



Australian Government

Department of Home Affairs

Sponsorship for a child to migrate to Australia

Form
40CH

The Department of Home Affairs (the Department) acknowledges that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the traditional custodians of the Australian land.

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

Before you fill in this form you should read the information on the Department's website at <http://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/home> If you are satisfied that you are eligible to sponsor the child, you should continue reading these instructions.

Integrity of sponsorship

The Department is committed to maintaining the integrity of the visa and citizenship programmes. 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
- fail 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.

Who can sponsor?

The child must be **sponsored** by the parent, relative or guardian (as applicable for the category). The sponsor gives a written undertaking to provide support for the child, including accommodation and financial assistance as required to meet the child's reasonable living needs during their first 2 years in Australia, or the 2 years following the grant of the child's visa if the child is applying in Australia. The sponsor must complete the undertaking in Part O of this form.

The sponsor must be an Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen aged 18 years or over.

If you wish to sponsor a child for an Orphan Relative (subclass 117 or 837) visa, you must have been lawfully resident in Australia for a reasonable period (usually 2 years). Additionally, for the child to be granted an Orphan Relative visa, you must be able to provide adequate financial support and accommodation to this relative.

'**Partner**' means your spouse or de facto partner (including same-sex partners).

Family members included in this sponsorship application

In this sponsorship application you will be asked for information about each member of the child's family unit who has been included on the child's visa application. Information about which family members are considered to be a 'member of child's family unit' for migration purposes is available by referring to form 1496i *Including family members in your application*. Form 1496i is available from the Department's website <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/departmental-forms> You should ensure that you read and understand form 1496i before completing this form.

How to sponsor

To make a valid application, form 47CH *Application for migration to Australia by a child* and the Visa Application Charge (or evidence that you have paid the charge in Australia) **must be lodged together**. This form should also be lodged at the same time.

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

If the child is 18 years of age or over

Complete this form and send or give it to the child you are sponsoring.

The child should complete form 47CH and lodge it together with this sponsorship form along with all relevant documentation.

If the child is under 18 years of age

You should complete this form and lodge it together with the completed visa application form (form 47CH), plus all relevant documentation, on the behalf of the child.

You, or the child's current guardian, should complete form 47CH on the child's behalf.

If you are sponsoring a child who is onshore and has had a visa refused or cancelled and does not hold a substantive visa, then this completed and signed form must be provided at the same time as form 47CH. The child must also be under 25 years of age unless claiming to be incapacitated for work due to disability.

Where to lodge the application

You **must** post the application (with the correct prepaid postage) or send it by courier to the Child and Other Family Processing Centre. If you submit your application at any other office or in any other way, it will not be a valid application and cannot be considered further. Visa applications cannot be lodged in person.

You can **post** the application (with correct pre-paid postage) to:

Department of Home Affairs
Child and Other Family Processing Centre
Locked Bag 7
NORTHBRIDGE WA 6865

OR

You can have the application delivered by **courier** service to:

Department of Home Affairs
Child and Other Family Processing Centre
Wellington Central
836 Wellington Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Parental responsibility requirement (for a child under 18 years of age)

If another parent or any other person can legally determine where the child can live, permission for the child to migrate to Australia must be obtained from that person. This must be in the form of either a completed form 1229 *Consent to grant an Australian visa to a child under the age of 18 years* or a statutory declaration. Alternatively, the parental responsibility requirement will be satisfied if the sponsoring parent is in possession of a valid court order in relation to the child which permits them to permanently remove the child from the child's home country, or has a valid Australian child order issued by the Family Court of Australia and the grant of the visa would be consistent with that order.

Protection of children

The Australian Government considers that the safety of children is paramount and this is reflected in policies about the sponsorship of minors for visas to enter Australia. The government wants to ensure that children seeking to enter Australia under partner and child visas are protected from being sponsored by people with convictions for child sex offences or other serious offences indicating that they may pose a significant risk to a child in their care.

A sponsorship limitation in the Migration Regulations 1994 prevents a sponsorship from being approved if one of the proposed applicants is under 18 years of age and the Minister is satisfied that the sponsor or the sponsor's spouse or de facto partner has a conviction or outstanding charge for a registrable offence. Where the child is aged under 18 years, sponsors (and, if applicable, their partners) of child visa applications are required to provide an Australian National Police Check and/or foreign police certificate(s) as part of the process of assessing the application. The results of the police certificate(s) are used by the Department to assess the sponsorship application and whether or not the visa application satisfies public interest criteria relating to the best interests of the applicant.

