



# Application for a Resident Return visa (RRV)

Before completing your application please read the information regarding *Return documents for Australian citizens and permanent residents*, available from the Department of Home Affairs (the Department) website

[www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/ente/retu/return-documents/authority-to-return-and-return-endorsement](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/ente/retu/return-documents/authority-to-return-and-return-endorsement)

This web page also contains information about obtaining evidence of an existing Resident Return visa (RRV), or an old re-entry visa BF111, called an Authority to Return (ATR) or Return Endorsement (RE).

If you are a former holder of a Norfolk Island Immigration permit, or a dependent child of such a person and you are in or outside Australia you must complete form 852 *Application for a Confirmatory (Residence) Visa* available from the Department's website [www.homeaffairs.gov.au/forms/documents/852](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/forms/documents/852)

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.

## Who should use this form?

This form may be used to apply for:

- an RRV; or
- a provisional RRV.

## Online application for an RRV

You may make an application for an RRV online. The online application form can be accessed on the Department's website [www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa-1/155-](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa-1/155-)

**Note:** You may incur a non-internet application charge if you do not lodge your RRV application online.

An application for a provisional RRV is not available online.

## 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/immiaaccount](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/immiaaccount)

Lodge your application **within 30 days** of making your payment online.

If lodging outside Australia, you must check with the Australian Government office where you intend to lodge your application as to what methods of payment and currencies they can accept and to whom the payment should be made payable. A list of overseas offices of the Department is available at [www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about/contact/offices-locations](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about/contact/offices-locations)

## Integrity of application

The Department is committed to maintaining the integrity of the visa and citizenship programs. Please be aware that if you provide us with fraudulent documents or claims, this may result in processing delays and your application being refused.

Providing false or misleading information, documents or statements to an officer is a serious offence with a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment or 1,000 penalty units (currently one penalty unit means AUD180), or both.

## How to apply

### Step 1

You are able to apply for an RRV online on the Department's website [www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa-1/155-](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa-1/155-) Alternatively, complete this form in English using BLOCK LETTERS.

You must provide the address of where you intend to live while your application is being dealt with. Failure to give a residential address in your application will result in your application being invalid. A post office box address will not be accepted as your residential address.

Make sure you sign the form. If an applicant is under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must sign the application form.

### Step 2

Make sure you have all the documents required. These will include a certified copy of the page from your passport showing your photo and details and additional documents as requested in questions in this form.

If your documents are not in English you should arrange for them to be translated into English by an accredited translator. You should include both the original and the translated documents in your application. Passports do not need to be translated.

If you provide photocopies of original documents, they must be certified as true copies by an authorised person. Authorised people include: a magistrate, Justice of the Peace, Commissioner of Declarations, Commissioner of Affidavits, solicitor, registered medical practitioner, bank manager, postal manager or a State or Public Service officer with at least 5 years service.

### Step 3

Make sure you have included the application charge. Each family member must complete a separate application and pay a separate charge.

Refer to *Part E – Payment details* of this form to calculate the correct charge.

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

Fees and charges may be subject to change at any time and this may increase the cost of a visa application.

Generally, Visa Application Charges are reviewed on 1 July each year, and the exchange rates used to calculate the amount payable in a foreign country are updated on 1 January and 1 July each year.

If you do not pay the full Visa Application Charge amount, your visa application will not be valid.

Charges are generally not refundable, even if the application is withdrawn or refused.

## Step 4

### If you are outside Australia

You are able to apply for an RRV online. If you cannot lodge online, you can post this form to your nearest office of the Department overseas. Other lodgement options are outlined on the Department's website

[www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa-1/155-](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa-1/155-)

Applying by post

You must complete and send this application and evidence of payment by registered post to your nearest departmental office overseas.

### If you are in Australia

You are able to apply for an RRV online. If you cannot lodge online, you can post this form to the address provided below.

