

# Application for a Resident Return visa (RRV)

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**Department of Home Affairs** 

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** 

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

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** 

# 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 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

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** 

#### 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/** 

# 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/

# Home page 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.	8	Relationship status  Married Separated Never married or Engaged Divorced been in a de facto
	Tick where applicable 🗸		De facto Widowed relationship
	Part A – Your details	9	Current residential address  Note: A part office box address is not acceptable as a residential address.
1	Are you an Australian citizen?		<b>Note</b> : 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.
	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		Postcode
	is available from <b>www.passports.gov.au</b>		
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	10	Address for correspondence (If the same as your residential address, write 'AS ABOVE')
	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)		Postcode
3	Your full name	11	Your telephone numbers
	Family name		Country code Area code Number  Office hours ( ) ( )
	Given names		After hours ( ) ( )
4	Have you been known by any other names?		Alter nours ( // /
•	(including name at birth, previous married names, aliases)	12	Do you agree to the Department communicating with you by email or other electronic means?
	No Yes		No .
	Family name		Yes
	Given names		Email address
	Reason for change: Deed Poll  Marriage  Other  ▶ Specify	13	Are you presently in Australia?
			No Date you last departed Australia  Day Month Year
	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).		Yes Date of expected departure from Australia  Day Month Year
5	Sex Male Female Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified		
•	Day Month Year		
6	Date of birth		
7	Place of birth		
	Town/city		
	Country	1	

	Passport number  Country of passport  Date of issue  Date of expiry  Issuing authority/place	Day Month Year			in violence or engaged in acts of violence (including war, insurgency, freedom fighting, terrorism, protest) either overseas or in Australia?	N	Yes
	Date of issue  Date of expiry	Day Month Year			terrorism, protest) either overseas or in	N-	Yes
	Date of issue  Date of expiry	Day Month Year			Australia?	NI-	Yes
	Date of expiry					No	
					<ul> <li>served in a military force, police force, state sponsored/private militia or intelligence agency (including secret police)?</li> </ul>	No 🗌	Yes
	Issuing authority/place				<ul> <li>undergone any military/paramilitary training,</li> </ul>	INO	163
		e of issue as shown in your pa	assport		been trained in weapons/explosives or in the manufacture of chemical/biological products?	No	Yes
	Note: If you do not be	us a valid passport at the tim	o of docinio	a vour	<ul> <li>been involved in people smuggling or people trafficking offences?</li> </ul>	No	Yes
	application may be ref	ve a valid passport at the time fused.	e oi decisio	ii, your	<ul> <li>had any outstanding debts to the Australian Government or any public authority in Australia?</li> </ul>	No	Yes [
15		or identity number issued to able) eg. National identity card		r	<ul> <li>been removed, deported or excluded from any country (including Australia)?</li> </ul>	No	Yes
	a citizen of more than	older of multiple identity numl one country, you need to ent	er the ident		<ul> <li>overstayed a visa in any country (including Australia?</li> </ul>	No	Yes
	number on the card fr Identity number	om the country that you live i	n.		If you answered ' <b>Yes</b> ' to any of the questions at Questate who it applies to and give ALL relevant details, it he charge, the outcome and any penalty imposed.		
	Country of issue				Also attach court documents (for example sentencing transcripts).	g remarks o	or court
16	Have you ever:				Where relevant, provide a copy of all declared orders		
	<ul> <li>been charged with currently awaiting</li> </ul>	-	No	Yes	domestic or family violence orders, child protection o prohibit the applicant from having contact with anoth personal protection). You are only requested to declar	er person f	or their
		an offence in any country viction which is now sial records)?	No	Yes	the applicant is the respondent or subject of the orde to declare an order where the applicant is the person protection.	er. You are r	not aske
	•	onvicted of family or offences or similar related	No	Yes			
	violence order, or a or court or other si	f a domestic or family any other order, of a tribunal milar authority, for the n of another person	No 🗌	Yes			
	• been the subject or Interpol notice?	f an arrest warrant or	No	Yes			
	<ul> <li>been found guilty of involving a child (in conviction was rec</li> </ul>	•	No	Yes			
	• been named on a s	sex offender register?	No 🗌	Yes			
	been acquitted of a of unsoundness of	any offence on the grounds mind or insanity?	No	Yes			
	• been found by a co	ourt not fit to plead?	No 🗌	Yes			
	associated with, ac	directly involved in, or ctivities which would national security in	No 🗔	Yes 🗍			
	•	, or indicted for: genocide,	INU	169			
	war crimes, crimes slavery, or any other	s against humanity, torture, er crime that is otherwise of	$\Box$	v			
	a serious internation		No	Yes			
		ith a person, group or as been/is involved in	No 🗌	Yes			

