



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.

What is an Australian Declaratory visa?

An Australian Declaratory visa (ADV) is an entry authority that can only be issued to Australian citizens. The quickest and most efficient evidence of Australian citizenship for the purposes of entry to Australia is a current Australian passport.

The ADV allows dual citizens to have their Australian citizenship status linked to their foreign passport in limited circumstances. Generally there are 2 groups of people who are eligible for an ADV:

- an Australian citizen child under 18 years of age; and
- adult Australian citizens with compelling reasons to travel on a foreign passport on a regular basis.

In some situations this could include adult Australian citizens in an emergency situation that prevents them travelling on an Australian passport, such as where the normal arrangements for the issue of an Australian passport are not feasible.

Validity of an ADV

An ADV is valid for up to 5 years from its date of issue and during its validity you can make multiple journeys to and from Australia.

You must remain an Australian citizen for the ADV to stay valid. Your ADV will cease to operate from the date you lose or renounce your Australian citizenship. If you have lost or renounced your citizenship and you want to return to Australia then you will need to apply for and be granted a visa under the *Migration Act 1958*.

Parental consent

If an ADV applicant is **under 18 years of age** then you will also need to submit a full birth certificate and evidence of the consent of each parent or person holding their legal guardianship.

Both parents must sign Part D of the ADV application form or, where only one parent is able to sign, certified evidence of one of the following documents must be submitted:

- a death certificate if one parent is dead;
- a court order affecting the custody, guardianship or access of a person in relation to a child.

If special circumstances exist which prevent consent being given, please contact the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the department) in Australia or the Immigration office at an Australian mission overseas before lodging your application.

How to fill in this form

A separate ADV application form must be submitted with each foreign passport.

- Complete this form in English using BLOCK LETTERS.
- You must answer all questions (including that of a current residential address).

- If a question is not applicable then write 'N/A'.
- If you need more space to answer the questions, attach the additional information signed and dated.

How to apply

Make sure you sign the form and have all the documents required.

If your documents are not in English you should arrange for them to be translated into English by an accredited NAATI translator. 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 or a State or Public Service officer with at least 5 years service.

If you are outside Australia, lodge your application at an Australian mission.

If you are in Australia, you should lodge your application in Australia by post or by courier direct to the ADV Centre (NSW).

By post:

Department of Immigration and Border Protection
ADV Centre (NSW)
GPO Box 9984
SYDNEY NSW 2001

By courier:

Department of Immigration and Border Protection
ADV Centre (NSW)
Level 3
26 Lee street
SYDNEY NSW 2001

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 possibly your application being refused.

Documents you must provide

When you lodge an ADV application form, you must submit certified copies of the identity pages of a valid foreign passport. You will need to provide evidence of:

- your identity and date of birth (by means of a full birth certificate or current passport); and
- your Australian citizenship; and
- any legal change of name, if applicable; and
- any other nationalities you may hold (citizenship certificates, passports etc.).

If you are in an emergency or compelling situation, then you must also include in your application a written statement that explains your circumstances.

You will also be asked to provide supporting documentation to substantiate your claims.

Supporting documents

All documents not in English must be accompanied by a certified English translation by an accredited NAATI translator. In submitting evidence, where original documents are photocopied or reproduced each page must be stamped or authorised by an official as being a true copy of the original.

In Australia, certification is provided by a Justice of the Peace, a Commissioner for Declarations or by a person before whom a statutory declaration may be made. In your country the relevant official may be a person or agency whose similar authority is recognised by the law.

Charges

Payment must accompany each ADV application form and is not refunded if the application is unsuccessful.

If members of your family unit are on the same foreign passport then lodge a single application form and pay only one application charge.

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

To check the application charge, refer to the department's website www.border.gov.au or check with the nearest office of the department.

Method of payment

In Australia

To make a payment, please pay by credit card, bank cheque or money order made payable to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection. Credit card is the preferred method of payment.

Outside Australia

Before making a payment outside Australia, please 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.

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.border.gov.au/allforms/ or offices of the department. You should ensure that you read and understand form 1442i before completing this form.

Authorisation for passport collection

If you require another person to collect your passport on your behalf then you will need to complete and sign Part E of the application form.

Assistance with this form

Part F of the application *Assistance with this form* will need to be completed if another person helps you to complete this application.

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 G – 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.border.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.

Home page www.border.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



Application for an Australian Declaratory visa

Please use a pen, and write neatly in English using BLOCK LETTERS.

Tick where applicable

Part A – Eligibility

- 1** Are you an Australian citizen?
 No ▶ You are not eligible for an Australian Declaratory visa
 Yes
- 2** Are you applying for this visa as an Australian citizen who is:
Select one only
- under 18 years of age
- in an emergency or other compelling situation
 preventing travel on an Australian passport

Note: You will need to provide supporting documentation.

