



# Sponsorship for migration to Australia

All forms and booklets referred to in this document can be found on the internet at [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au) under Information Resources – Forms and Booklets or are available at any Australian mission or Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA) office in Australia.

If you are considering sponsoring a relative under the Skilled – Australian sponsored, Skilled – Onshore Australian sponsored New Zealand citizen, Skilled – Australian sponsored overseas student, Skilled – Designated Area sponsored, Skilled – Onshore Designated Area sponsored New Zealand citizen or Skilled – Designated Area sponsored overseas student subclasses, you should read the *General skilled migration* booklet.

If you are sponsoring a dependent child, an adopted child or an orphan relative, you will need to complete form 40CH, and you should read the *Child migration* booklet.

If you are sponsoring a partner (spouse, fiancé or interdependent partner) you will need to complete form 40SP and you should read the *Partner migration* booklet.

If you are satisfied you are eligible to sponsor a relative, you should continue reading these instructions.

## Who can sponsor?

In all cases the sponsor must be an Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen aged 18 years or more who lives in Australia.

However, if you wish to sponsor one of the following persons you must have been resident in Australia for a reasonable period, usually 2 years:

- a parent
- an aged dependent relative
- a remaining relative.

There are also special arrangements for minors wishing to sponsor their spouse, prospective spouse or parents. For more information on these arrangements, contact a DIMIA office.

## How to sponsor your relative

Complete this form and send it to the person you are sponsoring. If you are sponsoring someone outside Australia ask them to contact the Australian mission in the country in which they live (or nearest to where they live) to get an immigration application form, or if they are in Australia they should contact the nearest DIMIA office.

When you send this form to your relative, it is important that you tell them that the immigration application form, and the required charge (or evidence that you have paid the charge in Australia) must be lodged together.

## Assurance of support

If your relative is applying for a Skilled – Australian sponsored, Skilled – Designated Area sponsored, Skilled – Australian sponsored overseas student, Skilled – Designated Area sponsored overseas student, Skilled – Onshore Australian sponsored New Zealand citizen or Skilled – Onshore Designated Area sponsored New Zealand citizen visa, form 28 *Required assurance of support* must be lodged with the application. The sponsor and the assurer need not be the same person. For further information see the *General skilled migration* booklet.

If your relative is in one of the following categories, you should be aware that you, or another person, will later on need to lodge a form 28 *Required assurance of support*, (see form 990i *Charges* for information on payments associated with visa applications and assurances of support) before their application can be finalised:

- your parent
- an aged relative dependent on you
- your remaining brother, sister or adult child outside Australia
- an orphaned unmarried relative under 18 years of age (Note: Assurance of support bonds are not required for orphaned unmarried relatives under 18)
- a carer.

Where an assurance of support is mandatory and there are dependants, a bond will apply to dependants who are 18 years or over at the time of application.

For other classes of visa the assurance of support is not mandatory but may be requested where a decision maker assesses that a person included in the application may become a charge on the social welfare budget.

## Skilled – Designated Area sponsored subclasses

Details of the criteria applying to these subclasses are in the *General skilled migration* booklet. If you live in a designated area of Australia and you believe that you and your sponsored overseas relative meet all the conditions for one of these subclasses then you will need to complete Part I of this form. (A list of designated areas is on the back of this page.)

Part I lists the documentation you will need to provide to support your claim that you have lived in a designated area of Australia for one year or more. There is also a table to help you work out if you have enough evidence to satisfy the decision maker that you meet this requirement.

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## What documents do you need?

The office processing your application will need proof of your relationship to your relative.

It will help your relative's application if you send with this form any documents which confirm the relationship. For example, if you are sponsoring your brother or sister, you should send a certified copy of your full birth certificate showing details of your parents.

If you have changed your name since birth (for example through marriage), you should also provide evidence of this.

You will also need to send evidence of your permanent resident status in Australia or proof that you are an eligible New Zealand citizen\*. An Australian citizen will need to send a certified true copy of their citizenship certificate or, if Australian-born, a full certified copy of their birth certificate. If you are unsure about the documents needed to do this, contact the nearest DIMIA office.

If your relative wishes to be considered against the requirements of one of the designated area subclasses, you will need to provide documents to prove that you have lived in a designated area for one year or more at the time sponsorship is signed.

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

**\*Note:** An eligible New Zealand citizen is one who: held a Special Category Visa (SCV) on 26 February 2001; or held a SCV for at least one year in the 2 years preceding that date; or has a certificate, issued under the *Social Security Act 1991*, that states that the citizen was, for the purposes of the Act, residing in Australia on a particular date and who would have met certain health and character requirements on last entry to Australia.

