



# Nomination for Distinguished Talent

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**Australian Government**  
**Department of Home Affairs**

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

## The nomination

Under the Migration Regulations, an applicant for a Distinguished Talent visa must be nominated by an Australian citizen, resident, eligible New Zealand citizen\* or an Australian organisation with a national reputation in the same field as the applicant. Where appropriate, the nomination should come from the peak Australian body.

Your nomination should attest to the applicant's achievements and international standing in relation to their field. The nomination should also comment on how the applicant will be an asset to the Australian community and how they will be able to obtain employment or become established 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 you believe 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.

Any alterations made before you lodge the form must be initialled and dated.

When you lodge this form you should attach:

- a personal, comprehensive statement of the applicant's achievements in their field;
- details of the applicant's, and your own, achievement in your common field (see Questions 8 and 9, and either Questions 20 or 32);
- relevant supporting documentation (newspaper/magazine articles, supporting comments from qualified persons) about the applicant; and
- details of employment arrangements or other assistance used to help establish the applicant.

## Integrity of nomination

The Department of Home Affairs (the Department) is committed to maintaining the integrity of the visa and citizenship programs. In relation to this nomination, 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 documents are found to be fraudulent or information to be incorrect after the grant of a visa, the visa may subsequently be cancelled.

## Lodging the nomination

**To satisfy the regulatory criteria the nomination must be lodged at the same time as and with the visa application.**

The nomination should be fully completed (with all supporting documentation attached). It should be completed by the nominator or someone with the legal authority to act on behalf of the nominating organisation.

A decision on the nomination will be made by the Adelaide Business Skills Processing Centre of the Department on the basis of the information you provide, your circumstances and the legal processing requirements in place when it is lodged.

If you want to change any details after you lodge the nomination, or if you want to withdraw it, please contact the Adelaide Business Skills Processing Centre where you lodged the form.

## Lodging the visa application

Your nominee should apply online at [www.homeaffairs.gov.au](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au) or complete visa application form 47SV *Application for special migration to Australia* (permanent entry), and lodge it **together with** this nomination.

## Charges

The Department does not charge for processing a Distinguished Talent nomination. However, the nominee is required to pay the current charge for a migration visa application.

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

Fees may be subject to adjustment at any time. Visa Application Charges may be subject to adjustment on 1 July each year. This may increase the cost of a visa.

## Important information about privacy

Your personal information is protected by law, including the *Privacy Act 1988*. Important information about the collection, use and disclosure (to other agencies and third parties, including overseas entities) of your personal information, including sensitive information, is contained in form 1442i *Privacy notice*. Form 1442i is available from the Department's website [www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms/](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms/). You should ensure that you read and understand form 1442i before completing this form.

## 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.

\* 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 one year in the 2 years preceding that date; or has a certificate, issued under the *Social Security Act 1991*, that states that the citizen was, for the purposes of the Act, residing in Australia on a particular date and who would have met certain health and character requirements on last entry to Australia.

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](http://www.mara.gov.au)

You can also access information about migration agents on the Department's website [www.homeaffairs.gov.au](http://www.homeaffairs.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 Question 52 *Options for receiving written communications*.

Your migration agent/exempt person should complete form 956 *Advice by a registered migration agent/exempt person of providing immigration assistance*.

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/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:

- Question 52 *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.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms/](http://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.

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.

### Further information

For more information on Distinguished Talent you may consult the Department's website [www.homeaffairs.gov.au](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au)

*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.

*Please keep these information pages for your reference*



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Tick where applicable

*Nominee's details*

**1** Nominee's full name

Family name

Given names

**2** Nominee's date of birth

Day	Month	Year
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**3** Nominee's country of birth

**4** Citizenship of nominee

**5** Nominee's residential address

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**6** Nominee's telephone number(s)

	Country code	Area code	Number
Office hours	( )	( )	<input type="text"/>
After hours	( )	( )	<input type="text"/>

**7** Is your nominee applying as Distinguished Talent in:  
*Select one only*

- a profession, or
- the arts, or
- sport, or
- research and academia

**8** Describe how your nominee in their profession, the arts, sport, or research and academia:

- has an internationally recognised record of exceptional and outstanding achievement;
- is still prominent; and
- would be an asset to the Australian community.