Applying by post

If you cannot apply online, you must complete and send this application form and evidence of payment by registered post to:

Resident Return Visa Application  
Department of Home Affairs  
GPO Box 9984  
Sydney NSW 2001

or have this completed form delivered by courier service to:

Resident Return Visa Application  
Department of Home Affairs  
26 Lee street  
Sydney NSW 2000

## Passport information

Most visa applicants will be required to hold a valid passport before they can be granted a visa. It is strongly recommended that the passport be valid for at least 6 months.

If you change your passport after you have been granted the visa you must notify the Department.

Further information on how to update your passport details is available on the Department's website

[www.homeaffairs.gov.au/929](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/929)

**If you do not provide us with the details of any new or additional passport you use to travel to Australia, you may experience significant delays at the airport and may be denied permission to board your plane.**

Do NOT send your passport with your visa application.

Provide with your visa application, a certified copy of the page from your passport showing your photo and details. We will advise you if your application has been approved. Please keep a copy of the Visa Grant Notification in a safe place for your reference.

## Review rights

If you are refused an RRV in Australia, you have a right to seek a review of the decision from the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. Applicants outside Australia only have a right to seek a review if they have a parent, spouse, de facto partner, child, brother or sister who is either an Australian citizen or an Australian permanent resident.

## Important information about privacy

Your personal information is protected by law, including the *Privacy Act 1988*. Important information about the collection, use and disclosure (to other agencies and third parties, including overseas entities) of your personal information, including sensitive information, is contained in form 1442i *Privacy notice*.

Form 1442i is available from the Department's website

[www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms/](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms/) or offices of the Department. You should ensure that you read and understand form 1442i before completing this form.

## Immigration assistance

A person gives immigration assistance to you if he or she uses, or claims to use, his or her knowledge or experience in migration procedure to assist you with your visa application, request for ministerial intervention, cancellation review application, sponsorship or nomination.

In Australia a person may only lawfully give immigration assistance if he or she is a registered migration agent or is exempt from being registered. Only registered migration agents may receive a fee or reward for providing immigration assistance.

If an unregistered person in Australia, who is not exempt from registration, gives you immigration assistance they are committing a criminal offence and may be prosecuted.

### Migration agents in Australia

Migration agents in Australia must be registered with the Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (Office of the MARA) unless they are exempt from registration.

### Migration agents outside Australia

Migration agents who operate outside Australia do not have to be registered. The Department may give some overseas agents an ID number. This number does not mean that they are registered.

**Note:** Some Australian registered migration agents operate overseas.

### Migration agent information

A migration agent is someone who can:

- advise you on the visa that may best suit you;
- tell you the documents you need to submit with your application;
- help you fill in the application and submit it; and
- communicate with the Department on your behalf.

If you appoint a migration agent, the Department will assume that your migration agent will be your authorised recipient, unless you indicate otherwise.

Your migration agent will be the person with whom the Department will discuss your application and from whom it will seek further information when required.

You are not required to use a migration agent. However, if you use a migration agent, the Department encourages you to use a registered migration agent. Registered agents are bound by the Migration Agents Code of Conduct, which requires them to act professionally in their clients' lawful best interests.

Information on migration agents, including a list of registered migration agents, is available on the Office of the MARA website [www.mara.gov.au](http://www.mara.gov.au)

You can also access information about migration agents on the Department's website [www.homeaffairs.gov.au](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au)

### Exempt persons

The following people do not have to be a registered migration agent in order to provide immigration assistance, but they must not charge a fee for their service:

- a close family member (spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, brother or sister);
- a member of parliament or their staff;
- an official whose duties include providing immigration assistance (eg. a Legal Aid provider);
- a member of a diplomatic mission, consular post or international organisation.

### **Appointing a migration agent/exempt person**

To appoint a migration agent/exempt person you should complete *Part D – Options for receiving written communications*.

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

Form 956 is available from the Department's website [www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms/](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms/)

### **Options for receiving written communications**

If you do not appoint a migration agent/exempt person you may still authorise another person, in writing, to receive written communications on your behalf. This person is called the authorised recipient.

#### **Authorised recipient information**

All written communication about your application will be sent to your authorised recipient, unless you indicate that you wish to have health and/or character information sent directly to you.

