



Application for renunciation of Australian citizenship

Important

Please read the information pages carefully. Pre-pay through ImmiAccount before posting your application to the Department of Home Affairs (the Department) (see page 10).

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

There are 4 steps in the application process to renounce your Australian citizenship.

- Step 1** Eligibility – determine if you are eligible
- Step 2** Original documents – gather your original documents
- Step 3** Copy and certify your documents
- Step 4** Complete this application form, pay online and lodge your application

Integrity of application

The Department is committed to maintaining the integrity of the visa and citizenship programs. If you or a third party acting on your behalf provide, or have provided in a previous application, false or misleading information or documents (either knowingly or otherwise), this application is likely to be refused. In addition, you may be prosecuted under the *Migration Act 1958* and/or the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*.

Step 1 – Eligibility

Australian citizens 18 years and over can apply to renounce their Australian citizenship.

Australia is a signatory to the *United Nations Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness*. Consequently, your application to renounce your Australian citizenship will not be approved unless you provide evidence that you are a citizen of another country, or that on renunciation you will acquire the citizenship of another country.

Citizenship ceases on the date the application is approved.

Children

Children can apply to renounce Australian citizenship, only if they were born or are ordinarily resident in a foreign country and are not entitled, under the law of that country, to acquire the nationality or citizenship of that country because they are Australian citizens.

Applications for children under 16 years of age must be made by a responsible parent.

If you are the responsible parent of a child when your Australian citizenship ceases, consideration may be given to revoking the citizenship of any children under the age of 18 years, unless:

- the other responsible parent is still an Australian citizen, or
- doing so would render them stateless.

Under the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*, you are the responsible parent of a child if:

- you are the child's parent, unless a Family Court order has removed your parental responsibility
- the child is to live with you under a parenting order, whether you are their parent or not
- you have parental responsibility for the child's long-term or day-to-day care under a Family Court order, whether you are their parent or not
- you have sole or joint guardianship or custody of the child under an Australian or foreign law, including by adoption, operation of law, court order or otherwise.

Step 2 – Original documents

You will need to provide the Department with a range of documents to prove that you are who you say you are. These documents are called **identity documents**.

You will also need to provide additional documents that show evidence of your Australian citizenship and your citizenship of another country. These are called **supporting documents**.

If you have to get documents from overseas, this can take time. You will not be able to complete the application process without these documents.

Translations and certified copies

If your documents are not in English, you **must** provide official translations. In Australia, you must use translators accredited by the National Accreditation Authority of Translators and Interpreters. For more information, see www.naati.com.au

Unless specified that original documents are required, certified copies of original documents must be attached to your application. These copies must be certified by a person with the correct authority. See *Identity declarations – list of professions* on page 5 for people who can certify documents. Further information on certifying documents is available on the Department's website immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/on-paper/certified-copy

If you are outside Australia when applying, contact the Australian Home Affairs office where the documents were issued for advice on acceptable translators, and who can certify your original documents.

Identity documents

Applicants 16 years of age or over

You **must** provide the following identity documents.

- Three original documents that collectively show your:
 - photograph
 - signature
 - current residential address
 - birth name, date of birth and gender.
- Proof of change of name, if applicable.
- Part E – Identity declaration* completed by a person with the correct authority.

If you do not provide these documents, your application will not be accepted and will be returned to you.

Children

If you are an applicant under 16 years of age, you **must** provide the following:

- Identity documents that show a:
 - birth name and date of birth
 - photograph and current name, if available.
- Proof of change of name, if applicable.
- Part E – Identity declaration* completed by a person with the correct authority.

The checklist below will help you identify suitable documents.

Identity document checklist

Applicants 16 years of age or over

A current document with your photograph and/or signature

An Australian driver licence, or	<input type="checkbox"/>
A passport, or	<input type="checkbox"/>
A United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) document, or	<input type="checkbox"/>
A national identity card, or	<input type="checkbox"/>
Another document containing a signature and/or photograph, eg. an air crew identity document, seafarer identity document, military identity document or an Australian issued proof of age card	<input type="checkbox"/>

Evidence of your current residential address

A utilities notice eg. electricity, gas or water bill, bank notice, or	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rental contracts or rates notice	<input type="checkbox"/>

Evidence of your date of birth, birth name and any changes of name

A full birth certificate, and	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of links between present and previous names, for example an official marriage or divorce certificate, if applicable, or	<input type="checkbox"/>
A certificate issued by an Australian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages as evidence of other changes of name, if applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>

Evidence of your identity in the community

One passport-sized photograph and identity declaration signed by an Australian citizen with the correct authority	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Children

The following documents are required if you are under 16 years of age

A full birth certificate or family register containing parent's details	<input type="checkbox"/>
Passport or travel document, if any	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of links between birth name and current name, if applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>
One passport-sized photograph and identity declaration signed by an Australian citizen with the correct authority	<input type="checkbox"/>

Identity declaration

Applicants 16 years of age or over

As well as your identity documents, you will need to provide an identity declaration and an endorsed passport-sized photograph of yourself.

