



Australian Government

Department of Immigration
and Citizenship

Sponsorship for a partner to migrate to Australia

Form
40SP

Important – Please read this information carefully before you complete your application. Once you have completed your application we strongly advise that you keep a copy for your records.

This form 40SP is to be completed by the sponsor of persons applying for a partner category visa either outside Australia or in Australia.

If the fiancé(e) or partner you are sponsoring is applying outside Australia, your fiancé(e) or partner will be applying to migrate. If your fiancé(e) or partner is applying in Australia, your fiancé(e) or partner will be applying for permanent residence. In this form, the term ‘migrate’ covers both.

For details on partner category visa processing, see booklet 1, *Partner Migration*, which is available on the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (the department) website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/ or from any office of the department or Australian mission overseas.

Further information on partner category migration is available from www.immi.gov.au/migrants/ or the department’s enquiry line (see information box on page 5).

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

If you wish to sponsor a fiancé(e) or partner to enter or remain in Australia:

- you must be an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen; and
- generally, you must be aged 18 years or over¹; and
- for a Prospective Marriage visa, you must be known personally to your fiancé(e) and have met as adults and there must be no impediment to your marriage; or
- for a Partner visa, you must
 - be in a married or de facto relationship with your partner; and
 - not be the holder of a Woman at Risk (subclass 204) visa that has been granted in the past 5 years and now wishes to sponsor their partner or former partner that they had at time of visa grant.

‘Partner’ means your spouse or de facto partner (including same-sex partners).

¹ If you are:

- aged 16 or 17 years;
- in Australia; and
- wish to sponsor your fiancé(e) or spouse who is aged 18 years or over, your parent or guardian must be your fiancé(e) or spouse’s sponsor. Your parent or guardian must be an Australian citizen, an Australian permanent resident or an eligible New Zealand citizen aged 18 years or over.

If your parent or guardian is undertaking this sponsorship, they should complete all information on the form about you on your behalf.

If you are an Australian permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen, you are required to be usually resident in Australia.

Note: If you are an eligible New Zealand citizen who is sponsoring their fiancé(e) or partner, in addition to meeting the usually resident requirement, you must meet health and character requirements. After your fiancé(e) or partner has lodged their complete visa application (which will include your sponsorship application), the department will contact you to advise if you need to undertake health and/or character checks.

If you have previously sponsored a partner or been sponsored as a partner

Your partner’s visa application may be refused if you are affected by the following sponsorship limitations that are imposed if you:

- have previously sponsored or nominated² 2 other persons as a fiancé(e) or partner for migration to Australia (including sponsorships/nominations you may have withdrawn but your former fiancé(e) or partner obtained permanent residence on family violence grounds); or
- have sponsored another fiancé(e) or partner within the last 5 years; or
- were sponsored as a fiancé(e) or partner yourself within the last 5 years.

You may still be approved as sponsor of your fiancé(e) or partner in compelling circumstances, which include:

- if your previous partner has died; or
- if your previous partner has abandoned the relationship, leaving young children; or
- if your relationship with your current fiancé(e) or partner is long-standing; or
- if you and your current fiancé(e) or partner have children of your relationship.

If you are a current or previous contributory parent category visa holder

If you have been granted a permanent contributory parent category visa on or after 1 July 2009, you are unable to sponsor a person for a partner or fiancé(e) visa for 5 years from your visa grant date if you were in a married or de facto relationship with that person on or before the date you were granted the contributory parent category visa.

There are some exceptions to this limitation if you can provide compelling reasons. Compelling reasons may include if your partner was unable to migrate with you because of a major family illness or other significant obligations, other than financially-related obligations. In this situation, the department expects that you will be able to provide evidence of a change in circumstances that now allows your partner to apply for the Partner or Prospective Marriage visa.

² Prior to 1 July 2002, persons who applied in Australia for migration to Australia as a partner were ‘nominated’ by their partner. Those who applied outside Australia as a fiancé(e) or partner were ‘sponsored’. Approved sponsorships or nominations are those that resulted in a visa being granted to the applicant.

