



This information is provided to help you complete the application form and guide you through the application process.

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

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 and lodge your application form

Integrity of application

The Department of Home Affairs (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.

The *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* defines responsible parent in relation to a child as:

- a parent, unless that parent does not have parental responsibility because of orders made by the Family Court of Australia, or
- any person having responsibility over the child because of an order made by the Family Court, or
- any person who has guardianship or custody of the child under an Australian law or a foreign law, whether because of adoption, operation of law, an order of a court 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 pages 4–5 for people who can certify documents.

If you are outside Australia when applying, contact the Australian diplomatic mission in the country who issued the documents 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.

1. Three original documents that collectively show your:
 - photograph
 - signature
 - current residential address
 - birth name, date of birth and gender.
2. Proof of change of name, if applicable.
3. *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:

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

The checklist below will help you identify suitable documents. If you have difficulty finding suitable documents please call the Citizenship Information Line or, if outside Australia call your nearest Australian diplomatic mission, before you complete and lodge your application.

Identity document checklist

Applicants 16 years of age or over

A current document with your photograph and/or signature

An Australian driver's 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 photograph, eg. an air crew identity document, seafarer identity document, military identity document or student 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 pages 4–5, **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 carefully attached to the front of the application form without obscuring the image, or you can place the photograph in a plastic sleeve or envelope and staple it to the form.

The photograph must be:

- no more than 6 months old
- a full-face view of your head and shoulders (untinted prescription glasses can be worn – a photograph that shows facial features only is acceptable if you wear a head covering for religious reasons)
- of good quality, in colour, against a plain, light coloured background (laser copies are not acceptable).

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 pages 4–5.

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 pages 4–5.

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 pages 4–5.

The photograph should be attached to the front of the application form without obscuring the image, or you can place the photograph in a plastic sleeve or envelope and staple it 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.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Evidence of your Australian citizenship for example an Australian birth certificate or Australian citizenship certificate or descent extract, and	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">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"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">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 passportdriver's licencecredit 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 pages 4–5 for people who may certify documents.

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

Step 4 – Complete and lodge your application form

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 form 929 *Change of address and/or passport details*.

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 2 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 – To make a payment, please pay by credit card, bank cheque or money order made payable to the Department of Home Affairs. Credit card is the preferred method of payment. Generally, fees are not refundable.

Outside Australia – Credit card payments or Australian dollars (AUD) bank cheques are accepted. If you do not have access to a credit card or AUD bank cheque, contact your nearest Immigration Office outside Australia to find out about alternative forms of payment.

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 the fee to:

Citizenship Operations
Department of Home Affairs
PO Box 25
BELCONNEN ACT 2616
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 fee	<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 Appeals Tribunal (AAT). Your letter of notification will advise you where you can lodge an application for review. You should lodge your application with the AAT 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 Sub-division 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. Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, of a court
 36. Sheriff
 37. Teacher employed on a full-time basis at a school or tertiary education institution
 38. Veterinary surgeon (licensed or registered).
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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/** or offices of the Department. You should ensure that you read and understand form 1442i before completing this form.

Personal identifiers collected under the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* are photographs and signatures. 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.

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, please contact your nearest Australian mission.

Please keep these information pages for your reference

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Application for renunciation of Australian citizenship

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

PHOTOGRAPH

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

The photograph must be attached without obscuring the image, or can be placed in a plastic sleeve and stapled to this page.

Client ID
Box File Number

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

5 Date of birth

DAY MONTH YEAR
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6 Place of birth

Town/city

Country

7 Current residential address

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

POSTCODE

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.

POSTCODE

9 Telephone numbers

Work (AREA CODE)

Home (AREA CODE)

Mobile/cell

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

No
Yes Give details

Email address

Part E – Identity declaration

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

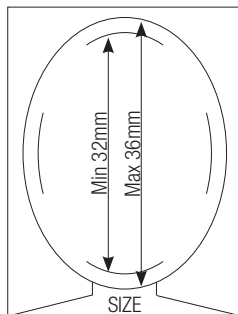
This part is to be completed by a person who:

- 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.

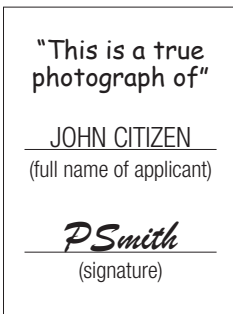
The person who completes this declaration must also endorse the applicant's photograph, which must be no more than 6 months old.

Example

PHOTOGRAPH FRONT



PHOTOGRAPH BACK



See *Identity declaration* on pages 2–3 for more information including photograph requirements.

Details of person making this declaration

Family name

Given names

Telephone numbers

Work (AREA CODE)

Home (AREA CODE)

Mobile/cell

Are you an Australian citizen? No Yes

What is your profession or occupation group number from pages 4–5?

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

Family name

Given names

for year(s) and vouch for his/her identity.

I have endorsed the back of his/her photograph

Signature of person making this declaration



Date DAY / MONTH / YEAR

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 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 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 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

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Signature of decision maker

Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Approved Not approved