The **identity declaration** must be completed and signed by an Australian citizen who:

- has known you for at least one year and belongs to a profession on the list on page 5, **and**
- is not related to you by birth, marriage or de facto relationship, **and**
- is easy to contact by telephone during normal working hours.

The person who signs the declaration must also write on the back of your photograph the words: *This is a true photograph of (your full name)* and sign the back of the photograph using the same signature as on the declaration.

The photograph should be attached to the front of the application form by placing the photograph in a plastic sleeve or envelope and stapling it to the form. **Do not** staple the photograph directly to the form.

The photograph must:

- be no more than 6 months old
- have a full-face view of your head and shoulders
- be of good quality, in colour, against a neutral or light grey coloured background that contrasts with your face
- be unedited (do not remove background, moles, wrinkles, scars or red eyes)
- be passport-sized: 35mm to 40mm wide and 45mm to 50mm high. The size of the face from chin to crown can be up to a maximum of 36mm, with a minimum of 32mm.

If you wear glasses they must be removed unless you cannot remove them for medical reasons. If worn they must be untinted (except for medical reasons), the frames must not obscure your eyes and there must not be any reflection from the lenses.

If you wear a head covering for religious reasons, you can wear the head covering in your photo as long as your whole face is visible. The covering must be plain material without any patterns.

For more information, see immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/citizenship/photo-requirements-for-citizenship-applications

Note: If you are outside Australia when applying you can have the identity declaration completed by a citizen of your country of residence who has known you for at least one year and belongs to a profession on the list on page 5.

Children

An identity declaration and endorsed photograph are required if you are an applicant under 16 years of age.

The declaration and photograph should be signed by an Australian citizen who has known your child for at least one year and belongs to a profession on the list on page 5.

In the case of children under 6 years of age, if no Australian citizen has known them for one year, the declaration can be signed by a person who has known them for less than one year and belongs to a profession on the list on page 5.

The photograph should be attached to the front of the application form by placing the photograph in a plastic sleeve or envelope and stapling it to the form. **Do not** staple the photograph directly to the form.

Supporting documents

To renounce Australian citizenship you will also need to provide documents listed below. You may also be asked to provide additional documents to those listed.

• Evidence of your Australian citizenship for example an Australian birth certificate or Australian citizenship certificate or descent extract, and	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Evidence that you acquired, or will acquire, citizenship of another country for example a naturalisation certificate or statement from the relevant authorities, and	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Your Australian passport and Australian citizenship certificate or descent extract, if you have them	<input type="checkbox"/>

Documents relating to the responsible parent applying on behalf of a child under 16 years of age

Proof of identification documents that collectively show a signature, photograph, and a current residential address, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a passport• Australian driver licence• credit card or utilities bill	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any orders relating to the custody, guardianship or parental responsibility for your child, if applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of adoption of your child, if your child was adopted overseas	<input type="checkbox"/>

Step 3 – Copy and certify your documents

Certified copies of all of your required documents must be attached to your application. A 'certified copy' is a copy of an original document that has been authorised (or stamped) as being a true copy of the original document.

The copies must be certified by a person with the correct authority. See *Identity declarations – list of professions* on page 5 for people who may certify documents.

Do not post original documents to the Department, unless specified otherwise.

Step 4 – Complete this application form, pay online and lodge your application

Please use a pen, and write neatly in English using BLOCK LETTERS. Corrections made with liquid paper are not acceptable.

Part A – Your details – Part A requires you to provide your personal details.

If you change address during the application process you must tell the Department your new address. See immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/change-in-situation/contact-details and complete the 'Update Contact Details' web-form.

Part B – Citizenship details – Part B requires you to provide information about your current citizenship.

Part C – Your child – If you are a responsible parent applying on behalf of your child aged under 16 years, Part C requires you to provide further details of your child.