The Department will communicate with the most recently appointed authorised recipient as you may only appoint one authorised recipient at any time for a particular application.

You will be taken to have received any documents sent to that person as if they had been sent to you.

To appoint an authorised recipient you should complete:

- *Part D – Options for receiving written communications*; and
- form 956A *Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient*.

**Note:** Migration agents/exempt persons do not need to complete form 956A.

Form 956A is available from the Department's website [www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms/](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms/)

*Home page* **[www.homeaffairs.gov.au](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au)**

*General enquiry line* Telephone **131 881** during business hours in Australia to speak to an operator (recorded information available outside these hours).  
If you are outside Australia, please contact your nearest Australian mission.

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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** Are you an Australian citizen?  
No   
Yes  **▶** This is not the correct form. If you are an Australian Citizen you have an automatic right of entry to Australia when presenting a valid Australian passport. Further information is available from [www.passports.gov.au](http://www.passports.gov.au)
- 2** TYPE OF APPLICATION – *select one only*  
RRV (called a Return (Residence) (Class BB) visa)   
Provisional RRV (called a Resident Return (Temporary) (Class TP) visa)
- 3** Your full name  
Family name   
Given names
- 4** Have you been known by any other names?  
*(including name at birth, previous married names, aliases)*  
No   
Yes  **▶** Give details  
Family name   
Given names   
Reason for change: Deed Poll  Marriage  Other  **▶** Specify   
  
If you have changed your name since your first arrival in Australia, please provide documents to evidence your name change (eg. marriage certificate, deed poll or other official documents showing use of the name).
- 5** Sex Male  Female
- 6** Date of birth
- 7** Place of birth  
Town/city   
Country
- 8** Relationship status  
Married  Separated  Never married or   
Engaged  Divorced  been in a de facto  
De facto  Widowed  relationship

- 9** Current residential address  
**Note:** A post office box address is not acceptable as a residential address. Failure to give a residential address will result in your application being invalid.
- 10** Address for correspondence  
*(If the same as your residential address, write 'AS ABOVE')*
- 11** Your telephone numbers  
Country code Area code Number  
Office hours ( ) ( )  
After hours ( ) ( )
- 12** Do you agree to the Department communicating with you by fax, email or other electronic means?  
No   
Yes  **▶** Give details  
Country code Area code Number  
Fax number ( ) ( )  
Email address
- 13** Are you presently in Australia?  
No  **▶** Date you last departed Australia  
Day Month Year  
  
Yes  **▶** Date of expected departure from Australia  
Day Month Year
- 14** Details from your passport  
Passport number   
Country of passport   
Day Month Year  
Date of issue   
Date of expiry   
Issuing authority/place of issue as shown in your passport

**15** Details of identity card or identity number issued to you by your government (*if applicable*) eg. National identity card.

**Note:** If you are the holder of multiple identity numbers because you are a citizen of more than one country, you need to enter the identity number on the card from the country that you live in.

Identity number

Country of issue

**16** Have you ever:

- been charged with any offence that is currently awaiting legal action? No  Yes
- been convicted of an offence in any country (including any conviction which is now removed from official records)? No  Yes
- been the subject of an arrest warrant or Interpol notice? No  Yes
- been found guilty of a sexually based offence involving a child (including where no conviction was recorded)? No  Yes
- been named on a sex offender register? No  Yes
- been acquitted of any offence on the grounds of unsoundness of mind or insanity? No  Yes
- been found by a court not fit to plead? No  Yes
- been directly or indirectly involved in, or associated with, activities which would represent a risk to national security in Australia or any other country? No  Yes
- been charged with, or indicted for: genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, torture, slavery, or any other crime that is otherwise of a serious international concern? No  Yes
- been associated with a person, group or organisation that has been/is involved in criminal conduct? No  Yes
- been associated with an organisation engaged in violence or engaged in acts of violence (including war, insurgency, freedom fighting, terrorism, protest) either overseas or in Australia? No  Yes
- served in a military force, police force, state sponsored/private militia or intelligence agency (including secret police)? No  Yes
- undergone any military/paramilitary training, been trained in weapons/explosives or in the manufacture of chemical/biological products? No  Yes
- been involved in people smuggling or people trafficking offences? No  Yes
- had any outstanding debts to the Australian Government or any public authority in Australia? No  Yes

If you answered 'Yes' to any of the questions at Question 16, you must state who it applies to and 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.