A sponsorship that would otherwise be refused under this limitation may be approved at the discretion of the Minister or his delegate if 5 years have passed since completion of the sentence for the last registrable offence and there are compelling circumstances affecting the sponsor or the visa applicant.

In addition to the Australian National Police Check or other police certificate(s), sponsors and their partners must disclose to the Department any information relating to any conviction for child related offences they have had or any charges currently awaiting legal action. It is also important that migration applicants, and any non-migrating person who can lawfully determine where a migrating minor child is to live, are informed when the sponsor or their partner has such convictions or outstanding charges.

When the Department is aware of any convictions or charges of this nature, through either:

- the Australian National Police Check or other police certificate(s) provided; or
- the answers you provide on this form (40CH); or
- liaison with relevant Commonwealth, state and territory agencies;

it may inform the migration applicant, and any non-migrating person who can lawfully determine where the applicant's migrating minor child may live, about the convictions or charges. Signing the sponsorship undertaking will be taken as your acknowledgement of and consent to this approach.

Note: Where the applicant is adopted and an Australian state or territory adoption authority has approved the adoption, police checks are obtained as part of the approval process and further police checks are not required with the application.

Assurance of Support (AoS)

An AoS may be requested if an applicant is assessed as being a potentially high user of the Australian welfare system. As well as your child's circumstances, your ability to support your child (and any other dependants included in the application) may be taken into account by the decision-maker in deciding whether to request an AoS. Some of the information given by you on this form may be used for this.

What is an AoS?

An AoS is an undertaking to provide financial support to the person or persons applying to migrate so that the migrant will not have to rely on any government forms of support.

It is also a legal commitment by a person to repay to the Australian Government certain recoverable welfare payments made by Services Australia to those covered by the assurance.

The sponsor of the visa applicant is not required to act as the assurer if they are not in a financial position to qualify. Generally a person who has received the full rate of any pension, benefit or allowance (other than family payments) from Services Australia during the last year will not qualify as an assurer. Another person who is an Australian citizen or permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen who is usually resident in Australia and over 18 years of age can act as the assurer.

Services Australia has responsibility for assessing all AoS applications. Where appropriate, this also includes managing bond lodgement. For more information about the AoS scheme including application procedures, refer to the Services Australia website at <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/> or contact Services Australia on 132 850 from within Australia or 61 3 6222 3455 from outside Australia.

Note: The AoS remains in place for the duration of the assurance period regardless of whether or not the applicant has obtained a different visa (except where that visa is a Humanitarian visa) or has become an Australian citizen. Once the relevant visa has been granted, the AoS can only be cancelled in very limited circumstances and these circumstances are determined by Services Australia (**not** by the Department).

What documents do you need?

You should provide all documents asked for in this form.

The Department will need proof of your relationship to the child.

It will help processing if you lodge with this form any documents which confirm the relationship. For example, if you are sponsoring your niece or nephew as an orphan relative, you should include certified copies of your full birth certificate and the full birth certificate of your sibling who is the parent of the child.

If you or your siblings have changed your name(s) since birth, you should also provide evidence of this.

You will also need to provide evidence of your permanent resident status in Australia or proof that you are an eligible New Zealand citizen. An Australian citizen will need to send a certified copy of their citizenship certificate or, if Australian-born, a full certified copy of their birth certificate. If you are unsure about the documents needed to do this, a list of required documents is available from the Department's website <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au>.

You will also need to demonstrate that you can meet your sponsorship obligations. These are that you will be able to assist the child, to the extent necessary, financially and in respect of accommodation, during the period of 2 years immediately following their arrival in Australia or the 2 years following the grant of the visa if the child is applying in Australia. Additionally, if you are sponsoring a child who is an orphan relative, to enable them to be granted the visa, you must also give an undertaking that you have the capacity to provide this financial support and accommodation until your relative turns 18 years of age.

The information requested on this form, including documents relating to your employment and income, will assist the decision-maker in deciding if you are able to meet these requirements.

If the applicant is under 18 years of age, in order to assess the sponsorship application and the best interests of the child criterion, both you and your spouse or de facto partner are required to submit an Australian National Police Check for each person who has spent any time in Australia since turning 16 years of age. In addition, police certificates from each other country in which you and your partner have spent a total of 12 months or more in the last 10 years since turning 16 years of age must also be submitted.