Part D – Identity documents – Part D requires you to list your identity documents. See page 2 for information about this part of the application.

Part E – Identity declaration – Part E is **not** to be completed by the applicant. See page 3 for information about who should complete the *Identity declaration* and sign the back of the photograph.

Part F – Supporting documents – Part F requires you to list the supporting documents you are providing with your application. See page 3 for information about this part of the application.

Part G – Nomination of representative – Part G allows you to nominate another person who can make enquiries about your application on your behalf. Make sure you sign the authorisation at Part G if you want this to happen.

Part H – 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

Part I – Declaration – Carefully read and make sure you understand the terms of this declaration before signing it. If the applicant is under 16 years of age, the responsible parent must sign the declaration on page 11 on behalf of the child.

Lodging your application

Send your application, certified copies of documents and payment receipt to:

Evidence Processing Unit Parramatta
Department of Home Affairs
GPO Box 9984
SYDNEY NSW 2001
AUSTRALIA

Pre-lodgement checklist

Completed application form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identity documents	<input type="checkbox"/>
One endorsed passport-sized photograph and identity declaration, signed by a person with the correct authority for yourself and each child included in your application	<input type="checkbox"/>
Current Australian passport and citizenship certificate or descent extract	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting documents as required	<input type="checkbox"/>
The application payment receipt	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notification

If your application is approved you will be notified in writing. You will cease to be an Australian citizen on the day your application is approved.

If your application is refused

If your application is refused you have the right to ask for the decision to be reviewed by the Administrative Review Tribunal (the Tribunal). Your letter of notification will advise you where you can lodge an application for review. You should lodge your application with the Tribunal as soon as possible.

Travel after Australian citizenship has ceased

If you renounce your Australian citizenship while in Australia, you will automatically become the holder of an ex-citizen visa. This visa allows you to remain in Australia but does not allow you to re-enter if you leave.

If you renounce your Australian citizenship while overseas you cannot re-enter Australia without a valid visa. You must apply for a visa if you intend to re-enter Australia.

You will need a Resident Return visa if you travel overseas and intend to return to Australia. More information on return travel documents is available from the Department's website www.homeaffairs.gov.au

Circumstances when an application cannot be approved

Your application to renounce Australian citizenship cannot be approved if:

- your identity cannot be verified, or
- you would become stateless if your application was approved.

Identity declarations – list of professions

People currently working in a profession or occupation listed below can complete identity declarations and endorse photographs.

They must:

- be an Australian citizen, **or**
- if applying from outside Australia, a citizen of your country of residence if no Australian citizen is known to you

AND

- have known you for at least one year
 - not be related to you by birth, marriage or de facto relationship
 - be easy to contact by telephone during normal working hours.
1. Australian Consular Officer or Australian Diplomatic Officer (within the meaning of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*)
 2. Bailiff
 3. Bank officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
 4. Building society officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
 5. Chiropractor (licensed or registered)
 6. Clerk of court
 7. Commissioner for Affidavits
 8. Commissioner for Declarations
 9. Credit union officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
 10. Dentist (licensed or registered)
 11. Fellow of the National Tax Accountants' Association
 12. Finance company officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
 13. Judge of a court
 14. Justice of the peace
 15. Legal practitioner (licensed or registered)
 16. Magistrate
 17. Marriage celebrant licensed or registered under Subdivision C of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*
 18. Master of a court
 19. Medical practitioner (licensed or registered)
 20. Member of Chartered Secretaries Australia
 21. Member of Engineers Australia, other than at the grade of student
 22. Member of the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants
 23. Member of the Australian Defence Force with 5 or more years of continuous service
 24. Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants or the Institute of Public Accountants
 25. Member of the Parliament of the Commonwealth, a State, a Territory Legislature, or a local government authority of a State or Territory
 26. Minister of religion licensed or registered under Subdivision A of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*
 27. Nurse (licensed or registered)
 28. Optometrist (licensed or registered)

29. Permanent employee of Commonwealth, State or local government authority with at least 5 or more years of continuous service
30. Permanent employee of the Australian Postal Corporation with 5 or more years of continuous service
31. Pharmacist (licensed or registered)
32. Physiotherapist (licensed or registered)
33. Police officer
34. Psychologist (licensed or registered)
35. Registered migration agent (where registration is not suspended or subject to a caution)
36. Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, of a court
37. Sheriff
38. Teacher employed on a full-time basis at a school or tertiary education institution
39. Veterinary surgeon (licensed or registered).