Protection of children

The Australian Government considers that the safety of children is paramount and this is reflected in policies about the sponsorship of minors for visas to enter Australia. The government wants to ensure that children seeking to enter Australia under partner and child visas are protected from being sponsored by people with convictions for child sex offences or other serious offences indicating that they may pose a significant risk to a child in their care.

A sponsorship limitation in the Migration Regulations prevents a sponsorship from being approved if one of the proposed applicants is under 18 and the Minister is satisfied that the sponsor has a conviction or outstanding charge for a registrable offence. Sponsors of partner or prospective marriage visa applications which include an applicant aged under 18 years, are required to provide an Australian Federal Police (AFP) National Police Check and/or foreign police certificate(s) as part of the process of assessing the application. The results of the police certificate(s) are used by the department to assess the sponsorship application and whether or not the visa application satisfies public interest criteria relating to the best interests of the children.

A sponsorship that would otherwise be refused under this limitation may be approved at the discretion of the Minister or his delegate if 5 years have passed since completion of the sentence for the last relevant offence and there are compelling circumstances affecting the sponsor or the visa applicant.

In addition to the AFP National Police Check or other police certificate(s), sponsors must disclose to the department any information relating to any conviction for child sex offences they have had or any charges currently awaiting legal action. It is also important that migration applicants, and any non-migrating person who can lawfully determine where a migrating minor child is to live, are informed when the sponsor has such convictions or outstanding charges.

When the department is aware of any convictions or charges of this nature, through either:

- the AFP National Police Check or other police certificate(s) provided; or
- the answers you provide to Question 40 on this form 40SP; or
- liaison with relevant Commonwealth, state and territory agencies;

it may inform the migration applicant, and any non-migrating person who can lawfully determine where the applicant's migrating minor child may live, about the convictions or charges. Signing the sponsorship undertaking will be taken as your acknowledgement of this approach.

How to sponsor

You must ensure that you:

- are eligible to sponsor your fiancé(e) or partner (for example, you may not be able to sponsor if you are the holder of a Refugee Woman at Risk (subclass 204) visa or you are subject to sponsorship limitations – you will need to discuss your individual circumstances with the nearest office of the department);
- complete and sign this form; and
- send this form to your fiancé(e) or partner before your fiancé(e) or partner lodges their application.

Your fiancé(e) or partner should:

- complete a form 47SP *Application for migration to Australia by a partner*; and
- if applicable, arrange for a form 47A *Details of child or other dependent family member aged 18 years or over* to be completed and signed by **each** dependent child and dependent relative of your fiancé(e) or partner who is aged 18 years or over (whether or not they are migrating with your fiancé(e) or partner).

Your partner should lodge these form(s), together with this sponsorship form, by post or courier your application to the relevant Partner Processing Centre if you are applying in Australia, or Australian mission if you are applying outside Australia. Attach any documentation you are required to provide with your application. A list of the Partner Processing Centres can be found on the department's website at www.immi.gov.au/contacts/

When you send this form to your fiancé(e) or partner, it is important that you tell them that the form 47SP, the form(s) 47A (if applicable), this sponsorship form, any supporting documentation and the visa application charge (or evidence that the charge has been paid) must be lodged together.

If your fiancé(e) or partner is applying outside Australia and you are able to demonstrate difficulty in forwarding mail to your fiancé(e) or partner, you should lodge this form at the nearest office of the department in Australia. That office will forward the sponsorship to the Australian mission nearest your fiancé(e) or partner.

Note: After your fiancé(e) or partner has lodged their partner category visa application, and before a decision is made on their visa, providing location requirements can be met, your fiancé(e) or partner may be able to have added to their application a dependent child who was previously not included in the application as a person migrating to Australia with your fiancé(e) or partner. In addition to your fiancé(e) or partner having to notify the department in writing of this addition, you may have to complete a new form 40SP to include that dependent child with your fiancé(e) or partner and any other family members you are sponsoring to migrate to Australia.

What documents do you need?

The department will need proof of your relationship with your fiancé(e) or partner.

It will help your fiancé(e) or partner's application if you send with this form any documents that confirm your relationship.

If you have changed your name since birth, you should also provide evidence of this.