You must provide the original police certificates.

If you are required to submit an Australian National Police Check, you must complete the National Police Check application form that is available from the Australian Federal Police (AFP) website

<https://www.afp.gov.au/what-we-do/services>

You should use Code 33 at Section 8 on the National Police Check application form and include details of any, and all, names you have been known by. If an AFP Certificate is provided based on incorrect information, the Department may request another certificate. Fingerprints are not required for National Police Checks.

If you are providing copies of documents they will need to be certified as true copies of the original by a justice of the peace, commissioner for declarations or a person authorised to witness statutory declarations.

Note: Applicants, sponsors and their partners are encouraged to consider information on the 'Offices outside Australia' page to determine the relevant police checks required from each country

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/contact-us/offices-and-locations/offices-outside-australia>

Waiting period for certain welfare payments

New migrants to Australia have to wait up to 4 years before they can get most welfare payments. The waiting period starts from the date of arrival or the date of permanent resident status, whichever is the later. You should therefore think carefully about whether or not you are able and willing to provide support for the child.

Information on services to assist newly arrived migrants with settling in Australia is also available on the Department of Social Services website at

<https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities>

Health

All applicants for permanent visas including the main applicant and any members of the family unit must be assessed against the health requirement.

In addition, in certain circumstances, family members who are not applying for the visa will be assessed against the health requirement. Further information about the health requirement is available on the Department's website <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa/health/meeting-the-health-requirement/health-examinations>

Note: Applicants may have already undertaken a health assessment for their visa. However, the Department reserves the right to request additional health examinations as part of this visa application process.

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>

Where sponsorship applications present potential child protection issues, the Department will ensure the migration applicant, or a person with parental responsibility (as defined in section 61B of the *Family Law Act 1975*) for the applicant, is made aware of the information collected that raises child protection concerns. The section titled *Protection of children* on page 2 of this form gives details of situations where the Department may take such action.

Obtaining information about you from other agencies and organisations

Under section 56 of the *Migration Act 1958*, the Department may seek information about you that is relevant to your sponsorship application from other agencies and organisations. The agencies/organisations may include:

- federal, state or territory government agencies;
- federal, state or territory law enforcement agencies;
- state or territory housing authorities (including private landlords);
- local government authorities;
- financial institutions;
- educational institutions;
- private businesses (including telecommunications and internet service providers, insurance companies); and
- any other relevant businesses or agencies.

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 N – 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 N – 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/

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.

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



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 – Application overview

1 How many people are included in this sponsorship for migration? []

Part B – About you

2 Your full name (as shown in your passport or travel document)

Family name []
Given names []

3 Sex Male [] Female [] Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified []

4 Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR []

5 Place of birth
Town/city []
Country []

6 What is your citizenship/residence status in Australia? (Tick one only)

Australian citizen by birth [] Attach certified copy of birth certificate

Australian citizen by grant [] Date of arrival in Australia DAY MONTH YEAR []

Attach proof of citizenship and length of residence

Permanent resident of Australia [] Date of arrival in Australia DAY MONTH YEAR []

Attach proof of length of residence

Which citizenships do you hold?

[]

Eligible New Zealand citizen [] Length of residence in Australia []

Please attach proof

Part C – Child's details

7 Child's full name (as shown in passport or travel document)

Family name []
Given names []

8 Child's name in own language or script (if applicable)

[]

9 Other ways used to spell the child's name

Family name []
Given names []

10 Sex Male [] Female [] Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified []

11 Child's date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR []

12 Child's residential address

[]
[]
[] POSTCODE

13 Child's relationship status

Married [] Separated [] Never married or been in a de facto relationship []
Engaged [] Divorced []
De facto [] Widowed []

14 Child's relationship to you

Note: For the purposes of this form, a 'natural' child includes:

- a biological child of the Australian parent; or
- a child conceived through an artificial conception procedure; or
- a child born under surrogacy arrangements, where parentage has been transferred by court order under a prescribed state or territory law.

Adopted child ► **Go to Part D**

Step-child ► **Go to Part E**

Natural child ► **Go to Part G**

Brother/sister

Nephew or niece ► **Go to Part F**

Grandchild

Other ► Please specify

► **Go to Part F**

Part D – Adopted child

15 When did you adopt the child?

Before I became an Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen ► Attach a certified copy of the child's adoption certificate or, if applicable, an adoption compliance certificate made under the Adoption Convention.