## Two-year wait for social security payments

New migrants to Australia have to wait 2 years before they can get most social security payments, including unemployment benefits, sickness allowance, Austudy income support payments for students and a number of other payments. The 2 year wait starts from the date of arrival in Australia or the date of grant of a permanent visa, whichever is the later. It is therefore very important that you understand that migrants are expected to support themselves and their immediate family members from their own resources and from the support they receive from sponsors.

Sponsors should talk to their relatives about the costs of living in Australia and work out how much assistance their relatives might need. Sponsors should think carefully about whether they are able and willing to provide this support before undertaking the sponsorship.

You should ensure that the person you are sponsoring reads information form 1105i *Supporting yourself in Australia* or the 'Living in Australia' section of the *General skilled migration* booklet, which provides more information on the 2 year wait, including information on exemptions for some people. It also provides information on the cost of living in Australia.

Information on services to assist newly arrived migrants with settling in Australia is also available on the DIMIA 'Settling in Australia' website at [www.immi.gov.au/settle](http://www.immi.gov.au/settle)

## Your sponsorship undertaking

The undertaking you must sign in Part L of this form states that you agree to provide adequate accommodation and financial assistance as required to meet your relative's reasonable living needs during their first 2 years in Australia. This includes providing financial and other support such as child care that will enable your relatives to attend appropriate English language classes. By signing the undertaking you also agree to provide information and advice to help your relative settle in Australia. This information and advice should include telling your relative about employment in Australia.

Your relative and their spouse and adult dependants, should assess their own employment prospects in Australia, whether or not they intend to work immediately on arrival.

It is important that your relative, their spouse and their adult dependants understand that a good standard of spoken and written English is essential if they want to work in Australia. Without these skills it will be very difficult for them to gain employment at a level equal to their job skills and qualifications.

## How to fill in this form

- Print clearly using a pen.
- Answer all questions truthfully and completely.
- Tick the appropriate box for your answer or write your answer in the space provided.
- If a question is not applicable write 'N/A'.
- If there is not enough space on the form to answer any questions in full, please attach additional sheets of paper with the details.

## About the information you give in this form

DIMIA is authorised to collect information provided on this form under Part 2 of the *Migration Act 1958* 'Control of Arrival and Presence of Non-Citizens'. The information provided will be used for assessing eligibility to meet the sponsorship requirements. The information provided will also be used for assessing eligibility for a visa to travel, enter and remain in Australia and for other purposes relating to the administration of the Migration Act, for example, to assist migrants with settling in Australia or for ensuring compliance with the Migration Act.

The information provided might also be disclosed to agencies who are authorised to receive information relating to adoption, border control, business skill, citizenship, education, health assessment, health insurance, health services, law enforcement, payment of pensions and benefits, taxation, review of decisions and registration of migration agents.

The information on this form, including the results of any tests for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), will be used to assess your eligibility as a New Zealand citizen to sponsor the applicant. A positive HIV **or other** test result will not necessarily lead to the applicant's visa being denied. Your result(s) may be disclosed to the relevant Commonwealth, State and Territory Health agencies.

Form 1071i *Health requirement for permanent entry to Australia* provides additional information on Australia's visa health requirements. This form is available at DIMIA offices or via the internet at [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)

You should read the information form 993i *Safeguarding your personal information*, which is available from your nearest DIMIA office, or from where you collected this form, so that you can be better informed about the agencies to which your personal information might be disclosed.

The *Privacy Act 1988* is the key law designed to safeguard personal information collected by government agencies. The information privacy principles in the Privacy Act must be obeyed by federal government agencies, including DIMIA, when gathering, processing and disclosing information about you.

The *Freedom of Information Act 1982* also relates to your personal information. Under this Act you can apply for access to documents containing your personal information. You or someone authorised to access information on your behalf can apply to do this at any DIMIA office in Australia and pay a fee. If you are overseas, you must also provide the Australian mission overseas with an address in Australia to which copies of personal records can be sent. More information on how to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act is given on form 424 *Request for access to documents*.

## Authorisation of a person to act and receive communication

You may authorise another person to act on your behalf in connection with your sponsorship with DIMIA. If so, you will need to complete form 956 *Authorisation of person to act and receive communication* which is on the last page of this form.

Nominating a person to act on your behalf includes authorising DIMIA to send to that person any communication relating to your sponsorship that would otherwise have been sent to you. You will be taken to have received any documents sent to that person as if they were sent to you.

## Use of a migration agent

You are not required to use a migration agent to assist with your sponsorship. However, in the event you wish to use a migration agent, a list of registered migration agents is available from the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) or the offices of DIMIA.

You can contact the MARA at:

PO Box Q1551  
QVB NSW 1230  
AUSTRALIA

Fax: +61 2 9299 8448

Website: [www.themara.com.au](http://www.themara.com.au)

Registered migration agents are bound by the Migration Agents Code of Conduct and generally charge for their services. The MARA investigates complaints against registered migration agents and may take disciplinary action against them. If you have a concern about a registered migration agent, you can contact the MARA.