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**9** Is the nominee aged below 18 or aged 55 years or above?

No

Yes  Indicate how the nominee would be of exceptional benefit to the Australian community

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## Nominator's details

- 10** 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

- 11** Registered name of nominating organisation

  

- 12** Trading name (if different from above)

  

- 13** Provide details of all registration identifiers for the organisation

Registration type (eg. Pty Ltd)

Registered ID (eg. ABN)

- 14** Office address in Australia of nominating organisation

  
  
 Postcode

- 15** Organisation website (if available)

- 16** Industry type

- 17** Telephone number

Office hours (Area code )

Mobile/Cell

- 18** Name of contact officer within the organisation

Family name

Given names

- 19** Position of contact officer

- 20** Describe how your organisation has acquired a national reputation in the same area or field as your nominee

  
  
  
  
  

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

No

Yes  Give details

Email address

- 22** I hereby declare that the information I have supplied in this form is complete, truthful and correct in every detail.

**Signature of contact officer**

Day Month Year

Date

### Part B – Nomination by an individual

- 23** Nominator's full name

Family name

Given names

- 24** Sex Male  Female  Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified

Day Month Year

- 25** Date of birth

- 26** List all countries of citizenship

- 27** Residential address **Note:** A street address is required

  
  
 Postcode

- 28** Postal address (if same as Residential address write 'As above')

  
  
 Postcode

**29** Telephone numbers

	Country code	Area code	Number
Office hours	( )	( )	
After hours	( )	( )	
Mobile/Cell			

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

No

Yes  Give details

Email address

**31** What is your status in Australia?

Australian citizen

Australian permanent resident

Eligible New Zealand citizen

**32** Describe how you have acquired a national reputation in the same area or field as your nominee


**33** What is your nominee's field of distinguished talent?


**34** Give a brief description of the profession, arts, sport or research and academia in which your nominee is involved


**35** Is your nominee still prominent in their field?

No

Yes

**36** Give a statement of your nominee's current prominence in their chosen field


**37** How would your nominee's settlement in Australia be an asset to the Australian community?


**38** Give an explanation of why your nominee would have no difficulty in obtaining employment, or in becoming established independently, in Australia, in their field


**39** Nominee occupation name


**40** Is your nominee's occupation associated with a priority sector?

No

Yes

**41** What is the industry / sector associated with your nominee's occupation?


**42** Has your nominee received an offer of employment in Australia?

No

Yes

**43** Expected annual salary when work in Australia is commenced

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44 Is your nominee currently employed?

No

Yes  ▶ Current annual salary

45 Give details of your nominee's skills and experience that are relevant to the proposed activity in Australia


46 Give details of any registration / licensing / professional memberships held by your nominee


### Declaration of nomination by an individual

**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 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.

Signature of individual nominator


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Day    Month    Year

Date

### Assistance with this form

48 Did you receive assistance in completing this form?

No  ▶ **Go to Question 52**

Yes  ▶ Please give details of the person who assisted you

Title: Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Other

Family name

Given names

Address

Postcode

Telephone number or daytime contact

Country code    Area code    Number

Office hours (    ) (    )

Mobile/cell

49 Is the person an agent registered with the Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (Office of the MARA)?

No

Yes  ▶ **Go to Question 52**

50 Is the person/agent in Australia?

No  ▶ **Go to Question 52**

Yes

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

No

Yes

### Options for receiving written communications

52 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  ▶ Your migration agent/exempt person should complete form 956 *Advice by a registered migration agent/exempt person of providing immigration assistance*

**OR**

Exempt person

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