in Australia. This information may include:

- the length of that residence and the amount of time spent in Australia;
- proof of having a settled home in Australia;
- ownership of a home, business or other investments, social network.

Copies of documents may be provided if they are certified as true copies of the original by a Justice of the Peace, Commissioner for Declarations or a person authorised to witness statutory declarations.

A Carer visa application cannot be accepted by the department unless the application includes the required certificate from Medibank Health Solutions, or a letter from Medibank Health Solutions is submitted acknowledging that the medical assessment has commenced. Please read booklet 4, *Other Family Migration* for full details.

How to fill in this sponsorship application

- Print clearly using a pen.
- Complete the form in English.
- Answer all questions truthfully and completely.
- Tick the appropriate box for the answer or write the answer in the space provided.
- If a question is not applicable write 'N/A'.
- If there is not enough space on the form to answer any questions in full, please attach additional sheets of paper with the details.

How to lodge a sponsorship application

It is a requirement that the sponsorship form is provided to the department at the same time the visa application is lodged. If the person being sponsored is lodging the visa application, then send this form to them and tell them that it is important that this form, the visa application form and the required Visa Application Charge (or evidence that it has been paid in Australia) be submitted together.

For Carer visas applications lodged outside Australia, a sponsor may lodge the sponsorship form (with supporting documents) at a state or territory office of the department in Australia if the sponsor can demonstrate that, in so doing, processing of the case will be assisted in a significant way.

Parent visa applicants who are lodging applications for an offshore visa are encouraged to forward all documentation to the sponsor for them to send it to the Parent Visa Centre (PVC) by mail or by courier.

Warning: Offshore parent visa applications (ie. from applicants applying from outside Australia) must not be lodged in person at the PVC – applications must arrive by mail or courier.

About the information you give

The department is authorised to collect information provided About the information you give

The department is authorised to collect information provided on this form under Part 2 of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act) on this form under Part 2 of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act)

'Control of Arrival and Presence of Non-Citizens'. The information provided will be used for assessing eligibility to meet the sponsorship requirements. The information provided will also be used for assessing eligibility for a visa to travel, enter and remain in Australia and for other purposes relating to the administration of the Act (for example, to assist migrants with settling in Australia, to monitor the conduct of migration agents, or for ensuring compliance with the Act).

The information provided might also be disclosed to agencies who are authorised to receive information relating to adoption, border control, business skill, 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 on this form, including the results of any tests for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), will be used to assess whether or not eligible New Zealand citizens may sponsor an applicant. A positive HIV or other test result will not necessarily lead to the applicant's visa being denied. The result(s) may be disclosed to the relevant Commonwealth, state and territory health agencies.

Form 1071i *Health requirement for permanent entry to Australia* provides additional information on Australia's visa health requirements. Form 1071i is available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/ or from offices of the department.

The collection, access, storage, use and disclosure by the department of the information provided 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 only from offices of the department, 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, read form 1243i *Your personal identifying information*, which is available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/ or from offices of the department.

Immigration assistance

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

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

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

Migration agents in Australia

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

Migration agents outside Australia

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

Note: Some Australian registered migration agents operate overseas.

Migration agent information

A migration agent is someone who can:

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

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

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

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

Information on migration agents, including a list of registered migration agents, is available on the Office of the MARA website www.mara.gov.au

You can also access information about migration agents on the department's website www.immi.gov.au

Exempt persons

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

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

Appointing a migration agent/exempt person

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

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

Form 956 is available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/

Options for receiving written communications

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

Authorised recipient information

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

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

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

To appoint an authorised recipient you should complete:

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

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

Form 956A is available from the department's website

www.immi.gov.au/allforms/

Consent to communicate electronically

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

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

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

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

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

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

Home page **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



Sponsorship for migration to Australia

(parent, aged dependent relative, remaining relative, carer)

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

Tick where applicable

1 How many people are you sponsoring in this application?

Adults

Children

2 For what visa is the applicant applying?

Parent/Contributory Parent

What is their relationship to you?

Parent

Other ▶ Please specify relationship

Aged Dependent Relative/Remaining Relative/Carer

What is their relationship to you?