► **Go to Part G**

After I became an Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen ► Attach a certified copy of the child's adoption certificate or, if applicable, an adoption compliance certificate made under the Adoption Convention.

► **Go to Part H**

I have **not yet** adopted the child but the child has been allocated to me for adoption ► Attach an official letter from the relevant Australian state or territory adoption authority which shows that you have been allocated the child for adoption.

► **Go to Part H**

Part E – Step-child

Note: A step-child can only be included in the Child visa application if the step-child is under 18 years of age and the Australian step-parent is no longer the partner of the child's parent but has parental responsibility in relation to the child.

16 Is this child the child of your current partner?

No ► You must attach evidence of your former relationship to the child's parent and evidence that you have a legal responsibility to look after the child eg. a court order granting parental responsibility, custody or guardianship for the child.

► **Go to Part G**

Yes ► **Go to Part G**

Part F – Orphan relative

17 Are the child's parents both either dead, of unknown whereabouts or permanently incapacitated?

No

Yes ► Give details

Parent's full name

Sex Male Female Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified

Dead Unknown whereabouts Permanently incapacitated

Parent's full name

Sex Male Female Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified

Dead Unknown whereabouts Permanently incapacitated

Attach evidence to support this claim (eg. parent's death certificate or report from a qualified medical practitioner, which shows that the child's parent has a disability that stops them from looking after the child)

Part G – Parental responsibility (only for a child under 18 years of age)

18 Was the child born outside Australia under a surrogacy arrangement?

No

Yes ► Give details

Surrogate's full name

Surrogate's date of birth

DAY MONTH YEAR

Surrogate's country of citizenship

Country where surrogacy agreement was signed

Attach a certified copy of the surrogacy agreement.

19 Was the child conceived through an artificial conception procedure?

No

Yes ► Give details and attach a certified copy of the relevant medical documents which detail the genetic material of the embryo

20 Do you have the sole legal right to determine where the child shall live or to permanently remove the child from their home country?

No Give details of ALL other people who have parental responsibility for the child

You must attach either a completed form 1229 *Consent to grant an Australian visa to a child under the age of 18 years* or a statutory declaration from each of these people giving permission for the child to migrate.

Note: Form 1229 or the statutory declaration must be accompanied by a certified copy of the other person's identification which contains their signature (eg. passport or driver's licence).

1. Full name

Residential address

POSTCODE

Telephone number

COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER

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Relationship to the child

Nature of the legal right

2. Full name

Residential address

POSTCODE

Telephone number

COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER

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Relationship to the child

Nature of the legal right

Yes Attach documents that provide evidence that you have the sole legal right to determine where the child shall live or the right to permanently remove the child from their home country.

These documents could include:

- a certified copy of a court order
- a certified copy of a death certificate of the child's parent
- information that shows that the laws of the child's home country give you sole parental responsibility.

Part H – Members of the family unit of the child

21 Does the child have any members of the family unit who are included in this sponsorship?

Note: A member of the family unit of the child can include their spouse or de facto partner, or their dependent children.

Siblings who wish to migrate together must make separate applications and have separate sponsorships.

No

Yes Give details

1. Full name

Sex Male Female Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified

Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR

Country of current residence

Citizenship

Relationship to child

2. Full name

Sex Male Female Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified

Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR

Country of current residence

Citizenship

Relationship to child

3. Full name

Sex Male Female Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified

Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR

Country of current residence

Citizenship

Relationship to child

Part I – Your details

22 Your current residential address

Note: You are required to provide a residential address on this form for it to be a valid visa application. Under legislation, a post office box address is not acceptable as a residential address.

POSTCODE

Note: If your residential address is not in Australia, please attach a statement outlining how you will meet your sponsorship obligations (see Part O).

23 Address for correspondence

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

POSTCODE

24 Your telephone numbers

	COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
Office hours	()	()	
After hours	()	()	

25 Do you agree to the Department communicating with you by email?

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

No

Yes **▶** Email address

26 Relationship status

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Married <input type="checkbox"/> | Separated <input type="checkbox"/> | Never married or
been in a de facto
relationship <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Engaged <input type="checkbox"/> | Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| De facto <input type="checkbox"/> | Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> | |