If insufficient space, attach additional details

# *Part B – Visa details*

			Australian citizen for periods totalling at least 2 years in the last 5 years?
17	Were you granted your first permanent visa while in Australia?		No L
	No ☐ ▶ Date you first arrived in Australia on a permanent visa		Yes <b></b> ▶ Go to Part C
	Day Month Year	23	Are you the partner or immediate family member of a person who has
			already applied for or holds an RRV?
	Yes		No
	Day Month Year		Yes
			Person's name
	If you arrived in Australia prior to 1981, and you have not travelled		
	overseas since your arrival, you should provide supporting evidence		Their passport number
	<ul><li>a statutory declaration stating:</li></ul>		Their visa number
	<ul> <li>a statutory declaration stating.</li> <li>that you have been resident since your first arrival</li> </ul>		Day Month Year
	that you have been resident since your first arrival     the means of travel (eg. ship or airplane)		Expiry date of their visa
	the means of traver (eg. ship of all plane)  - the vessel (eg. ship name or flight number if available)		
	the vector (e.g. ship frame of higher frames)  - the port at which your arrival was processed (may be a seaport or	24	Are you the partner or immediate family member of a person who is
	an airport)		already a permanent visa holder or an Australian citizen?
	<ul> <li>the full names and dates of birth of any accompanying family</li> </ul>		No
	members		Yes
	<ul> <li>a copy of your original travel document including all pages with stamps or labels affixed</li> </ul>		Person's name
	a copy of a National Archives record regarding your first arrival		Their passport number
	other documentation that indicates the time you have spent in		Their visa number
	Australia such as:		Day Month Year
	<ul><li>letters or other documentation from employers</li><li>school records</li></ul>		Expiry date of their visa
	<ul><li>– scriou records</li><li>– bank records</li></ul>		Expiry date of their visa
	<ul><li>taxation assessment notices.</li></ul>	25	Do you have substantial business, cultural, employment or personal ties
	taxation assessment notices.	20	with Australia which are of benefit to Australia?
18	Do you currently hold a permanent visa (including an RRV)?		No Go to Question 32
	No		Yes Please attach a separate sheet describing the nature of
	Day Month Year		these ties and how they are of benefit to Australia, together
			with evidence to support your claims
	Yes    Date you were last granted a permanent visa	26	Are you applying while inside Australia?
	Day Month Year		No  If you:
			do NOT currently hold a
			permanent visa (ie. you
19	Have you previously been an Australian citizen?		answered 'No' at Question 18) <b>Go to Question 27</b>
	No		• currently hold a permanent
	Yes		visa (ie. you answered 'Yes' at Question 18)
	Date you became an Australian citizen		Yes Go to Question 31
	Date you ceased to be an Australian citizen		
	You will need to show evidence that you were an Australian citizen,	27	Were you a permanent resident or citizen of Australia when you last departed Australia?
	such as a citizen certificate or an Australian passport		No <b>o to Question 29</b>
			Yes Go to Question 28
20	Have you ever had an Australian entry permit or visa cancelled?		-
	No	28	Have you been absent from Australia for a continuous period of 5 years
	Yes ► Attach a separate sheet giving details		or more immediately before lodging this application?
21	Have you ever been deported from Australia?		No
	No		Yes Do you have compelling reasons for the absence?
	Yes Attach a separate sheet giving details		No
			Yes Please attach a separate sheet describing these reasons, together with evidence to
			support your claims

**22** Have you been present in Australia as a permanent resident or

29	Have you been an Australian citizen or permanent resident in the last 10 years?		Part C – Assistance with this form
	No	36	Did you receive assistance in completing this form?
	Yes		No Do Go to Part D
			Yes Please give details of the person who assisted you
30	Have you been absent from Australia for a period or periods that total		
	more than 5 years since you last departed Australia as an Australian citizen or permanent resident?		Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other
	No No		Family name
			Talling hallo
	Yes Do you have compelling reasons for the absence?		Given names
	No		Address
	Yes Please attach a separate sheet describing these reasons, together with evidence to		
	support your claims		
	Now go to Part C		
	,, non go to tuit o		Postcode
31	Have you been absent from Australia for a continuous period of 5 years		Telephone number or daytime contact
	or since the date you were granted your most recent permanent visa or		Country code Area code Number
	since the date you ceased to be a citizen?		Office hours ( ) ( )
	No		
	Yes Do you have compelling reasons for the absence?		Mobile/cell
	No		
	Yes Please attach a separate sheet describing	37	Is the person a registered migration agent, Australian legal practitioner
	these reasons, together with evidence to support your claims		or an exempt person?
			No
	Now go to Part C		Yes <b>☐ ▶ Go to Part D</b>
32	Are you applying while inside Australia?	38	Did you pay the person and/or give a gift for this assistance?
	No Go to Question 33		No
	Yes		Yes
33	Did you have a compelling and compassionate reason for last departing		
33	Australia?		Part D – Options for receiving written
	No Go to Part C		communications
	Yes Please attach a separate sheet describing these reasons,		
	together with evidence to support your claims	39	All written communications about this application should be sent to:
			(Tick one box only)
34	Have you been absent from Australia for a continuous period of more		Myself
	than 3 months immediately before lodging this application?		OR
	No		_
	Yes Do you have compelling reasons for the absence?		Authorised You should complete form 956A <i>Appointment</i>
	No		recipient or withdrawal of an authorised recipient
	Yes Please attach a separate sheet describing		0R
	these reasons, together with evidence to support your claims		Migration agent
	Now go to Part C		
	FF Hom go to Fair o		Your migration agent/legal practitioner/
35	Have you got a compelling and compassionate reason for departing		Legal Appointment of a registered migration agent,
	Australia?		practitioner   Appointment of a registered migration agent,   legal practitioner or exempt person
	No .		OR ,
	Yes Please attach a separate sheet describing these reasons,		Exempt person
	together with evidence to support your claims		Evenilyt herson [ ]
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# Part E – Payment details

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

**IMPORTANT**: You must refer to the Department's website at **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 AUD Write the amount shown on the reference table for your visa subclass (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 Number of additional applicants reference table for your visa subclass aged 18 years or over AUD AUD X (multiplied by) (3)Additional Applicant Charge under 18 years of age at the time your application is lodged Write the amount shown on the Number of additional applicants reference table for your visa subclass under 18 years of age AUD AUD X (multiplied by) (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) =

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

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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** 

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** 

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# 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	

Date

Day	Month	Year

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.