You will also need to send evidence of your permanent resident status in Australia (for example, a certified copy of the relevant pages of your passport identifying the Australian permanent resident visa or Resident Return visa label) or proof that you are an eligible New Zealand citizen³. An Australian citizen will need to send a certified copy of their citizenship certificate or, if Australian-born, a certified copy of their full birth certificate. If you are unsure about the documents needed to do this, contact the nearest office of the department.

You will also need to demonstrate that you will be able to meet your sponsorship obligations as undertaken by you when you complete and sign this form (see '*Your sponsorship undertaking*' below). The information requested on this form, including documents relating to your employment and income, will assist the decision-maker in deciding whether you are able to meet these obligations.

If there is a dependant under 18 years of age, and you have spent a total of 12 months or more in Australia since turning 16 years of age, you will need to provide an AFP National Police Check. If there is a dependant under 18 years of age, and you have not spent a total of 12 months or more in Australia since turning 16 years of age, you must provide police certificates from each country in which you have spent a total of 12 months or more in the last 10 years since turning 16 years of age. You must provide the original police certificates.

If you are required to submit an AFP National Police Check, you must complete the AFP National Police Check application form which is available from the AFP website www.afp.gov.au

You should use Code 33 at Question 1 on the form and include details of any, and all, names you have been known by. If an AFP Certificate is provided based on incorrect information, the department may request another certificate. Fingerprints are not required for AFP National Police Checks.

If you are sending copies of documents, they will need to be certified as true copies of the original by a person authorised to witness statutory declarations (for a list of prescribed persons, see '*Statutory declarations*' in booklet 1, *Partner Migration*).

It is in your interest to provide all the documents requested with the application. Failure to do so may result in processing of the application being delayed.

Your sponsorship undertaking

As a sponsor for your fiancé(e) or partner's visa application to migrate to Australia, you sign a sponsorship undertaking at the end of this form.

If your fiancé(e) applies for and is granted a Prospective Marriage visa, as sponsor you will be responsible for all financial obligations to the Commonwealth that your fiancé(e) might incur during the period he/she is in Australia.

If your partner applies for and is granted a Partner visa, as sponsor you agree to provide adequate accommodation and financial assistance as required to meet your partner's reasonable living needs. If your partner is applying outside Australia, this assistance would cover their first 2 years in Australia. If your partner is applying in Australia, this assistance would cover the 2 years following the grant of his/her partner visa. You are also required to provide financial and other support, such as childcare, that will enable your partner to attend appropriate English classes.

By signing the undertaking, you will also be agreeing to provide information and advice to help your fiancé(e) or partner settle in Australia. This information and advice should include telling your partner about employment in Australia.

It is important that your fiancé(e) or partner and his or her dependants understand that a good standard of spoken and written English is essential if they want to work in Australia. Without these skills, it will be very difficult for them to gain employment at a level commensurate with their job skills and qualifications. **They should therefore assess their own employment prospects in Australia, whether or not they intend to work immediately.**

About the information you give

The department is authorised to collect information relevant to an application for sponsorship under Part 2 of the *Migration Act 1958* 'Control of Arrival and Presence of Non-Citizens'. The information collected will be used for assessing your eligibility to meet the sponsorship requirements and any other migration requirements that you and/or the person you are sponsoring must meet as set down in the Migration Regulations.

When sponsorship applications present potential child protection issues, the department may provide the information that raises child protection concerns to the visa applicant(s) and any non-migrating person who can lawfully determine where the applicant's migrating minor child may live. See *Protection of children* on page 2.

The information collected 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, child welfare, law enforcement, payment of pensions and benefits, taxation, review of decisions and registration of migration agents.

The information collected, including the results of any tests for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), will be used to assess your eligibility as a New Zealand citizen to sponsor your fiancé(e) or partner. A positive HIV or other test result will not necessarily lead to your fiancé(e) or partner's visa application being refused. Your results may be disclosed to the relevant Commonwealth, state and territory health agencies.