Parent

Other ▶ Please specify relationship

Part A – About the relative you are sponsoring

3 Full name of the main relative you are sponsoring

Family name

Given names

4 Sex Male Female

5 Date of birth

6 Current residential address of your relative

POSTCODE

7 Address for correspondence of your relative
(If the same address as in Question 6, write 'AS ABOVE')

POSTCODE

8 Relationship status of your relative *(tick more than one if appropriate)*

Married <input type="checkbox"/>	Separated <input type="checkbox"/>	Never married or <input type="checkbox"/>
Engaged <input type="checkbox"/>	Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>	been in a de facto relationship
De facto <input type="checkbox"/>	Widowed <input type="checkbox"/>	

Part B – About your relative's partner or former partner

9 Full name of your relative's partner or former partner

Family name

Given names

10 Sex Male Female

11 Date of birth

12 Current residential address of your relative's partner
(If the same address as in Question 6, write 'AS ABOVE')

POSTCODE

Part C – About your relative’s family unit

13 List here all dependent family members of your relative who are included in this sponsorship

1. Family name
Given names
Sex Male Female
Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR

2. Family name
Given names
Sex Male Female
Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR

3. Family name
Given names
Sex Male Female
Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR

4. Family name
Given names
Sex Male Female
Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR

5. Family name
Given names
Sex Male Female
Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR

6. Family name
Given names
Sex Male Female
Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR

Part D – About the person(s) you or your partner previously sponsored/nominated as a remaining relative

14 Have you or your partner previously sponsored/nominated any person(s) for a remaining relative visa?

No ► Go to Part E
Yes ► Number of times

Provide the following information.

(If you or your partner have sponsored/nominated more than once, provide details on an additional sheet of paper and attach it to this form.)

The person you or your partner sponsored/nominated

Family name
Given names

Sex Male Female
Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR

Relationship to you or your partner
(brother, sister, child, other)

Date of sponsorship/nomination DAY MONTH YEAR

Name of overseas post/Australian office where sponsorship/nomination was made

Was the visa granted to the person you or your partner sponsored/nominated?

No
Yes ► Provide date DAY MONTH YEAR

Part E – Your and your partner’s previous sponsorships and nominations

15 Have you or your partner lodged any other sponsorships or nominations (other than those people recorded in Part A, Part D or yourselves)?

No
Yes ► Attach a statement showing the relationship of the person you or your partner have sponsored or nominated and the dates of lodgement of sponsorships and nominations (including any current sponsorship and/or nominations).

Part F – Your details

16 Your present name

Family name

Given names

17 Have you been known by any other names?

(including name at birth, previous married names, aliases)

No

Yes ► Give details

Family name

Given names

Reason for change: Deed poll Marriage

(If you have been known by other names, attach a page giving the required details)

18 Sex Male Female

19 Date of birth

20 Country of birth

21 Citizenship(s)

22 If you hold any nationality or citizenship other than Australian citizenship, please give details

1. Country

Date acquired

How acquired?

2. Country

Date acquired

How acquired?

23 Date of your arrival in Australia

24 Date of permanent residence

(if different from date of arrival)

25 Date you became an Australian citizen

(if applicable)

26 Complete only one of the following types of identification and attach certified documentary evidence:

Australian or New Zealand passport number

Australian citizenship certificate number

Australian birth certificate number

Visa Evidence number (Australian permanent resident)

27 Have **you** or your partner previously been granted a visa on the basis of being a remaining relative?

No

Yes ► Provide date

28 Your residential address

POSTCODE

(If your residential address is not in Australia, please attach a statement at the end of this form on how you will meet your sponsorship obligations)

29 Address for correspondence

(If the same as your residential address, write 'AS ABOVE')

POSTCODE

30 Your telephone numbers

Office hours

After hours

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

No

Yes ► Give details

Fax number

E-mail address

32 Your occupation

33 Provide the name of your employers and dates of employment for the last 2 years

1. Employer
From DAY MONTH YEAR to DAY MONTH YEAR

2. Employer
From DAY MONTH YEAR to DAY MONTH YEAR

34 Have you received Newstart Allowance, Parenting Payment, Youth Allowance, Widow Allowances or Special Benefit during the last 2 years?

No
Yes Provide dates

From DAY MONTH YEAR to DAY MONTH YEAR
From DAY MONTH YEAR to DAY MONTH YEAR
From DAY MONTH YEAR to DAY MONTH YEAR

35 If you are normally dependent on your partner's income, provide the name of your partner's employers and dates of employment for the last 2 years.

1. Employer
From DAY MONTH YEAR to DAY MONTH YEAR

2. Employer
From DAY MONTH YEAR to DAY MONTH YEAR

3. Employer
From DAY MONTH YEAR to DAY MONTH YEAR

36 If you are normally dependent on your partner's income, has your partner received Newstart Allowance, Parenting Payment, Youth Allowance, Widow Allowances or Special Benefit during the last 2 years?

No
Yes Provide dates

From DAY MONTH YEAR to DAY MONTH YEAR
From DAY MONTH YEAR to DAY MONTH YEAR
From DAY MONTH YEAR to DAY MONTH YEAR

37 Are you currently receiving any other form of social security payment or pension or Austudy income support payment (including any benefits received from a country outside Australia)?

