



Australian Government

Department of Home Affairs

# Application for a Resident Return visa (RRV)

Form  
**1085**

Before completing your application please read the information regarding *Permanent residency*, available from the Department of Home Affairs (the Department) website

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/permanent-resident>

This web page contains information about Resident Return visa (RRV), Authority to Return (ATR) and Return Endorsement (RE). Holders of an old style re-entry visa (ATR or RE) issued in their old passports as a wet stamp should not use this form. If you wish to have your ATR or RE recorded as a BF-111 in your new passport you should apply via an online form located on this web page: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/permanent-resident/evidence-of-residency-status/request-an-electronic-visa-record>

If you are a former holder of a Norfolk Island Immigration permit, or a dependent child of such a person and you are in or outside Australia you must complete form 852 *Application for a Confirmatory (Residence) Visa* available from the Department's website [www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms)

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.

## Who should use this form?

This form may be used to apply for:

- an RRV, or
- a provisional RRV.

## Online application for an RRV

You may make an application for an RRV online. The online application form can be accessed via the Department's ImmiAccount <https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login>

**Note:** You may incur a non-internet application charge if you do not lodge your RRV application online.

An application for a provisional RRV is not available online.

## Method of payment

Make your payment electronically through the 'My Payments' section of ImmiAccount. Sign into, or create, your ImmiAccount and select My Payments>Manage Payments>Pre-Pay Paper Service, at [www.homeaffairs.gov.au/immiaccount](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/immiaccount)

If you are outside Australia and cannot pay online in ImmiAccount check the Department's website for alternative payment methods for your location [www.homeaffairs.gov.au/locations](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/locations)

## Integrity of application

The Department is committed to maintaining the integrity of the visa and citizenship programs. In relation to this application, if you or a member of your family unit:

- provide, or have provided in a previous application, fraudulent documents or false or misleading information (knowingly or not), and/or
- failed to satisfy, or have failed to satisfy in a previous application, the Minister of your or their identity

this visa application may be refused and you and any members of your family unit, may become unable to be granted a visa for specified periods of time, as set out in migration legislation.

If documents are found to be fraudulent or information to be incorrect after the grant of a visa, the visa may subsequently be cancelled.

## How to apply

### Step 1

The most efficient method to apply for an RRV is online.

Alternatively, complete this form in English using BLOCK LETTERS.

You must provide the address of where you intend to live while your application is being dealt with. Failure to give a residential address in your application will result in your application being invalid. A post office box address will not be accepted as your residential address.

Make sure you sign the form. If an applicant is under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must sign the application form.

### Step 2

Make sure you have all the documents required. These will include a certified copy of the page from your passport showing your photo and details and additional documents as requested in questions in this form.

If your documents are not in English you should arrange for them to be translated into English by an accredited translator. You should include both the original and the translated documents in your application. Passports do not need to be translated.

If you provide photocopies of original documents, they must be certified as true copies by an authorised person. In Australia, they must be certified by a Justice of the Peace, Commissioner for Declarations, a person before whom a statutory declaration may be made or a registered migration agent.

### Step 3

Make sure you have included the application charge. Each family member must complete a separate application and pay a separate charge.

Refer to *Part E – Payment details* of this form to calculate the correct charge.

Refer to [www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa/fees](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa/fees) for a complete and current list of applicable fees and charges.

Fees and charges may be subject to change at any time and this may increase the cost of a visa application.

Generally, Visa Application Charges are reviewed on 1 July each year, and the exchange rates used to calculate the amount payable in a foreign country are updated on 1 January and 1 July each year.

If you do not pay the full Visa Application Charge amount, your visa application will not be valid.

Charges are generally not refundable, even if the application is withdrawn or refused.

## Step 4

### If you are outside Australia

You are able to apply for an RRV online. If you cannot lodge online, you can post this form to your nearest office of the Department overseas. See [www.homeaffairs.gov.au/RRV](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/RRV)

#### Applying by post

You must complete and send this application and evidence of payment by registered post to your nearest departmental office overseas.

