



Australian Government

Department of Home Affairs

Application for a Medical Treatment visa

Form

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About this form

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.

All forms are available from the Department of Home Affairs (the Department) website www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms/

Who should use this form?

Use this form to apply for a visa to visit Australia for medical treatment or to accompany someone who is seeking medical treatment.

You may be eligible for a Medical Treatment visa if:

- you have made arrangements to undergo medical treatment (including organ transplant or organ donation) or consultations in Australia, including arrangements for payment; and
- you do not have a condition which could be a threat to public health in Australia; and
- no Australian citizen or permanent resident will be disadvantaged by your treatment or consultation; and
- you have enough funds to support yourself and any accompanying persons during your visit.

OR

you are a citizen of Papua New Guinea residing in the Western Province and are to be medically evacuated to a hospital in Queensland for treatment or are currently receiving treatment.

OR

you are 50 or over and have applied for permanent residence and have met all visa criteria except the health criterion.

OR

you are accompanying one of the above people.

Note: Medical Treatment visas are not available for the purposes of surrogate motherhood.

You will need to meet the criteria and present evidence that:

- (i) arrangements have been made with the doctor and/or hospital to provide you with medical and/or hospital care, that is, a firm date for treatment has been made;
- (ii) arrangements have been made to pay the full cost of that treatment and you can demonstrate you have the means to pay;
- (iii) if the treatment is in a public hospital, the hospital has agreed to your admission and treatment.

Additional information on obtaining a visa for medical treatment in Australia is available on the Department's website www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa-1/602-

Integrity of application

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 you include in this application?

Only one passport-holder can apply on one form. You can include in your application any children on your passport who will be travelling to Australia with you.

Children under 18 years of age, travelling without one or both of their legal guardians, require authorisation from the non-accompanying guardian(s) to travel to Australia.

Additional information

You may have to fill out more forms or obtain certain reports or documents to include with your application.

Part H – Application checklist tells you which documents you must provide.

The Australian government office will tell you if any other form or requirements are needed.

Residential address

You must provide the address of where you intend to live during the period that your application is being considered. Failure to give your residential address will result in this application being invalid. A post office box address will not be accepted as your residential address.

Let the Department know if you change your address

If you change your residential address for more than 14 days while your application is being processed, you must tell the Department your new address and how long you will be there.

The Department will send communication about your application to the latest address for correspondence you have provided.

Communication about your application can be sent to another person that you have authorised, but you will be taken to have received the communication that the Department sends to that person. The Department must be informed (in writing) of any address change for either you or your authorised person.

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 nearest Australian Visa Office or office of the Department.

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.

Health requirements

All applicants must meet Australia's health requirements. You and any family members included in this application may be required to undergo a chest x-ray and medical examination in order to meet the criteria for the grant of a subclass 602 visa.

Information on health examinations is available on the Department's website www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa/health

Conditions

Visa condition – 8101

If your visa application is approved, it will be subject to condition 8101. Visa holders must not engage in work in Australia.

Visa condition – 8201

If your visa application is approved, it will be subject to condition 8201. Visa holders must not engage in any studies or training for more than 3 months while in Australia.

Visa condition – 8503

If your visa application is approved, it may be subject to condition 8503. Visa holders will not, after entering Australia, be granted a substantive visa, other than a protection visa, while they remain in Australia.

How to apply

Step 1 – Check your passport

Make sure you have a passport which is valid for your period of stay in Australia. It is strongly recommended that passports be valid for at least 6 months.

If you are already in Australia and are eligible to apply in Australia, check the expiry date of your current visa. If you can apply whilst in Australia, you should make your visa application before your current visa expires.

Note: If you already have a visa for travel to Australia and you are granted another visa, the first visa will cease.

Step 2 – How to fill in this form

This form is available as a PDF file and can be completed on screen, printed and mailed to the Department or you can print a copy and use a black or blue pen, write neatly in English using BLOCK LETTERS.

You will be required to select the appropriate purpose of your visit.