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 www.homeaffairs.gov.au/access-and-accountability/our-commitments/privacy

Personal identifiers collected under the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* are generally photographs. The Department and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) have signed an arrangement in accordance with the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* that permits disclosure of your personal identifiers for the purposes of administering the *Australian Passport Act 2005*. If your application for Australian citizenship is approved, your photograph, client number, name, date of birth and gender will be provided to DFAT.

More information on personal identifiers is contained in information form 1243i *Your personal identifiers*. Information form 1243i is available from the Department's website www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms

Consent to communicate electronically

The Department may need to convey sensitive information about your application to you. Electronic communication, unless adequately encrypted, is not secure and may be viewed by others or interfered with. 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.

Home page www.homeaffairs.gov.au/citizenship

**Citizenship
Information
Line**

Telephone **131 880** during business hours in Australia to speak to an operator (recorded information available outside these hours).
If you are outside Australia, telephone
+61 2 6196 0196.

Please keep these information pages for your reference



Australian Government

Department of Home Affairs

Application for renunciation of Australian citizenship

Form

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To be completed by an applicant aged 16 years or over
or by a responsible parent on behalf of an applicant
under 16 years of age.

Please read the information pages before completing this application.

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 Preferred title Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐
Other

2 Your full name
Family name
Given names
(including all middle names)

3 Have you been known by any other names?
(including name at birth, previous married names, aliases,
alternative spellings or full spelling of all names)
No ☐
Yes ☐ Give details
Family name
Given names
Reason for change of name
If you have been known by more than one other name,
attach additional details on a separate sheet.

4 Sex Male ☐ Female ☐ Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified ☐

5 Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR

6 Place of birth
Town/city
Country

PHOTOGRAPH

You must attach the endorsed photograph of the applicant to this page.

Attach the photo by placing it in a plastic sleeve and stapling the sleeve to this page.

Do not apply tape, glue or staples directly to the photo.

ICSE
Client ID

Box File
Number

7 Current residential address

Note: You must tell the Department if your address changes after you lodge this form.

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

8 Current postal address
(If the same as your residential address, write 'AS ABOVE')

Note: You must tell the Department if your address changes after you lodge this form.

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

9 Telephone numbers

Work	(AREA CODE <input type="text"/>) <input type="text"/>
Home	(AREA CODE <input type="text"/>) <input type="text"/>
Mobile/cell	<input type="text"/>

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

Note: If consent to use electronic communication is not provided, delays will occur including notification of the outcome of this application.

No ☐
Yes ☐ Give details

Email address

Part B – Citizenship details

11 How did you acquire your Australian citizenship?

Birth

Conferral/grant

Naturalisation

Descent

Adoption

Born in Papua prior to independence

Other

DAY

MONTH

YEAR

Date acquired

Place acquired

12 What foreign citizenship do you hold or will you acquire?

Country of citizenship

How was it acquired (eg. birth, descent, marriage)?

DAY

MONTH

YEAR

Date acquired

Place acquired

Note: Please attach a statement from a relevant authority as evidence of your foreign citizenship.

13 Please state your reasons for renouncing Australian citizenship

If insufficient space, attach additional details

Part C – Your child

14 Are you applying for a child under 16 years of age that you are the responsible parent of?

No

Go to Part D – Identity documents

Yes

15 Is there a parenting order giving responsibility for the child named in this application to another person?

No

Yes

Give details of the child and person(s)

Note: Documents must be provided.

Part D – Identity documents

16 If you are 16 years of age or over, you must provide at least 3 documents which collectively contain your:

photograph

signature

current address

date of birth, birth name and gender.

You must also provide proof of any changes of name, if applicable, and a completed Part E – Identity declaration.

If you do not provide these documents your application will not be accepted and will be returned to you.

Do not post original documents to the Department. If you are posting your application attach certified copies.

