



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

A nominator

The term ‘nominator’ describes an individual or organisation who has completed this form to attest to information in relation to an applicant for a National Innovation (subclass 858) visa.

More information about the National Innovation (subclass 858) visa is available from the Department of Home Affairs (the Department) website <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/national-innovation-visa-858>

The nomination

Under the *Migration Regulations 1994*, to be granted a National Innovation visa, an applicant must produce a completed form 1000 (this form) which requires the applicant’s record of achievement in their area of talent to be attested to by an Australian citizen, permanent resident*, eligible New Zealand citizen** or an Australian organisation. If you are completing this form, you are the ‘nominator’ (that is, the person attesting to the applicant’s record of achievement in their area of talent).

By completing and signing this form, you are confirming that, the applicant:

- has an internationally recognised record of exceptional and outstanding achievements in their area of talent;
- is currently prominent in the area;
- will be an asset to the Australian community; and
- will be able to obtain employment, or become independently established in the area in Australia.

How to fill in this form

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.

If a question does not apply, please provide a brief comment on why you believe this to be the case.

Please feel free to provide any additional relevant information to any question on a separate attached sheet which you should sign and date.

The nominator should attach:

- a personal, comprehensive statement summarising details of the applicant’s achievements in their area of talent;
- details of the applicant’s, and your own achievements in your common area (see Question 8, and either Questions 34 or 46);
- relevant supporting documentation (newspaper/magazine articles, supporting comments from qualified persons, web links) about the applicant; and
- details of employment arrangements or other assistance used to help establish the applicant.

* An Australian permanent resident (permanent resident) is a non-citizen who is usually resident in Australia and holds a permanent visa.

** An eligible New Zealand citizen is one who held a Special Category Visa (SCV) on 26 February 2001; or held a SCV for at least 1 year in the 2 years immediately before that date; or otherwise assessed as ‘protected SCV holders’ under the *Social Security Act 1991* - in which case written confirmation must be provided from Centrelink.

Integrity of nomination

The Department is committed to maintaining the integrity of the visa and citizenship programs. In relation to this nomination, the Department requires that no fee is paid to the nominator for the completion of this form.

If the applicant or a member of the applicant’s family unit:

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

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

If fraudulent or misleading information is provided in relation to the nomination, it may be a detriment to the nominator’s reputation and credibility.

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

Providing the nomination

To make a valid application for a National Innovation visa, the applicant must provide a completed form 1000 with their visa application. The form must be signed by the nominator, or someone with legal authority to act on behalf of the nominating organisation.

The form 1000 should be accompanied by the relevant supporting documentation, which will be considered as part of the assessment of the visa application.

The Department cannot provide any personal details about individuals, expressions of interest or visa applications without authorisation from the individual.

Nominator status in Australia

The nominator should confirm their residency status prior to submitting this form.

If the nominator is not an Australian organisation, an Australian citizen, an Australian permanent resident or an eligible New Zealand citizen, the visa application may be refused.

Lodging the visa application

The applicant should apply online at www.homeaffairs.gov.au

Charges

The Department does not charge for processing a National Innovation nomination. However, the applicant is required to pay the current charge for a migration visa application.

Refer to www.homeaffairs.gov.au for a complete and current list of applicable fees and charges.

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*.

Immigration assistance is often provided 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

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 will be sent to your authorised recipient.

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: 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/

Consent to communicate electronically

The Department may use a range of means to communicate with you. However, electronic means such as email will only be used if you indicate your agreement to receiving communication in this way.

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.

Further information

For more information on the National Innovation visa you may consult the Department's website www.homeaffairs.gov.au

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.

Please keep these information pages for your reference

12 Describe how the applicant is still prominent in their area of achievement

13 Describe how the applicant would be an asset to the Australian community

14 Give an explanation of why the applicant would have no difficulty in obtaining employment, or in becoming established independently, in Australia, in their area of achievement

15 Is the applicant currently employed?

No

Yes ► Current annual salary

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16 Applicant occupation name

17 Has the applicant received an offer of employment in Australia?

No

Yes

18 Expected annual salary when work in Australia is commenced

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19 Give details of the applicant's proposed activity in Australia and how their skills and experience would be utilised

20 Give details of any registration / licensing / professional memberships held by the applicant

21 Is the applicant aged below 18 or aged 55 years or above?

No

Yes ► Indicate how you consider the applicant would be of exceptional benefit to the Australian community

22 Explain how you are familiar with the applicant's achievements in the area

Nominator's details

23 As nominator, are you representing an Australian organisation or are you an individual?

Australian organisation ► **Complete Part A**

Individual ► **Complete Part B**

Part A – Nomination by an Australian organisation

24 Registered name of nominating organisation

25 Trading name (if different from above)

26 Provide details of all registration identifiers for the organisation

Registration type (eg. Pty Ltd)

Registered ID (eg. ABN)

27 Office address in Australia of nominating organisation

 Postcode

28 Organisation website (if available)

29 Industry type

30 Telephone number

Office hours (Area code)

Mobile/Cell

31 Name of contact officer within the organisation

Family name

Given names

32 Position of contact officer

33 What is the contact officer's authority to represent the Australian organisation? (Tick one only)

Senior Manager in the organisation

Authorisation received by a Senior Manager in the organisation ► Attach evidence

Other ► Give details

34 Describe how your organisation has acquired a national reputation in the same area as the applicant

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

No

Yes ► Give details

Email address

Declaration of the nominating Australian organisation

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

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- I hereby declare that the information I have supplied in this form is complete, truthful and correct in every detail.
 - I declare that I have received no fee from any party for the completion of this form.
 - I understand that if any fraudulent documents or false or misleading information has been provided with this nomination, or if the applicant fails to satisfy the Minister of their identity, the application may be refused and the applicant, and any other member of the applicant's family unit, may become unable to be granted a visa for specified periods of time.
 - I understand that if documents are found to be fraudulent or information to be incorrect after the grant of a visa, the visa may subsequently be cancelled.
 - I understand that the Department of Home Affairs may be required to disclose nominator information, if required to meet disclosure obligations under law, statutory, or portfolio duties.

Signature of contact officer

Day Month Year

Date

►► **Go to Question 48 - you do not need to complete Part B**

Assistance with this form

48 As the nominator, did you receive assistance in completing this form?

No **You do not need to answer any more questions**

Yes Please give details of the person who assisted you

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Family name

Given names

Address

<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
Postcode

Telephone number or daytime contact

Country code Area code Number

Office hours () ()

Mobile/cell

49 Is the person a registered migration agent, Australian legal practitioner or an exempt person?

No

Yes **You do not need to answer any more questions**

50 Did you pay the person and/or give a gift for this assistance?

No

Yes