If you need more space to answer questions or wish to provide additional relevant information, give details at Part J or attach a signed and dated sheet giving the required details.

Any alterations made on the form must be initialled and dated.

You will need to supply 2 recent passport-sized photographs of each person included in your application.

A travel agent or other representative may help you fill out the form, but you must sign it. If unable to sign, a parent or guardian may sign on your behalf.

Step 3 – Making your visa application

Check if a Visa Application Charge is required.

Not all applications attract a charge. If a prescribed charge is applicable, the application will not be valid unless payment has been received.

If a charge is required, evidence of payment **must** accompany your application. Payment of the charge does not guarantee this application will be successful and is generally not refundable.

If you are applying in Australia and you do not hold a substantive visa, your application **must** be accompanied by form 1507 *Evidence of intended medical treatment*. This form must be completed and signed by a registered medical practitioner or your visa application will not be valid.

A substantive visa is a visa other than a bridging visa, criminal justice visa or an enforcement visa.

Method of payment

Payment information, including any applicable surcharges, is available at www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa/fees/how-to-pay-for-an-application

You can make your payment electronically through the 'My Payments' section of ImmiAccount, at www.homeaffairs.gov.au/immiaccount

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

What happens next?

Your application will be considered and you may be asked to provide additional information to enable a decision to be made.

If you want to change any details after you have made the application, or if you want to withdraw it, please contact the office where you made the application.

You should also advise the office if any of the information you gave in your application changes while your application is being considered.

You will be advised in writing whether your application has been approved or not.

If your application is approved you will be advised that you have been granted a subclass 602 visa.

If your application is refused, you will be given a reason for the decision as well as information about your review rights.

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

You can also access information about migration agents on the Department's website 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 F – 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/

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 F – 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/

Consent to communicate electronically

The Department may use a range of means to communicate with you. However, electronic means such as fax or 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.

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.

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



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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

PHOTOGRAPH
Please attach 2 recent photographs of yourself AND each person included in your passport and travelling with you.

Part A –Your details

1 Give the following details exactly as they appear in your passport
Make sure your passport is valid for the period of stay you are applying for.

Family name

Given names

Sex Male Female

Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR

Passport number

Country of passport

Nationality of passport holder

Date of issue DAY MONTH YEAR

Date of expiry DAY MONTH YEAR

Place of issue/ issuing authority

2 Place of birth

Town/city

State/province

Country

3 Relationship status

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

4 Are you or have you been known by any other name?
(including name at birth, previous married names, aliases)

No

Yes ► Give details

5 Do you currently hold an Australian visa?

No

Yes ► **Note:** If this visa is approved, your current visa may cease.

6 Do you hold an identity card or identity number issued to you by your government (eg. National identity card) *(if applicable)?*

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.

No

Yes ► Give details

Family name

Given names

Type of document

Identity number

Country of issue

7 Of which countries are you a citizen?

8 Usual country of residence

Children included

Include in this application all **children included in your passport who will be travelling to Australia with you.**

Children under 18 years of age, travelling alone or without one or both of their parents or legal guardians, require documents identifying custody and access arrangements from the non-accompanying parent(s) or guardian(s) to travel to Australia.

If a child under 18 years of age is staying in Australia with someone other than a parent, legal guardian or relative, a declaration signed by the person responsible for that child in Australia, is required to be completed. See form 1257 *Undertaking declaration.*

24 Are there any children in your passport who will be travelling to Australia with you?

No

Yes ► Give details of each child

1. Family name

Given names

Sex Male Female

Date of birth / /

Country of birth

Relationship you

2. Family name

Given names

Sex Male Female

Date of birth / /

Country of birth

Relationship you

If more than 2 children, give details at Part J

Attach a consent to travel statement where one or more custodial parents/guardians are not accompanying the dependent child.