³ An eligible New Zealand citizen is a person who at the time of last entry to Australia would have met health and character checks and:

- held a Special Category (Subclass 444) visa on 26 February 2001; or
- held a Special Category (subclass 444) visa that was in force for at least one year in the two years before 26 February 2001; or
- has a certificate, issued under the *Social Security Act 1991*, that states the citizen, for the purposes of the *Social Security Act 1991*, was residing in Australia on a particular date (note that Centrelink stopped accepting applications for these certificates in February 2004).

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/allforms/ or from any office of the department or Australian mission overseas.

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*, gives details of agencies to which your personal information might be disclosed. This form is available on the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/ or from any office of the department or Australian mission overseas.

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 any office of the department or Australian mission overseas.

Note: Under section 234 of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act), you may be prosecuted for deliberately providing false or misleading information to the department.

Obtaining information about you from other agencies and organisations

Under section 56 of the Act, the department may seek information about you that is relevant to your sponsorship application from other agencies and 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.

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 H *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 H *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

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

Tick where applicable

Part A – Application overview

1 How many people are included in this sponsorship for migration?

Adults Children

Part B – Fiancé(e) or partner's details

2 Fiancé(e) or partner's full name (as shown in passport or travel document)

Family name
 Given names

3 Fiancé(e) or partner's name in his/her own language or script (if applicable)

4 Other ways your fiancé(e) or partner spells his/her name

Family name
 Given names

5 Sex Male Female

6 Date of birth

7 Fiancé(e) or partner's residential address

POSTCODE

8 Is the person you are sponsoring engaged to, legally married to or in a de facto relationship with someone other than you?

No

Yes Give details

Part C – Relationship details

Note: You are requested to inform the department if your relationship ends before your fiancé(e) or partner's application to migrate is decided.

9 When and where did you and your fiancé(e) or partner first meet?

Date

Place

10 How did you and your fiancé(e) or partner meet (eg. in person, internet, telephone, introduction by friends)?

If you did not meet in person at this time, when and where did you first physically meet?

Date

Place

11 How long after you met did you and your fiancé(e) or partner begin a relationship?

(days, months or years)

12 When did you and your fiancé(e) or partner make the decision that you both:

- wanted to commit to a long-term spouse or de facto relationship; or
- intended to marry each other?

Date

Note: If your fiancé(e) is applying for a Prospective Marriage visa, go to Question 14.

13 When and where did you begin a married or de facto relationship with your partner?

A spouse or de facto relationship is a relationship between a couple who have a mutual commitment to a shared life to the exclusion of any other spouse relationships or any other de facto relationships.

The relationship between them is genuine and continuing and they live together, or do not live separately and apart on a permanent basis.

Date

Place

14 The person you are sponsoring is your:

Spouse ▶ Date of marriage

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Place of marriage

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De facto partner ▶ Date de facto relationship commenced

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Prospective spouse (fiancé(e)) ▶ Are you and your prospective spouse both free to marry?
No Yes
Have you ever met your prospective spouse personally?
No Yes
Date of intended marriage

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Place of intended marriage

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15 Are you engaged to, legally married to or in a de facto relationship with a person other than the person you are sponsoring?

No
Yes ▶ Date of marriage or when relationship commenced

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Place of marriage

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16 Do you and your fiancé(e) or partner intend to maintain a lasting relationship?

No Yes

17 Did you enter into this relationship solely to gain permanent residence in Australia for your fiancé(e) or partner?

No Yes

18 Have you previously sponsored/nominated a spouse, de facto partner, prospective spouse (fiancé(e)) or interdependent partner?

No Yes ▶ How many times?

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Give the following details for EACH time you have sponsored/nominated.

If you do not have enough space, give details on an additional sheet of paper, sign and date it, and attach it to this form.

1. Date application lodged for previous sponsorship/nomination

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Name of person sponsored/nominated at time of sponsorship or nomination

Family name

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Given names

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If applicable, other names this person is, or has been, known by (including name at birth, previous married names, aliases)

Family name

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Given names

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Date of birth of person sponsored/nominated

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Relationship to you (spouse, de facto partner, fiancé(e), interdependent partner)

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Name of overseas post/Australian office where sponsorship or nomination was lodged

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Was a visa granted?

