



Australian Government
Department of Immigration and Border Protection
Visa Office – Australian Consulate-General Hong Kong

REGISTRATION OF AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT

- ☐ Complete Application for Registration of Australian Citizenship by Descent (Form 118). Individual application forms should be completed for each applicant. The Design Date of the form must not be earlier than **03/14a** to be a valid form.
- ☐ A fee of AUD\$120 is payable. If you are registering more than one applicant, the fee is AU\$120 for the first applicant and AUD\$95 for additional applicant(s). These applications must be submitted at the same time.
- ☐ Payment ***must*** be made at the time of lodgement of the Application and can be made by credit card, EPS (only in person) or HKD\$940 bank draft (in favour of the “Australian Consulate General”). Applicants from Taiwan should pay by credit card by completing and signing Part H on Form 118.
- ☐ The processing time for the application is 2 weeks (10 working days).
 - If the child you are registering for citizenship by descent was not born in Hong Kong or Macau, processing times may exceed 2 weeks as documents may need to be verified with the appropriate overseas authorities.
 - If the child you are registering for citizenship by descent was born in the **Philippines**, the application will be transferred to our Manila office for processing. The processing time in such cases ranges from 6 to 8 weeks from the date of transfer.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ARE PROVIDED WITH THE APPLICATION

Applicants from Hong Kong and Macau should provide one set of photocopies and the following original documents. Documents not in English must be accompanied by a professional translation. If sending by mail, please provide copies of the original documents certified by one of the professionals listed on page 5 of form 118.

Applicants from Taiwan should provide copies of the original documents certified by one of the professionals listed on page 5 of form 118 and the original of household registration. Documents not in English must be accompanied by a professional translation.

- An endorsed passport size photo of the applicant
- The full birth certificate for the applicant
- If the child you are registering for citizenship by descent was born in Taiwan, please ensure a household registration is provided in addition to the birth certificate
- The applicant's (child's) passport, if any
- Evidence that at least one parent was an Australian Citizen at the time of the birth of the applicant, which may be:
 - If the parent was born in Australia:
 - An Australian Passport issued after 22 November 1984; **or**
 - The full birth certificate issued before 20 August 1986
 - If the parent was born outside of Australia:
 - An Australian Passport issued after 22 November 1984; **or**
 - Australian Citizenship Certificate



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- Marriage certificate (if applicable) and both passports of the applicant's (child's) parents
- Evidence of the current address for the responsible parent (e.g. credit card or utilities bill)
- Applicants aged 18 years or older will need to obtain a police clearance from all the countries they have lived in since the age of 18. A letter to obtain a Hong Kong police clearance will be issued after the application is lodged.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- The name appearing on the Australian Citizenship Certificate will be exactly as it appears on the child's birth certificate. For example: if a child's given names are Yuen Shan Michelle and the father's surname is Wong, the name appearing on the Australian Citizenship Certificate will be Yuen Shan Michelle Wong. If you want the child's name to appear as Michelle Yuen Shan Wong, it will be necessary to change the child's name on the birth certificate with the appropriate Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages before lodging the application.
- If the answer to either Question 14 or 15 on the Application form is "yes", the date of acquisition of citizenship is not the date you last renewed your passport. It is the date you acquired that country's citizenship. For example, if a parent was born in Hong Kong, then they will have acquired Chinese Citizenship at the date of their birth.

Should you require further information please contact Australian Consulate-General in Hong Kong by email: immigration.hongkong@dfat.gov.au or telephone +852 2585 4139 well in advance of your intended application.

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