### If you are in Australia

You may be able to apply for an RRV online. If you cannot lodge online, you must post this form to the address provided below.

#### Applying by post

If you cannot apply online, you must complete and send this application form and evidence of payment by registered post to:

Resident Return Visa Application  
Department of Home Affairs  
GPO Box 9984  
Sydney NSW 2001

or have this completed form delivered by courier service to:

Resident Return Visa Application  
Department of Home Affairs  
26 Lee Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

## Passport information

Most visa applicants will be required to hold a valid passport before they can be granted a visa. It is strongly recommended that the passport be valid for at least 6 months.

If you change your passport after you have lodged your application or after you have been granted the visa you must notify the Department.

Further information on how to update your passport details is available on the Department's website

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/change-in-situation>

**If you do not provide us with the details of any new or additional passport you use to travel to Australia, you may experience significant delays at the airport and may be denied permission to board your plane or have your visa application refused.**

Do NOT send your passport with your visa application.

Provide with your visa application, a certified copy of the page from your passport showing your photo and details. We will advise you if your application has been approved. Please keep a copy of the Visa Grant Notification in a safe place for your reference.

## Review rights

If you are refused an RRV in Australia, you have a right to seek a review of the decision from the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. Applicants outside Australia have limited review rights. Your decision letter will contain details about your review rights, if any.

## Important information about privacy

The *Privacy Act 1988* contains 13 Australian Privacy Principles which regulate the way that the Department collects and handles personal information. Information about how the Department collects, uses and discloses personal information for its key functions can be found in form 1442i *Privacy notice*. More information about the Department's general information handling practices (including form 1442i) can be found in the Department's Privacy policy at <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/access-and-accountability/our-commitments/privacy>

## What is immigration assistance?

A person gives immigration assistance if he or she uses, or purports to use, his or her knowledge or experience in migration procedure to assist a person with matters related under the *Migration Act 1958*.

The most common times assistance is provided is during visa application processes, visa cancellation processes or sponsorship processes (including monitoring or sanctions).

**Note:** Immigration assistance does not include simply filling in an application form, translating or interpreting or passing on information about an application without comment or explanation.

### Registered migration agents

A registered migration agent is a person who is registered with the Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (OMARA) to provide immigration assistance.

If operating in Australia, migration agents must be registered with the OMARA.

Information on registered migration agents, including how to find one, is available on the OMARA website [www.mara.gov.au](http://www.mara.gov.au)

### Legal practitioners

A legal practitioner is a lawyer who holds an Australian legal practising certificate (whether restricted or unrestricted) granted under a law of an Australian state or territory.

Legal practitioners can provide immigration assistance in connection with legal practice.

Information on legal practitioners, including how to find one, is available on the Law Council of Australia website.

Information on legal practitioners can also be sought from the relevant state or territory legal professional bodies.

### Exempt persons

The following people do not have to be a registered migration agent or legal practitioner in order to provide immigration assistance:

- a close family member (spouse, child, adopted child, parent, brother or sister of a visa applicant);
- a sponsor or nominator for a visa applicant;
- a member of parliament or their staff;
- a member of a diplomatic mission, consular post or international organisation.

An exempt person **must not charge a fee** for their assistance. In Australia, if they do charge a fee they are committing an offence and penalties of up to 10 years jail can apply.

### Appointing a registered migration agent/legal practitioner/exempt person

To appoint a registered migration agent/legal practitioner/exempt person you should complete *Part D – Options for receiving written communications*.

Your registered migration agent/legal practitioner/exempt person should complete form 956 *Appointment of a registered migration agent, legal practitioner or exempt person*.

Form 956 is available from the Department's website [www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms/](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms/)

## Options for receiving written communications

If you do not appoint a migration agent/legal practitioner/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 D – Options for receiving written communications*; and
- form 956A *Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient*.

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

Form 956A is available from the Department's website

[www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms/](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms/)

*Home page* **[www.homeaffairs.gov.au](http://www.homeaffairs.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.

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Please open this form using Adobe Acrobat Reader.  
Either type (in English) in the fields provided or print this form and complete it (in English) using a pen and BLOCK LETTERS.