No Yes ▶ Date visa was granted

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Date relationship ended

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

How relationship ended (eg. divorce, death)

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2. Date application lodged for previous sponsorship/nomination

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Name of person sponsored/nominated at time of sponsorship or nomination

Family name

Given names

If applicable, other names this person is, or has been, known by (including name at birth, previous married names, aliases)

Family name

Given names

Date of birth of person sponsored/nominated

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Relationship to you (spouse, de facto partner, fiancé(e), interdependent partner)

Name of overseas post/Australian office where sponsorship or nomination was lodged

Was a visa granted?

No Yes Date visa was granted

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Date relationship ended

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

How relationship ended (eg. divorce, death)

19 Give details of ALL your fiancé(e) or partner's dependent family members who are included in this sponsorship

1. Family name

Given names

Date of birth

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Male Female

Country of current residence

Citizenship

2. Family name

Given names

Date of birth

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Male Female

Country of current residence

Citizenship

3. Family name

Given names

Date of birth

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Male Female

Country of current residence

Citizenship

4. Family name

Given names

Date of birth

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Male Female

Country of current residence

Citizenship

5. Family name

Given names

Date of birth

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Male Female

Country of current residence

Citizenship

6. Family name

Given names

Date of birth

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Male Female

Country of current residence

Citizenship

7. Family name

Given names

Date of birth

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Male Female

Country of current residence

Citizenship

8. Family name

Given names

Date of birth

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Male Female

Country of current residence

Citizenship

Part D – Your details

20 Your full name (as shown in your passport or travel document)

Family name

Given names

21 Name in your own language or script (if applicable)

22 Other ways you spell your name

Family name

Given names

23 Sex Male Female

24 Date of birth

25 Place of birth

Town/city

Country

26 What is your citizenship/residence status in Australia?
(Tick one box only)

Australian citizen by birth **▶ Please attach proof**

Australian citizen by grant **▶ Date of arrival in Australia**

Attach proof of citizenship and length of residence

Permanent resident of Australia **▶ Date of arrival in Australia**

Attach proof of length of residence

Which citizenships do you hold?

Eligible New Zealand citizen **▶ Length of residence in Australia**

Please attach proof

27 Details from your passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue

Date of expiry

Issuing authority/
Place of issue as shown in your passport

28 Were you sponsored/nominated to Australia as a spouse, de facto partner, prospective spouse (fiancé(e)) or interdependent partner?

No
Yes **▶ Give details**

Date of sponsorship/nomination

Name of overseas post/Australian office where sponsorship or nomination was lodged

Date relationship ended

How relationship ended (eg. divorce, death)

29 Have you ever been granted a contributory parent category visa?

No
Yes **▶ Date of visa grant**

30 Your current residential address

 POSTCODE

Note: If your residential address is not in Australia, please attach a statement at the end of this form outlining how you will meet your sponsorship obligations. See Part I – Sponsorship undertaking

31 Address for correspondence (if different to your residential address)

 POSTCODE

32 Your telephone numbers

Office hours

After hours

33 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

34 What is your current employment status?

In paid employment Retired

Home duties Receiving a pension

Seeking employment Full-time student

Other Specify

35 Have you been in paid employment at any time during the last 2 years?

No

Yes Give details of your employment history for the last 2 years

1. Occupation

Employer

From

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

 to

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

2. Occupation

Employer

From

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

 to

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

3. Occupation

Employer

From

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

 to

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

You should provide certified photocopies of one of the following documents to show your employment during the last 2 years:

- Australian income and/or overseas tax assessment notices*;

OR

- a letter from your employer confirming length of employment and annual salary;

OR

- payslips;

OR

- business documents or a letter from your accountant if you are self-employed or self-funded from other sources.

* The department does not require your Tax File Number (TFN). If your TFN is shown on your tax assessment notice, you may wish to remove or obscure it before you attach the copy of the assessment notice to this form.

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

No

Yes Give details

1. Type of payment

From

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

 to

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

2. Type of payment

From

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

 to

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

3. Type of payment

From

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

 to

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

37 Are you currently receiving any other form of social security benefit, pension or allowance (including any benefits received from a country outside Australia)?