*If insufficient space, attach additional details*

## Part B – Visa details

**17** Were you granted your first permanent visa while in Australia?  
 No  ▶ Date you first arrived in Australia on a permanent visa  
 Day    Month    Year

Yes  ▶ Date of grant  
 Day    Month    Year

If you arrived in Australia prior to 1981, and you have not travelled overseas since your arrival, you should provide supporting evidence such as:

- a statutory declaration stating:
  - that you have been resident since your first arrival
  - the means of travel (eg. ship or airplane)
  - the vessel (eg. ship name or flight number if available)
  - the port at which your arrival was processed (may be a seaport or an airport)
  - the full names and dates of birth of any accompanying family members
- a copy of your original travel document including all pages with stamps or labels affixed
- a copy of a National Archives record regarding your first arrival
- other documentation that indicates the time you have spent in Australia such as:
  - letters or other documentation from employers
  - school records
  - bank records
  - taxation assessment notices.

**18** Do you currently hold a permanent visa (including an RRV)?

No  ▶ Date your last permanent visa ceased  
 Day    Month    Year

Yes  ▶ Date you were last granted a permanent visa  
 Day    Month    Year

**19** Have you previously been an Australian citizen?

No   
 Yes  ▶ Give details

Date you became an Australian citizen

Date you ceased to be an Australian citizen

You will need to show evidence that you were an Australian citizen, such as a citizen certificate or an Australian passport

**20** Have you ever had an Australian entry permit or visa cancelled?

No   
 Yes  ▶ Attach a separate sheet giving details

**21** Have you ever been deported from Australia?

No   
 Yes  ▶ Attach a separate sheet giving details

**22** Have you travelled outside Australia in the last 5 years?

No

Yes  ► Give details

Details of your departure from Australia

Details of your return to Australia

Date			Port/Airport	Date			Port/Airport
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
/	/			/	/		
/	/			/	/		
/	/			/	/		
/	/			/	/		
/	/			/	/		
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*If insufficient space, attach additional details*

**23** Have you been present in Australia as a permanent resident or Australian citizen for periods totalling at least 2 years in the last 5 years?

No

Yes  ► **Go to Part C**

**24** Are you the partner or dependent family member of a person who holds an RRV?

No

Yes  ► Give details

Person's name

Their passport number

Their visa number

Expiry date of their visa  Day /  Month /  Year

►► If this expiry date is 1 year or more away, **go to Part C**

**25** Do you have substantial business, cultural, employment or personal ties with Australia which are of benefit to Australia?

No  ► **Go to Question 32**

Yes  ► Please attach a separate sheet describing the nature of these ties and how they are of benefit to Australia, together with evidence to support your claims

**26** Are you applying while inside Australia?

No  ► If you:

- do NOT currently hold a permanent visa (ie. you answered 'No' at Question 18)  ► **Go to Question 27**

- currently hold a permanent visa (ie. you answered 'Yes' at Question 18)  ► **Go to Question 28**

Yes  ► **Go to Question 31**

**27** Were you a permanent resident or citizen of Australia when you last departed Australia?

No  ► **Go to Question 29**

Yes  ► **Go to Question 28**

**28** Have you been absent from Australia for a continuous period of 5 years or more immediately before lodging this application?

No

Yes  ► Do you have compelling reasons for the absence?

No

Yes  ► Please attach a separate sheet describing these reasons, together with evidence to support your claims

►► **Now go to Part C**

**29** Have you been an Australian citizen or permanent resident in the last 10 years?

No  ► **Go to Part C**

Yes

**30** Have you been absent from Australia for a period or periods that total more than 5 years since you last departed Australia as an Australian citizen or permanent resident?

No

Yes  ► Do you have compelling reasons for the absence?