Tick where applicable

## Part A – Your details

**1** Are you an Australian citizen?

No

Yes  This is not the correct form. If you are an Australian Citizen you have an automatic right of entry to Australia when presenting a valid Australian passport. Further information is available from [www.passports.gov.au](http://www.passports.gov.au)

**2** TYPE OF APPLICATION – *select one only*

**Note:** A Provisional RRV is for persons who claim, but are unable to prove, that immediately before going overseas they were an Australian permanent resident or citizen who was usually resident in Australia.

RRV (called a Return (Residence) (Class BB) visa)

Provisional RRV (called a Resident Return (Temporary) (Class TP) visa)

**3** Your full name

Family name

Given names

**4** 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  Other  Specify

If you have changed your name since your first arrival in Australia, please provide documents to evidence your name change (eg. marriage certificate, deed poll or other official documents showing use of the name).

**5** Sex Male  Female  Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified

**6** Date of birth

**7** Place of birth  
Town/city   
Country

**8** Relationship status

Married

Separated

Never married or

Engaged

Divorced

been in a de facto relationship

De facto

Widowed

**9** Current residential address

**Note:** A post office box address is not acceptable as a residential address. Failure to give a residential address will result in your application being invalid.

Postcode

**10** Address for correspondence

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

Postcode

**11** Your telephone numbers

	Country code	Area code	Number
Office hours	( )	( )	
After hours	( )	( )	

**12** Do you agree to the Department communicating with you by email or other electronic means?

No

Yes  Give details

Email address

**13** Are you presently in Australia?

No  Date you last departed Australia

Day Month Year

Yes  Date of expected departure from Australia

Day Month Year



## Part B – Visa details

**17** Were you granted your first permanent visa while in Australia?

No  ▶ Date you first arrived in Australia on a permanent visa

Day Month Year

Yes  ▶ Date of grant

Day Month Year

If you arrived in Australia prior to 1981, and you have not travelled overseas since your arrival, you should provide supporting evidence such as:

- a statutory declaration stating:
  - that you have been resident since your first arrival
  - the means of travel (eg. ship or airplane)
  - the vessel (eg. ship name or flight number if available)
  - the port at which your arrival was processed (may be a seaport or an airport)
  - the full names and dates of birth of any accompanying family members
- a copy of your original travel document including all pages with stamps or labels affixed
- a copy of a National Archives record regarding your first arrival
- other documentation that indicates the time you have spent in Australia such as:
  - letters or other documentation from employers
  - school records
  - bank records
  - taxation assessment notices.

**18** Do you currently hold a permanent visa (including an RRV)?

No  ▶ Date your last permanent visa ceased

Day Month Year

Yes  ▶ Date you were last granted a permanent visa

Day Month Year

**19** Have you previously been an Australian citizen?

No

Yes  ▶ Give details

Day Month Year

Date you became an Australian citizen

Date you ceased to be an Australian citizen

You will need to show evidence that you were an Australian citizen, such as a citizen certificate or an Australian passport

**20** Have you ever had an Australian entry permit or visa cancelled?

No

Yes  ▶ Attach a separate sheet giving details

**21** Have you ever been deported from Australia?

No

Yes  ▶ Attach a separate sheet giving details

**22** Have you been present in Australia as a permanent resident or Australian citizen for periods totalling at least 2 years in the last 5 years?

No

Yes  ▶ **Go to Part C**

**23** Are you the partner or immediate family member of a person who has already applied for or holds an RRV?

No

Yes  ▶ Give details

Person's name

Their passport number

Their visa number

Day Month Year

Expiry date of their visa

**24** Are you the partner or immediate family member of a person who is already a permanent visa holder or an Australian citizen?

No

Yes  ▶ Give details

Person's name

Their passport number

Their visa number

Day Month Year

Expiry date of their visa

**25** Do you have substantial business, cultural, employment or personal ties with Australia which are of benefit to Australia?