- 3** Give the full details of the foreign passport on which you propose to travel
- Family name of passport holder
- Given name
- Foreign passport number
- Country of passport
- Date of issue DAY MONTH YEAR
- Date of expiry DAY MONTH YEAR
- Issuing authority/
 Place of issue as shown in your passport

Part B – Your details

- 4** Your present name
- Family name
- Given names
- 5** 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
- If you have been known by other names, attach a page giving the required details*
- 6** Sex Male Female
- 7** Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR
- 8** Place of birth
- Town/city
- Country
- 9** Are you presently in Australia?
- No ▶ Date of last departure from Australia DAY MONTH YEAR
- Date of expected departure from country where you presently are DAY MONTH YEAR
- Yes ▶ Date of expected departure from Australia DAY MONTH YEAR
- 10** Your current residential address
- Note:** A post office box address is not acceptable as a residential address
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- POSTCODE

Part C – Details of family members

- 19** Give details of family members included in this application. These family members must be included in the passport you are travelling on, given at Question 3

Person 1

Family name

Given names

Previous name (if any)

Family name

Given names

Sex Male Female

Date of birth

Place of birth

Relationship to you

Is this person an Australian citizen? No Yes

Has this person ever held an Australian passport?

No Yes Give details

Passport number

Date of issue

Date of expiry

Issuing authority/
Place of issue as
shown in
passport

If this person does not hold a current Australian passport, then give the visa number for their last arrival in Australia.

Details of other citizenships held

Country

Date acquired

How acquired

Person 2

Family name

Given names

Previous name (if any)

Family name

Given names

Sex Male Female

Date of birth

Place of birth

Relationship to you

Is this person an Australian citizen? No Yes

Has this person ever held an Australian passport?

No Yes Give details

Passport number

Date of issue

Date of expiry

Issuing authority/
Place of issue as
shown in
passport

If this person does not hold a current Australian passport, then give the visa number for their last arrival in Australia.

Details of other citizenships held

Country

Date acquired

How acquired

Person 3

Family name

Given names

Previous name (if any)

Family name

Given names

Sex Male Female

Date of birth

Place of birth

Relationship to you

Is this person an Australian citizen? No Yes

Has this person ever held an Australian passport?

No Yes Give details

Passport number

Date of issue

Date of expiry

Issuing authority/
Place of issue as
shown in
passport

If this person does not hold a current Australian passport, then give the visa number for their last arrival in Australia.

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Details of other citizenships held

Country

Date acquired

How acquired

Part D – Parental consent

20 If this application includes an Australian citizen child or family member who is under 18 years of age then the legal guardians or both parents of that child must sign the following to give their consent:

Child 1 under 18 years of age:

Family name

Given names

Date of birth

I consent to the above child applying for an ADV.

Signature of parent/guardian

Sex Male Female

Date

I consent to the above child applying for an ADV.

Signature of parent/guardian

Sex Male Female

Date

Child 2 under 18 years of age:

Family name

Given names

Date of birth

I consent to the above child applying for an ADV.

Signature of parent/guardian

Sex Male Female

Date

I consent to the above child applying for an ADV.

Signature of parent/guardian

Sex Male Female

Date

Child 3 under 18 years of age:

Family name

Given names

Date of birth

I consent to the above child applying for an ADV.

Signature of parent/guardian

Sex Male Female

Date

I consent to the above child applying for an ADV.

Signature of parent/guardian

Sex Male Female

Date

Part E – Authorisation for passport collection

- 21** Complete this section if you require another person to collect your passport on your behalf. Your passport will not be given to your representative unless you provide this authorisation.

Name of representative

Signature of representative

Date

I authorise the person named above to collect my passport.

Signature of applicant/parent/guardian

Date

Part F – Assistance with this form

- 22** Did you receive assistance in completing this form?

No **Go to Part G**

Yes Please give details of the person who assisted you

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Family name

Given names

Address

Telephone number or daytime contact

Office hours

Mobile/cell

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

No

Yes **Go to Part G**

- 24** Is the person/agent in Australia?

No **Go to Part G**

Yes

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

No

Yes

Part G – Options for receiving written communications

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

OR

Exempt person

Part J – Declaration

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

- 29** This declaration must be signed by the applicant and any dependants aged 18 years and over who are included in the applicant's passport. If the applicant is aged under 18 years, the declaration must be signed by both parents or legal guardians of the applicant.

I declare that:

- the information I have supplied in this form is complete, correct and up-to-date in every detail.
- the applicant (myself or the child on whose behalf I am signing) is an Australian citizen.
- 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/parent/guardian



Sex Male Female

Date DAY MONTH YEAR
/ /

Signature of parent/guardian



Sex Male Female

Date DAY MONTH YEAR
/ /

Signatures of dependants aged 18 years and over who are included in the application

Signature of dependant aged 18 years and over



Date DAY MONTH YEAR
/ /

Signature of dependant aged 18 years and over



Date DAY MONTH YEAR
/ /

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

Office use only

Foreign passport number

Country of passport

VIT/visa number

DAY MONTH YEAR

Date of issue / /

DAY MONTH YEAR

Date of expiry / /

Exception category

Under 18 years of age

Emergency situation

Compelling situation

Further comments

Signature of issuing officer

DAY MONTH YEAR

Date / /

Passport

Returned by mail Signature of returning officer

DAY MONTH YEAR

Date / /

Held for collection Signature of applicant or authorised representative

DAY MONTH YEAR

Date / /