No
Yes Provide details

38 Have you lived in any other town or city over the last 2 years other than the one you are living in now?

No
Yes Provide details

1. City/town POSTCODE
From DAY MONTH YEAR to DAY MONTH YEAR

2. City/town POSTCODE
From DAY MONTH YEAR to DAY MONTH YEAR

39 Relationship status

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

40 If you are currently married, or in a de facto relationship, provide details of your partner

Partner's family name
Given names
Sex Male Female

Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR

Partner's country of birth

Countries of which your partner is a citizen

Date of marriage or date when de facto relationship commenced DAY MONTH YEAR

Part G – About your family

41 Do you have any dependants other than your partner?

No
Yes Are they children or other dependants?

Children How many?

Other Specify (eg. retired parents in Australia or overseas)

Part H – About your home

42 Type of dwelling

House

Flat

Other Specify

43 How many bedrooms does the dwelling have?

44 How many people live in the dwelling?

45 What is the relationship of these people to you?

Child

Spouse

Sibling

Parent

De facto partner

Other Specify

46 Is the dwelling

Rented

Being purchased

Owned

Other Specify

47 If your relatives are approved for migration and you need to help them with accommodation when they arrive in Australia, will they live with you?

No What accommodation do you propose
Yes for your sponsored relatives?

Part I – Health and Character

48 Are you an eligible New Zealand citizen?

No Go to Part J

Yes

49 Have you:

- 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 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
- 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, you must give ALL relevant details. If the matter relates to a criminal conviction, please give the nature of the offence, full details of sentence and dates of any period of imprisonment or other detention.

50 In which countries have you lived for 12 months or more during the last 10 years?

Country	Dates lived there		Last permanent address in that country
	MONTH	YEAR	
	FROM		
	TO		
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51 Have you ever had or currently have tuberculosis or any other serious disease (including mental illness), condition or disability?

No

Yes ► Is the disease, condition or disability one that requires or is likely to require medical, hospital or special care?

No

Yes ► Give ALL relevant details

Part J – Assistance with this form

52 Did you receive assistance in completing this form?

No ► Go to Part K

Yes ► Please give details of the person who assisted you

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Family name

Given names

Address

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

Telephone number or daytime contact

COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
(<input type="text"/>)	(<input type="text"/>)	<input type="text"/>

Mobile/cell

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

No

Yes ► Go to Part K

54 Is the person/agent in Australia?

No ► Go to Part K

Yes

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

No

Yes

Part K – Options for receiving written communications

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

Myself

OR

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

OR

Migration agent **OR** Exempt person ► Your migration agent/exempt person should complete form 956 *Advice by a migration agent/exempt person of providing immigration assistance*

Part L – Your sponsorship undertaking

Warning: Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

57 I agree:

- to provide information and advice to help my relatives settle in Australia;
- to ensure that adequate accommodation is available for my relatives in Australia or, if necessary, to provide accommodation for up to 2 years from arrival in Australia or the date of visa grant if applying in Australia;
- to provide financial assistance as required to meet their reasonable living needs for up to 2 years from arrival in Australia, or the date of visa grant if applying in Australia, if necessary;
- to provide financial assistance as required to meet their health, medical and pharmaceutical needs;
- I am aware that for Parent category the above financial support may be required from me for parents to assist them with living expenses, accommodation, health, medical and pharmaceutical needs during the period that their visa is being processed or queued;
- to provide support as required to enable them to attend appropriate English language courses;
- I agree to attend an interview (if requested by the department) in relation to my relative's application;
- I will inform the department in writing if I withdraw my support for my relative before this application is finalised; and
- I am aware that all migrants to Australia are not eligible for an Australian aged or disability pension until they have been a permanent resident for 10 years.

I am aware that any person who provides false or misleading information or who deceives or misleads or who presents a forged document to an Australian Government official may be prosecuted.

I am aware that if false or incorrect information is given on this form, the application of the person(s) I am sponsoring may be refused and/or any visa granted to that person may be liable to cancellation.

I authorise Centrelink to give information about me, relevant to my offer to provide this sponsorship, to the department.

I authorise the department to obtain information relevant to my offer to provide this sponsorship from other government agencies or organisations. The agencies/organisations may include:

- federal, state or territory government agencies;
- federal, state or territory law enforcement agencies;
- state or territory housing authorities (including private landlords);
- local government authorities;
- financial institutions;
- educational institutions;
- private businesses (including telecommunication and internet service providers, insurance companies); and
- any other relevant businesses or agencies.

I declare that the information I have supplied in this form is complete, correct and up-to-date in every detail.

Signature of sponsor

Date

DAY MONTH YEAR

Part M – Your partner's approval

If you are sponsoring a relative other than a partner and you are currently married or living in a de facto relationship, your partner must complete this part.

58 I give my consent to the above arrangements and agree to support my partner in fulfilling the responsibilities of the sponsorship.

I authorise Centrelink to give information about me, relevant to my partner's offer to provide this sponsorship, to the department.

Signature of partner

Date

DAY MONTH YEAR

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