27 What is your current employment status?

In paid employment

Not in paid employment **▶** Give details

Home duties

Seeking employment

Retired

Receiving pension

Full-time student

Other **▶** Give details

▶ Now go to Question 29

28 Is your paid employment full-time or part-time?

Full-time

Part-time **▶** Give details

Number of hours worked per week

Reasons for not working full-time

29 Have you been in paid employment at any time in the past 2 years?

No

Yes **▶** Give details

1. Name of employer

From

DAY	MONTH	YEAR

 to

DAY	MONTH	YEAR

Your occupation

2. Name of employer

From

DAY	MONTH	YEAR

 to

DAY	MONTH	YEAR

Your occupation

3. Name of employer

From

DAY	MONTH	YEAR

 to

DAY	MONTH	YEAR

Your occupation

4. Name of employer

From

DAY	MONTH	YEAR

 to

DAY	MONTH	YEAR

Your occupation

You should provide certified photocopies of one of the following documents to show your employment **during the last 2 years:**

- Australian income and/or overseas tax assessment notices*; or
- letter from employer confirming length of employment and annual salary; or
- payslips; or
- business documents or letter from your accountant if self-employed, or self-funded from other sources.

* The Department does not require your Tax File Number (TFN). If your TFN is shown on your tax assessment notice, you should remove or obscure it before you attach the copy of the assessment notice to this form.

30 Have you received Newstart Allowance, Parenting Payment, Youth Allowance, Widow Allowance or Special Benefit during the last 2 years?

No

Yes Give details

1. Type of payment

From DAY MONTH YEAR to DAY MONTH YEAR

2. Type of payment

From DAY MONTH YEAR to DAY MONTH YEAR

3. Type of payment

From DAY MONTH YEAR to DAY MONTH YEAR

31 Are you currently receiving any other form of welfare benefit, pension or allowance (including any benefits received from a country outside Australia)?

No

Yes Give details

32 Do you have any other children or relatives (in and outside of Australia) who are dependent on you?

No

Yes Give details

Relative's full name (FAMILY name in CAPITALS)	Date of birth or Age	Sex * M / F / X	Relationship to you (eg. your child, father, sister, aunt, cousin)	Are they residing with you?
				No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
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				No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
				No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>

* M = Male, F = Female, X = Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified

33 Are you sponsoring a child under 18 years of age?

No ► **Go to Question 36**

Yes

34 Have you ever:

- specifically, been convicted of a crime or offence in any country (including any conviction which is now removed from official records), relating to persons under 18 years of age, including but not limited to: child abuse, child sex, endangering a child, indecent dealings with a child, or possession of child pornography?

No Yes

- specifically, been charged with any offence that is currently awaiting legal action, in any country, relating to persons under 18 years of age, including but not limited to: child abuse, child sex, endangering a child, indecent dealings with a child, or possession of child pornography?

No Yes

If you answered **'Yes'** to any of these questions, you must give ALL relevant details. If the matter relates to a criminal conviction, please give the nature of the offence, full details of sentence and dates of any period of imprisonment or other detention.

35 In which countries have you lived cumulatively for 12 months or more during the last 10 years?

Country	Dates lived there		Last permanent address in that country
	FROM	TO	
	MONTH	YEAR	
	FROM		
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	TO		
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	TO		
	FROM		
	TO		

36 Are you an eligible New Zealand citizen?

No ► **Go to Part J**

Yes

37 Have you ever:

- in addition to any crime or offence disclosed in response to Question 34 on page 10, been convicted of a crime or offence in any country (including any conviction which is now removed from official records)? No Yes
- in addition to any crime or offence disclosed in response to Question 34 on page 10, been charged with any offence that is currently awaiting legal action? No Yes
- been acquitted of any criminal offence or other offence on the grounds of mental illness, insanity or unsoundness of mind? No Yes
- been removed or deported from any country (including Australia)? No Yes
- left any country to avoid being removed or deported? No Yes
- been excluded from or asked to leave any country (including Australia)? No Yes
- committed, or been involved in, the commission of war crimes or crimes against humanity or human rights? No Yes
- been involved in any activities that would represent a risk to Australian national security? No Yes
- had any outstanding debts to the Australian Government or any public authority in Australia? No Yes
- been involved in any activity, or been convicted of any offence, relating to the illegal movement of people to any country (including Australia)? No Yes
- served in a military force or state sponsored/private militia, undergone any military/paramilitary training, or been trained in weapons/explosives use (however described)? No Yes

If you answered **'Yes'** to any of these questions, you must give ALL relevant details. If the matter relates to a criminal conviction, please give the nature of the offence, full details of sentence and dates of any period of imprisonment or other detention.

