



Australian Government
Department of Immigration and Citizenship

Skilled – Independent (Residence) Visa
(Subclass 885)

Application Document Checklist

Important Note: This information only applies to applicants eligible for transitional arrangements. Applicants eligible for transitional arrangements are able to access the points test that was in effect before 1 July 2011.

See: [Points Test – Information for Applicants Eligible for Transitional Arrangements](#) (76KB PDF file)

The checklist is to assist you to lodge your paper application with the Adelaide Skilled Processing Centre. Please:

- provide certified copies of original documentations (do not send originals)
- accompany documents not in English with accredited English translations
- secure your application together with a large clip and place in a large envelope
- do not place your application in a binder, folder, or plastic sleeve
- ensure Basic Eligibility Requirements are met at time of application.

Before you submit an application please self assess your eligibility.

See: [Skilled – Independent \(Residence\) visa \(subclass 885\) - Eligibility](#)

More information about this visa is available.

See: [About this Visa](#)

All paper applications can be sent to:

By post: Adelaide Skilled Processing Centre Department of Immigration and Citizenship GPO Box 1638 Adelaide SA 5001 AUSTRALIA	By courier: Adelaide Skilled Processing Centre Department of Immigration and Citizenship 4th Floor, 55 Currie Street Adelaide SA 5000 AUSTRALIA
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Complete applications

You should ensure that you lodge a completed visa application. While the department may ask you to provide more information in order to determine whether you meet the criteria for grant of the visa, a decision on the visa application may be made solely on the information provided at the time of application.

Note: The Visa Application Charge will not be refunded if a decision is made to refuse to grant the visa because the applicant did not satisfy the criteria for grant of the visa.

You can also apply for this visa online (a separate checklist is available when you commence the online application).

See: [Online Services - General Skilled Migration](#)

Note: This checklist is designed for paper applications and should be used only as a guide if you wish to prepare documents for an online application.

After completing this checklist, please attach it to the front of your application.

Basic Eligibility Requirements	✓
<p>A completed and signed application Form 1276. The Australian Values Statement must be signed by the main applicant and each person aged 18 years or over who is included on the application. See: Form 1276 <i>Application for general skilled migration to Australia</i></p>	
<p>You may be required to pay a visa application charge. This charge is usually not refunded if your application is unsuccessful. See: Visa charges (93KB PDF file)</p>	
<p>Evidence of the main applicant's age. See: Age</p>	
<p>Evidence that all applicants over 18 years of age meet the English language threshold. See: English Language Ability</p>	
<p>Evidence that the main applicant has obtained a suitable skills assessment in an occupation on the Skilled Occupation List (SOL). See: Skills Assessment</p>	
<p>Evidence that the main applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has met the Australian study requirement in the last six months. See: Australian Study Requirement or • holds one of the following visas and evidence that the qualification obtained (or apprenticeship for subclass 471) is closely related to the nominated occupation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Skilled – Graduate (subclass 485) b) Skilled – Recognised Graduate (subclass 476) c) Trade Skills Training (subclass 471) 	
<p>Evidence that qualification(s) are closely related to nominated occupation if main applicant holds a Skilled - Graduate (subclass 485) or a Skilled – Recognised Graduate (subclass 476) visa See: Qualification Closely Related to Nominated Occupation</p>	
<p>Evidence that all applicants have a booking reference number from Medibank Health Solutions See: Health Requirements</p>	
Additional evidence for points test requirements (where applicable)	✓
<p>Evidence of English language ability if claiming additional points for having proficient English. See: English Language Ability</p>	
<p>If claiming MODL points, provide evidence of recent, closely related employment and evidence of having an eligible job offer (if applicable). See: Occupation in Demand/Job Offer</p>	

Evidence of skilled employment in the four years prior to the date of application. See: Specific Work Experience	
Evidence of partner skills. See: Partner Skills	
Evidence of Australian qualification(s). See: Australian Qualifications	
Evidence of study and residence in a regional/low population growth metropolitan area. See: Regional Australia Study	
Evidence of recent Australian Work Experience or of completing a recognised Professional Year in Australia. See: Australian Work Experience	
Evidence of fluency in Community Language. See: Australian Community Language	
Personal documents	✓
Certified copy of passport bio data page for all applicants. See: Information to Help Prepare Your Application	
Certified copies of birth certificates or other evidence of age, showing names of both parents, for all persons in the application.	
If you or any applicants are married, please provide certified copies of marriage certificate(s) and evidence you are in a genuine and continuing relationship.	
If you or any applicants are in a de facto relationship, independent evidence that you have been living in a genuine and continuing relationship for at least 12 months.	
If you or any applicants have been divorced please provide certified copies of the divorce document(s).	
If your partner does not intend to migrate with you provide a statement explaining why and if they intend to join you in the future.	
If you or any applicant has been widowed, please provide a certified copy of the death certificate(s).	
Completed form 47A and evidence of dependency for any applicant aged 18 years and over (form not required for your partner). See: Form 47A <i>Details of child or other dependent family member aged 18 years or over</i>	
Evidence of custody arrangements for any children included in the application where one parent is not migrating, including consent from the non-migrating parent for the children to migrate.	
Two recent passport photographs (45mmx35mm) for all applicants and any dependants who are not migrating.	
Evidence of any change of name (for example deed poll certificate).	

Character documents	✓
Military discharge certificates for any applicant included in the application who has served in the military.	
Completed Form 80 for each person aged 16 years and over. See: Form 80	
Evidence that all applicants aged 16 years or over have applied for an AFP National Police Check in the past 12 months. See: AFP National Police Checks	