No  ▶ **Go to Question 32**

Yes  ▶ Please attach a separate sheet describing the nature of these ties and how they are of benefit to Australia, together with evidence to support your claims

**26** Are you applying while inside Australia?

No  ▶ If you:

- do NOT currently hold a permanent visa (ie. you answered 'No' at Question 18)  ▶ **Go to Question 27**
- currently hold a permanent visa (ie. you answered 'Yes' at Question 18)  ▶ **Go to Question 28**

Yes  ▶ **Go to Question 31**

**27** Were you a permanent resident or citizen of Australia when you last departed Australia?

No  ▶ **Go to Question 29**

Yes  ▶ **Go to Question 28**

**28** Have you been absent from Australia for a continuous period of 5 years or more immediately before lodging this application?

No

Yes  ▶ Do you have compelling reasons for the absence?

No

Yes  ▶ Please attach a separate sheet describing these reasons, together with evidence to support your claims

▶▶ **Now go to Part C**





## Part E – Payment details

**Note:** You can make a combined application if the additional applicant is included in the passport of another applicant.

**40 IMPORTANT:** You must refer to the Department's website at [www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa/fees](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa/fees) to complete this part of your application. The website shows reference tables with the Visa Application Charges applicable to each visa subclass.

Visa subclass you are applying for

### ▶▶ Base Application Charge

Write the amount shown on the reference table for your visa subclass

AUD  (1)

+

### ▶▶ Non-internet Application Charge (if applicable)

AUD  (2)

+

### ▶▶ Additional Applicant Charge aged 18 years or over at the time your application is lodged

Write the amount shown on the reference table for your visa subclass

Number of additional applicants aged **18 years or over**

AUD

X (multiplied by)

=

AUD  (3)

+

### ▶▶ Additional Applicant Charge under 18 years of age at the time your application is lodged

Write the amount shown on the reference table for your visa subclass

Number of additional applicants **under 18 years of age**

AUD

X (multiplied by)

=

AUD  (4)

+

### ▶▶ Subsequent Temporary Application Charge (if applicable)

Write the amount shown on the reference table for your visa subclass

Number of applicants

AUD

X (multiplied by)

=

AUD  (5)

=

**Total**

### ▶▶ Total (1) + (2) + (3) + (4) + (5)

AUD

You must pay the **total amount** or your visa application will not be valid.

**Note:** A second instalment of the Visa Application Charge must also be paid before we can grant some visas.

## 41 Payment details

Make your payment electronically through the 'My Payments' section of ImmiAccount. Sign into, or create, your ImmiAccount and select My Payments>Manage Payments>Pre-Pay Paper Service, at [www.homeaffairs.gov.au/immiaccount](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/immiaccount)

Do not provide credit card details on this form. Make your credit card payment electronically through the 'My Payments' section of ImmiAccount.

If you are outside Australia and cannot pay online in ImmiAccount check the Department's website for alternative payment methods for your location [www.homeaffairs.gov.au/locations](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/locations)

Payment receipt number from the 'My Payments' section of ImmiAccount

Attach a copy of your printed receipt.

## Part F – Declaration

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

**42** I declare that:

- I have read and understood the information provided in this application.
- I have provided complete and correct information in every detail on this form, and on all documents attached to it.
- I understand that if any bogus document or false or misleading information has been provided with this application, or if I fail to satisfy the Minister of my identity, my application may be refused and I may become unable to be granted a visa for specified periods of time.
- I understand that if documents are found to be bogus or information to be incorrect after the grant of a visa, the visa may subsequently be cancelled.
- I will immediately inform the Department in writing of any change in circumstances (including change of address) or if there is any change relating to information provided in or with this application (such as your criminal history), while this application is being considered.
- I authorise the Australian Government to make any enquiries necessary to determine my eligibility for permanent stay in Australia, and to use any information supplied in this application for that purpose.
- I have read the information contained in form 1442i *Privacy notice*.
- I understand the Department may collect, use and disclose my personal information (including biometric information and other sensitive information) as outlined in form 1442i *Privacy notice*.

**Signature of  
primary  
applicant**



Day      Month      Year

Date

**When lodging your application do NOT place the application in any binder, folder or plastic sleeve.**

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