Please list the identity documents you are providing (see Step 2 – Original documents on pages 1–2)

Applicants 16 years of age or over

A current document with your photograph and signature

Evidence of your current residential address

Evidence of your date of birth, birth name and any changes of name

Evidence of your identity in the community

Part E – Identity declaration

Children

Evidence of the child's date of birth and birth name

A document with the child's photograph and current name

Evidence of any changes of name, if applicable

Evidence of the child's identity in the community

Part E – Identity declaration

Part E – Identity declaration

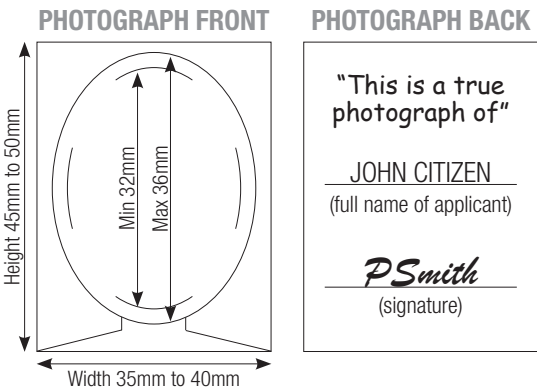
17 This part is **NOT to be completed by the applicant**

This part is to be completed by a person who:

- is an Australian citizen, and
- has known the applicant for at least one year, and
- is currently working in a profession or occupation listed on page 5, and
- is not related to the applicant by birth, marriage, or de facto relationship, and
- is easy to contact by telephone during normal working hours, should we need to make contact.

The person who completes this declaration must also endorse the applicant's photograph, which must be no more than 6 months old.

Example



See *Identity declaration* on page 3 for more information including photograph requirements.

Details of person making this declaration

Family name

Given names

Telephone numbers

Work

Home

Mobile/cell

Are you an Australian citizen? No ☐ Yes ☐

What is your profession or occupation group number from page 5?

I declare that I have known (full name of the applicant)

Family name

Given names

for year(s) month(s) and vouch for their identity.

I have endorsed the back of their photograph ☐

Signature of person making this declaration

Date

Part F – Supporting documents

18 You are required to provide supporting documents for yourself or your child

What type of documents are you attaching?

Evidence of your Australian citizenship	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence that you acquired or will acquire the citizenship of another country	<input type="checkbox"/>
Australian passports or Australian citizenship certificate, if held	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other passports held, if any	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of any name change and links between names, if applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>

Documents relating to a responsible parent if applying on behalf of a child under 16 years of age

Proof of identification documents for responsible parent applying on behalf of the child	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any order relating to the custody, guardianship or parental responsibility for the child, if applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of adoption of the child, if applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part G – Nomination of representative

19 Do you want to nominate a person to make enquiries or receive information on your behalf about your application?

No ☐ ► Go to Part H

Yes ☐ ► Give details below

Nominated person

Family name

Given names

Date of birth

Relationship to main applicant

Telephone numbers

Work

Home

Mobile/cell

20 Authority to disclose information

I hereby authorise the Department of Home Affairs to release information about my application to the person named above. I understand that the authority will remain effective until my application is finalised and should I wish to cancel or change this authorisation I may do so by advising the Department in writing.

Signature of applicant



Date

Part H – Payment details

21 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

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

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

Attach a copy of your printed receipt.

Part I – Declaration

WARNING: It is an offence under section 50 of the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* to deliberately make, or cause to make, a false or misleading statement, or conceal circumstances in relation to an application.

22 Please read the following carefully before signing.

Complete this declaration if you are the main applicant and are aged 16 years or over.

- I declare that the information I have supplied in this form is complete, truthful and correct in every detail.
- I confirm that I am authorised to provide the personal details presented and I consent to my information being checked with the document issuer or official record holder via third party systems for the purpose of confirming my identity.
- 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 applicant



Date

DAY

MONTH

YEAR

Children

The responsible parent is to complete the following declaration for an applicant under 16 years of age.

- I declare that I am the responsible parent of the applicant.
- I declare that the information I have supplied in this form is complete, truthful and correct in every detail.
- I consent to the renunciation of Australian citizenship for my child with my full acceptance of the consequences resulting from that renunciation status under law.
- I confirm that I am authorised to provide the personal details presented and I consent to the applicant's information being checked with the document issuer or official record holder via third party systems for the purpose of confirming their identity.
- I have read the information contained in form 1442i *Privacy notice*.
- I understand the Department may collect, use and disclose the applicant's personal information (including biometric information and other sensitive information) as outlined in form 1442i *Privacy notice*.

Signature of responsible parent



Date

DAY

MONTH

YEAR

Full name of responsible parent

Telephone numbers

	COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
Work	()	()	
Home	()	()	
Mobile/cell			

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

Office use only

Name of decision maker

Signature of decision maker

Date

DAY

MONTH

YEAR

Approved

Not approved

CC Ref