No

Yes Give details

38 Do you have any dependants?

No

Yes Give details

Number of dependent children

Details of other dependants (eg. retired parents in Australia or overseas)

39 Are you sponsoring a child aged under 18 years?

No ► Go to Question 41

Yes

40 Have you ever:

• specifically, been convicted of a crime or offence in any country (including any conviction which is now removed from official records), relating to persons under the age of 18, including but not limited to: child abuse, child sex, endangering a child, indecent dealings with a child, or possession of child pornography? No Yes

• specifically, been charged with any offence that is currently awaiting legal action, in any country, relating to persons under the age of 18, including but not limited to: child abuse, child sex, endangering a child, indecent dealings with a child, or possession of child pornography? No Yes

If you answered 'Yes' to either of the above questions, you should 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.

41 Are you an eligible New Zealand citizen?

No ► Go to Part E

Yes

42 Have you ever had, or do you 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

43 Have you ever:

• in addition to any crime or offence disclosed in response to Question 40, been convicted of a crime or offence in any country (including any conviction which is now removed from official records)? No Yes

• in addition to any crime or offence disclosed in response to Question 40, 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

• 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, 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.

44 In which countries have you lived for 12 months (in total) or more during the last 10 years?

Country	Dates lived there		Last permanent address in that country
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Part E – About your home

- 45** Type of dwelling:
- House
- Flat
- Other ▶ Specify
- 46** How many bedrooms does the dwelling have?
- 47** How many people live in the dwelling?
- 48** What is the relationship of these people to you?
- Child
- Parent
- Spouse
- De facto partner
- Sibling
- Other ▶ Specify
- 49** Ownership of dwelling:
- Own outright
- Paying home loan
- Public housing
- Rent
- Other ▶ Specify
- 50** Will the person you are sponsoring be living with you?
- No ▶ What accommodation do you propose for the person you are sponsoring?
- Yes
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Part F – Previous sponsorships/nominations

- 51** Have you lodged any other sponsorship/nomination (other than the sponsorships/nominations you have recorded in Question 18) or signed a maintenance guarantee or an Assurance of Support?
- No
- Yes ▶ Attach a statement showing the relationship of the person you have sponsored/nominated or assured and the dates of lodgement of sponsorships/nominations (including any current sponsorship/nomination), maintenance guarantees or assurances.

Part G – Assistance with this form

- 52** Did you receive assistance in completing this form?
- No ▶ Go to Part H
- Yes ▶ Please give details of the person who assisted you
- Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other
- Family name
- Given names
- Address
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| POSTCODE |
- Telephone number or daytime contact
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| COUNTRY CODE | AREA CODE | NUMBER |
| () | () | |
- Office hours
- 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 H
- 54** Is the person/agent in Australia?
- No ▶ Go to Part H
- Yes
- 55** Did you pay the person/agent and/or give a gift for this assistance?
- No
- Yes

Part H – 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
- Exempt person ▶ Your migration agent/exempt person should complete form 956 *Advice by a migration agent/exempt person of providing immigration assistance*

Part I – Sponsorship undertaking

57 Undertaking

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

I agree:

- to provide information and advice to help the person(s) I am sponsoring settle in Australia;
- to ensure that adequate accommodation is available to them on arrival in Australia or, if necessary, to provide accommodation for up to 2 years from arrival in Australia, or the 2 years following grant of my partner's visa if my partner is applying in Australia;
- to provide support as required to enable them to attend appropriate English language courses;
- to attend an interview (if requested by the department) in relation to my fiancé(e) or partner's application;

I will inform the department in writing if I withdraw my support for my fiancé(e) or partner before their application is finalised.

I acknowledge that there are grounds under the Migration Regulations family violence and child custody and maintenance provisions (as explained in booklet 1, Partner Migration) for my partner to obtain permanent residence if our relationship breaks down before final decision.

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

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 of Immigration and Citizenship.

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 acknowledge the department may inform the migration applicant, and any non-migrating person who can lawfully determine where the applicant's migrating minor child may live, about the convictions or charges it becomes aware of through either my response to Question 40, other information I provide, or liaison with relevant Commonwealth, state or territory agencies.

Signature of sponsor

Name

Date

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