Part J – Your partner’s details

38 Are you currently in a partner relationship (married or in a de facto partner relationship)?

No **▶ Go to Part K**
 Yes

39 Your partner's full name *(as shown in passport or travel document)*

Family name
 Given names

40 Sex Male Female Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified

41 Date of birth

DAY	MONTH	YEAR

42 Place of birth
 Town/city
 Country

43 What is your partner's citizenship/residence status in Australia? *(Tick one only)*

Australian citizen by birth **▶ Attach certified copy of birth certificate**

Australian citizen by grant **▶ Date of arrival in Australia**

DAY	MONTH	YEAR

 Attach proof of citizenship and length of residence

Permanent resident of Australia **▶ Date of arrival in Australia**

DAY	MONTH	YEAR

 Attach proof of length of residence

Which citizenships does your partner hold?

Eligible New Zealand citizen **▶ Length of residence in Australia**

 Attach proof of length of residence

Temporary resident of Australia **▶ Name and subclass of visa your partner holds**

 Attach proof of that visa

44 Is your partner's current residential address different to the address you have stated at Question 22?

No ► **Go to Question 48**

Yes ► Give details of why you are living apart

If insufficient space, attach additional details

45 Your partner's current residential address

POSTCODE

46 Your partner's address for correspondence
(If the same as their residential address, write 'AS ABOVE')

POSTCODE

47 Your partner's telephone numbers

	COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
Office hours			

After hours			
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48 Does your partner agree to the Department communicating with them by email?

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

No

Yes ► Your partner's email address

49 If you are normally dependent on your partner's income, give details of your partner's employment history for the last 2 years.

1. Name of employer

From

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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 to

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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2. Name of employer

From

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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 to

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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3. Name of employer

From

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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 to

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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50 If you are normally dependent on your partner's income, has your partner received Newstart Allowance, Parenting Payment, Youth Allowance, Widow Allowance or Special Benefit during the last 2 years?

No

Yes ► Give details

1. Type of payment

From

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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 to

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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2. Type of payment

From

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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 to

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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3. Type of payment

From

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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 to

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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51 Does your partner have any children or relatives (in and outside of Australia) who are dependent on them?

No

Yes Give details

Relative's full name (FAMILY name in CAPITALS)	Date of birth or Age		Sex *	Relationship to you (eg. your child, father, sister, aunt, cousin)	Are they residing with you?	
			M / F / X		No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
					No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
					No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
					No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
					No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
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					No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
					No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
					No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>

* M = Male, F = Female, X = Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified

52 In which countries has your partner lived cumulatively for 12 months or more during the last 10 years?

Country	Dates lived there		Last permanent address in that country
	MONTH	YEAR	
	FROM		
	TO		
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53 Has your partner ever:

- specifically, been convicted of a crime or offence in any country (including any conviction which is now removed from official records), relating to persons under 18 years of age, including but not limited to: child abuse, child sex, endangering a child, indecent dealings with a child, or possession of child pornography? No Yes

- specifically, been charged with any offence that is currently awaiting legal action, in any country, relating to persons under 18 years of age, including but not limited to: child abuse, child sex, endangering a child, indecent dealings with a child, or possession of child pornography? No Yes

If you answered **'Yes'** to any of these questions, you must give ALL relevant details. If the matter relates to a criminal conviction, please give the nature of the offence, full details of sentence and dates of any period of imprisonment or other detention.

54 Has your partner ever:

- in addition to any crime or offence disclosed in response to Question 53, been convicted of a crime or offence in any country (including any conviction which is now removed from official records)? No Yes

- in addition to any crime or offence disclosed in response to Question 53, been charged with any offence that is currently awaiting legal action? No Yes

- been acquitted of any criminal offence or other offence on the grounds of mental illness, insanity or unsoundness of mind? No Yes

- been removed or deported from any country (including Australia)? No Yes

- left any country to avoid being removed or deported? No Yes

- been excluded from or asked to leave any country (including Australia)? No Yes

- committed, or been involved in, the commission of war crimes or crimes against humanity or human rights? No Yes

- been involved in any activities that would represent a risk to Australian national security? No Yes

- had any outstanding debts to the Australian Government or any public authority in Australia? No Yes

- been involved in any activity, or been convicted of any offence, relating to the illegal movement of people to any country (including Australia)? No Yes

- served in a military force or state sponsored/private militia, undergone any military/paramilitary training, or been trained in weapons/explosives use (however described)? No Yes

If you answered **'Yes'** to any of these questions, you must give ALL relevant details. If the matter relates to a criminal conviction, please give the nature of the offence, full details of sentence and dates of any period of imprisonment or other detention.