25 Will any of the children listed above receive medical treatment while in Australia?

No

Yes ► Give details

Part B – Funding for stay

All visitors to Australia must be able to demonstrate that they have adequate funds to cover all costs associated with their visit. Providing evidence of funds with an application will often help expedite the processing of a visitor visa application. Examples include showing personal bank statements, pay slips, audited accounts, taxation records.

If someone else is offering to help meet the cost associated with your visit, they may be asked to provide evidence of their ability to provide such support, including the nature of their relationship with you.

26 How will you be maintaining yourself financially while you are in Australia?

Using your own funds – give details

Someone else will be providing support – give details

Family name

Given names

Relationship to you

Date of birth / /

Address

What support are they providing you?

Financial

Accommodation

Other ► Give details

Part C – Health details

- 27** In the last 5 years, have you, or any other person included in this application, visited or lived outside your country of passport for more than 3 consecutive months?

Do not include time spent in Australia.

No

Yes ► Give details

1. Full name

Country(s)

Date from DAY MONTH YEAR / / to DAY MONTH YEAR / /

2. Full name

Country(s)

Date from DAY MONTH YEAR / / to DAY MONTH YEAR / /

3. Full name

Country(s)

Date from DAY MONTH YEAR / / to DAY MONTH YEAR / /

If insufficient space, give details at Part J

- 28** Do you, or any other person included in this application, intend to enter a hospital or a health care facility (including nursing homes) while in Australia?

No

Yes ► Give details

- 29** Do you, or any other person included in this application, intend to work as, or study to be, a doctor, dentist, nurse or paramedic during your stay in Australia?

No

Yes ► Give details

- 30** Have you, or any other person included in this application:

- ever had, or currently have, tuberculosis?
- been in close contact with a family member that has active tuberculosis?
- ever had a chest x-ray which showed an abnormality?

No

Yes ► Give details

- 31** During your proposed visit to Australia, do you, or any other person included in this application, expect to incur medical costs, or require treatment or medical follow up for:

- blood disorder;
- cancer;
- heart disease;
- hepatitis B or C and/or liver disease;
- HIV Infection, including AIDS;
- kidney disease, including dialysis;
- mental illness;
- pregnancy;
- respiratory disease that has required hospital admission or oxygen therapy;
- other?

No

Yes ► Give details

- 32** Do you, or any other person included in this application, require assistance with mobility or care due to a medical condition?

No

Yes ► Give details

- 33** Have you, or any other person included in this application, undertaken a health examination for an Australian visa in the last 12 months?

No

Yes ► Give details *(including HAP ID if available)*

Part E – Assistance with this form

35 Did you receive assistance in completing this form?

No ► **Go to Part F**

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

Telephone number or daytime contact

COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
(<input type="text"/>)	(<input type="text"/>)	<input type="text"/>

Mobile/cell

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

No

Yes ► **Go to Part F**

37 Is the person/agent in Australia?

No ► **Go to Part F**

Yes

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

No

Yes

Part F – Options for receiving written communications

39 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 G – Payment details

40 IMPORTANT: You must refer to the Department’s website at 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 AUD X (multiplied by) Number of additional applicants aged **18 years or over** = 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 AUD X (multiplied by) Number of additional applicants **under 18 years** of age = AUD (4)

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

Write the amount shown on the reference table for your visa subclass AUD X (multiplied by) Number of applicants = AUD (5)

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

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.

41 Method of payment

Payment information, including any applicable surcharges, is available at www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa/fees/how-to-pay-for-an-application

You can make your payment electronically through the ‘My Payments’ section of ImmiAccount, at www.homeaffairs.gov.au/immiaccount

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

How did you make your payment?

Electronically through ▶▶ Payment receipt number
the ‘My Payments’ section of ImmiAccount
Attach a copy of your printed receipt.

Other ▶▶ Provide details

Attach copies of your receipt(s) or evidence of payment(s).

Part H – Application checklist

- 42** Please attach the following documents to this application
(Keep a copy of the documents for your own records.)