No

Yes  ► Please attach a separate sheet describing these reasons, together with evidence to support your claims

►► **Now go to Part C**

**31** Have you been absent from Australia for a continuous period of 5 years or since the date you were granted your most recent permanent visa or since the date you ceased to be a citizen?

No

Yes  ► Do you have compelling reasons for the absence?

No

Yes  ► Please attach a separate sheet describing these reasons, together with evidence to support your claims

►► **Now go to Part C**

**32** Are you applying while inside Australia?

No  ► **Go to Question 33**

Yes  ► **Go to Question 35**

**33** Did you have a compelling and compassionate reason for last departing Australia?

No  ► **Go to Part C**

Yes  ► Please attach a separate sheet describing these reasons, together with evidence to support your claims

**34** Have you been absent from Australia for a continuous period of more than 3 months immediately before lodging this application?

No

Yes  ► Do you have compelling reasons for the absence?

No

Yes  ► Please attach a separate sheet describing these reasons, together with evidence to support your claims

►► **Now go to Part C**

**35** Have you got a compelling and compassionate reason for departing Australia?

No

Yes  ► Please attach a separate sheet describing these reasons, together with evidence to support your claims

## *Part C – Assistance with this form*

**36** Did you receive assistance in completing this form?

No  ► **Go to Part D**

Yes  ► Please give details of the person who assisted you

Title: Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Other

Family name

Given names

Address

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

Telephone number or daytime contact

Country code    Area code    Number

Office hours (    ) (    )

Mobile/cell

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

No

Yes  ► **Go to Part D**

**38** Is the person/agent in Australia?

No  ► **Go to Part D**

Yes

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

No

Yes

## *Part D – Options for receiving written communications*

**40** 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** }  
Exempt person  } Your migration agent/exempt person should complete form 956 *Advice by a migration agent/exempt person of providing immigration assistance*



## Part E – Payment details

**Note:** You can make a combined application if the additional applicant is included in the passport of another applicant.

- 41 IMPORTANT:** You must refer to the Department's website at [www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa/fees](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa/fees) to complete this part of your application. The website shows reference tables with the Visa Application Charges applicable to each visa subclass.

Visa subclass you are applying for

▶▶ **Base Application Charge**

Write the amount shown on the reference table for your visa subclass  →

AUD  (1)

+

▶▶ **Non-internet Application Charge (if applicable)**  →

AUD  (2)

▶▶ **Additional Applicant Charge aged 18 years or over** at the time your application is lodged

Write the amount shown on the reference table for your visa subclass

Number of additional applicants aged **18 years or over**

AUD

X (multiplied by)

=

→

AUD  (3)

+

▶▶ **Additional Applicant Charge under 18 years of age** at the time your application is lodged

Write the amount shown on the reference table for your visa subclass

Number of additional applicants **under 18 years of age**

AUD

X (multiplied by)

=

→

AUD  (4)

+

▶▶ **Subsequent Temporary Application Charge (if applicable)**

Write the amount shown on the reference table for your visa subclass

Number of applicants

AUD

X (multiplied by)

=

→

AUD  (5)

+

=

**Total**

▶▶ **Total (1) + (2) + (3) + (4) + (5)**  →

AUD

You must pay the **total amount** or your visa application will not be valid.

**Note:** A second instalment of the Visa Application Charge must also be paid before we can grant some visas.

## 42 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](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/immiaccount)

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

Attach a copy of your printed receipt.

## Part F – Declaration

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

**43** I declare that:

- the information I have supplied in this application is complete, correct and up-to-date in every detail.
- I understand that if I give false or misleading information, my application may be refused, or any visa granted may be cancelled.
- 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 understand that if this application is approved, any person not included in this application will not have automatic right of entry to Australia by way of this application.
- I will inform the Department of any changes to my personal circumstances (including change of address) while my application is being considered.
- I authorise the Australian Government to make any enquiries necessary to determine my eligibility for permanent stay in Australia, and to use any information supplied in this application for that purpose.
- I have read and understood the information supplied to me in this application.
- 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  
primary  
applicant**



Date 

Day	Month	Year
/	/	

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