Part K – About your home

55 Type of dwelling

House

Flat

Other Specify

56 How many bedrooms does the dwelling have?

57 How many people live in the dwelling?

58 What is the relationship of these people to you?

Separately list the relationship of each person in your dwelling (eg. child, father, sister, aunt, cousin)	Date of birth	or	Age	Occupation (eg. high school student, university student, retired, part-time waitress, unemployed)

59 Is the dwelling:

Rented

Owned

Being purchased

Other ▶ Specify

60 Weekly dwelling payment (eg. rent, mortgage)

AUD per week

61 Will the child you are sponsoring be living with you in the same dwelling?

No

Yes ▶ **Go to Part L**

62 Provide reason(s) why the child you are sponsoring will not be living with you in the same dwelling

63 What accommodation do you propose for the child you are sponsoring?

Part L – Your previous sponsorships/ nominations

64 Have you or your partner lodged any other sponsorships/nominations or signed an Assurance of Support?

No

Yes ▶ Attach a written statement showing the relationship of the person you have sponsored/nominated or assured and the dates of lodgement of sponsorships/nominations (including any current sponsorship/nominations), Maintenance Guarantees or Assurances.

Part M – Assistance with this form

65 Did you receive assistance in completing this form?

No ▶ **Go to Part N**

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

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

No

Yes ▶ **Go to Part N**

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

No

Yes

Part N – Options for receiving written communications

68 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

OR

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

OR

Exempt person

Part O – Your sponsorship undertaking

This part must be completed by SPONSORS

69 Undertaking

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

I agree to:

- provide information and advice to help the person(s) I am sponsoring settle in Australia;
- ensure that adequate accommodation is available to them on arrival in Australia or, to provide accommodation for up to 2 years from arrival in Australia, or the 2 years following the grant of your child's visa if your child is applying in Australia;
- if sponsoring an orphan relative, provide support (including accommodation and financial assistance required to meet the child's reasonable needs) until the orphan relative turns 18 years of age or, if this period is less than 2 years after entry to Australia for the first time on the Orphan Relative visa or less than 2 years following the grant of the Orphan Relative visa if granted in Australia, during the child's first 2 years in Australia;
- provide support as required to enable them to attend appropriate English language courses;
- attend an interview (if requested by the Department) in relation to the child's application; and
- inform the Department in writing if I withdraw my support for the child before this application is finalised.

I am aware that any person who provides false or misleading information or who deceives or misleads or who presents a forged document to an Australian Government official may be prosecuted.

I am aware that if false or incorrect information is given on this form, the application of the person(s) I am sponsoring may be refused, and/or any visa granted to that person may be liable to cancellation.

I authorise Services Australia to give information about me, relevant to my offer to provide this sponsorship, to the Department.

I authorise the Department to obtain information relevant to my offer to provide this sponsorship from other government agencies or organisations. The agencies/organisations may include:

- federal, state or territory government agencies;
- federal, state or territory law enforcement agencies;
- state or territory housing authorities (including private landlords);
- local government authorities;
- financial institutions;
- educational institutions;
- private businesses (including telecommunication and internet service providers, insurance companies); and
- any other relevant businesses or agencies.

I consent to the Department informing the migration applicant (if required), and any non-migrating person who can lawfully determine where the applicant may live, about any convictions or charges it becomes aware of through my response to Question 34 and Question 37, other information I may provide or liaison with relevant Commonwealth, state or territory agencies.

Signature of sponsor



Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR

Part P – Your partner's consent

This part must be completed by the SPONSOR'S PARTNER if the visa applicant is under 18 years of age

70 I consent to the Department informing the migration applicant (if required), and any non-migrating person who can lawfully determine where the applicant may live, about any convictions or charges it becomes aware of through the response to Question 53 and Question 54, other information I may provide or liaison with relevant Commonwealth, state or territory agencies.

I declare that:

- the information supplied in this form is complete, correct and up-to-date in every detail;
- 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*;
- I authorise the Department to obtain relevant information from other government agencies or organisations. The agencies/organisations may include federal, state or territory law enforcement agencies.

Signature of sponsor's partner



Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR

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