If you are applying in Australia you must include the Visa Application Charge	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you are applying in Australia and you do not hold a substantive visa, your application must be accompanied by form 1507 <i>Evidence of intended medical treatment</i> for your application to be valid	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attach evidence of your own funds	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attach statements from any people or organisations who will be providing you with financial assistance, such as paying any of your costs, providing services free, or maintaining you while you are in Australia	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attach written confirmation from the doctor or hospital who will be treating you in Australia, stating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that they agree to treat you; • that satisfactory arrangements have been made for the payment of all costs associated with the treatment; • the nature of the treatment; • the admission date (<i>if applicable</i>); • the period you will be under medical care in Australia; • no Australian citizen or permanent resident will be disadvantaged in obtaining medical treatment. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you will be receiving treatment in a public hospital in Australia, attach written approval from the hospital	<input type="checkbox"/>
If your visit is for an organ transplant, attach evidence that arrangements have been made for all the travel and expenses of the donor, and that payment of these costs will not be a charge on Australia	<input type="checkbox"/>
If a child under 18 years of age will be travelling without one or both parents/guardians, the non-accompanying parent(s)/guardian(s) must provide documents identifying custody and access arrangements for the child to travel to Australia	<input type="checkbox"/>
If applying together with another person, your applications should be clipped together or placed in an envelope	<input type="checkbox"/>

To establish **your identity**

You **must** provide:

Identity page (showing photo and personal details) of your passport	<input type="checkbox"/>
Passport size photograph	<input type="checkbox"/>
Full birth certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>

Depending on your circumstances, you **may** also be required to provide:

Family Register Document	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identity card	<input type="checkbox"/>
Details of any name change (eg. by marriage or deed poll)	<input type="checkbox"/>

To establish the identity of **children included in this application**, for each child

You **must** provide:

Identity page (showing photo and personal details) of their passport	<input type="checkbox"/>
Passport size photograph	<input type="checkbox"/>
Full birth certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>

Depending on their circumstances, you **may** also be required to provide:

Family Register Document	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identity card	<input type="checkbox"/>
Details of any name change (eg. by deed poll)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Note: If anyone in Australia will be paying for your tickets, providing you with funds, or maintaining you while you are in Australia, you may be asked to arrange for that person to send details about their financial position to the visa office where you lodge your visa application.

You may have to fill out more forms or obtain certain reports or documents to include in your application. The Australian Visa Office will tell you if this is necessary.

Part I – Signatures

43 BIOMETRICS DECLARATION AND CONSENT

This declaration and consent is for offshore visa applicants.

If I am requested or required to provide my fingerprints and facial image:

I consent to:

- the collection of my fingerprints and facial image.

I declare that:

- I understand that my fingerprints and facial image and my biographical information held by the Department may be given to Australian law enforcement agencies to help identify me, to help determine my eligibility for grant of the visa I have applied for, and for law enforcement purposes.

I consent to:

- Australian law enforcement agencies disclosing my biometric, biographical and criminal record information to the Department for any of the purposes outlined above; and
- the Department using the information obtained for the purposes of the *Migration Act 1958* or the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*.

Signature of applicant



Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

44 DECLARATION

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

Before you sign the following declaration, you must read the *Conditions* on page 2.

I declare that:

- I have read and understood the information provided in this application;
- I have provided complete and correct information in every detail on this application, and on any attachments to it;
- I will inform the Department in writing immediately as I become aware of a change in circumstances (including change of address) or if there is any change relating to information I have provided in or with this application, while it is being considered;
- I understand that if any fraudulent documents or false or misleading information has been provided with this application, or if I fail to satisfy the Minister of my identity, my application may be refused and I, and any other member of my family unit, may become unable to be granted a visa for specified periods of time;
- if documents are found to be fraudulent or information to be incorrect after the grant of a visa, the visa may subsequently be cancelled.

If a visa is granted, I understand that:

- I must abide by the conditions of the visa;
- if a 'no further stay' 8503 condition is imposed on this visa, it will limit the ability to remain in Australia beyond the authorised period of stay of the visa.

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
/	/	

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