Under Australian law, anyone who uses knowledge of migration procedures to offer advice or assistance to a person wishing to obtain a visa to enter or remain in Australia must be registered. If you intend to use a migration agent, you are advised to use a registered migration agent.

## Consent to communicate electronically

DIMIA may use a range of means to communicate with you. However, electronic means such as fax or e-mail will only be used if you indicate your agreement to receiving communication in this way.

To process your application DIMIA 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 DIMIA communicating with you by electronic means, the details you provide will only be used by DIMIA 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 Commonwealth Government accepts no responsibility for the security or integrity of any information sent to DIMIA 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 the form to indicate their consent to this form of communication.

## Designated areas

This table sets out the designated areas by postcode. If your address comes within the post code ranges listed below, then you live in a designated area.

### **New South Wales**

2311–2312, 2328–2333, 2336–2490,  
2535–2551, 2575–2739, 2787–2898  
(Entire State except Sydney,  
Wollongong and Newcastle)

### **Queensland**

4350–4499, 4600–4899  
(Entire State except urban Brisbane,  
Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast)

### **Western Australia**

6200–6799  
(Entire State except Perth metropolitan region)

### **Victoria**

Entire State

### **South Australia**

Entire State

### **Northern Territory**

Entire Territory

### **Tasmania**

Entire State

### **Australian Capital Territory**

Entire Territory

This information is correct at the time of printing. The most current list of Designated Areas is available from the DIMIA website at [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)

## Warning

Giving false or misleading information may be subject to penalties under the *Migration Act 1958* which provides for a penalty of 2 years imprisonment for a person who sponsors their spouse or de facto spouse and does not intend, at the time of application, to live permanently with them in a genuine and continuing marital relationship.



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1 How many people are included in this application?

Adults

Children

## Part A – About the person you are sponsoring

2 Full name of the person you are sponsoring

Family name

Given names

3 Sex Male  Female

4 Date of birth  DAY / MONTH / YEAR

5 Current residential address

POSTCODE

6 Address for correspondence (If the same as your residential address, write 'AS ABOVE')

POSTCODE

7 Relationship to you

Spouse (including de facto)   Go directly to Part E

Prospective spouse

Parent

Brother/sister

Unmarried dependent child

Adult child

Nephew/niece

First cousin (for Skilled – Designated Area subclasses only)

Grandchild (for Skilled – Designated Area subclasses only)

Other  Please specify

8 Have you previously sponsored/nominated a brother, sister or child as a remaining relative? (includes any other current sponsorship/nominations not recorded previously)

No

Yes

9 Marital status of your relative (tick more than one if appropriate)

Now married

De facto relationship  Go to Part B

Engaged

Never married

Divorced

Separated  Go directly to Part C

Widowed

## Part B – About your relative's spouse

10 Full name of your relative's spouse

Family name

Given names

11 Sex Male  Female

12 Date of birth  DAY / MONTH / YEAR

13 Current residential address

POSTCODE

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## Part C – About your relative’s family unit

**14** List here all dependent family members of your relative who are included in this sponsorship

Given names

Sex Male  Female   
DAY MONTH YEAR

Date of birth

Given names

Sex Male  Female   
DAY MONTH YEAR

Date of birth

Given names

Sex Male  Female   
DAY MONTH YEAR

Date of birth

Given names

Sex Male  Female   
DAY MONTH YEAR

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Sex Male  Female   
DAY MONTH YEAR

Date of birth

Given names

Sex Male  Female   
DAY MONTH YEAR

Date of birth

## Part D – About the person/s you previously sponsored/nominated as a remaining relative

**15** How many times have you previously sponsored/nominated a person as a remaining relative?

Provide the following details for EACH time you have sponsored/nominated and indicate if a visa was granted.

*If you have sponsored/nominated more than once, provide details on an additional sheet of paper and attach it to this form.*

The person you sponsored/nominated

Family name

Given names

Sex Male  Female   
DAY MONTH YEAR

Date of birth

Relationship to you  
(*brother, sister, child, other*)

Date of sponsorship/nomination

Name of overseas post/Australian office where sponsorship/nomination was made

Was the visa granted to the person you sponsored/nominated?

No   
Yes  Provide date

## Part E – Your Details

**16** Your full name  
Family name

Given names

**17** Sex Male  Female

**18** Date of birth

**19** Country of birth

**20** Citizenship

**21** Date of arrival in Australia

**22** Date of permanent residence  
(if different from date of arrival)

**23** Date you got Australian citizenship  
(if applicable)



**36** Are you currently receiving any other form of social security payment or pension or Austudy income support payment (including any benefits received from a country outside Australia)?

No

Yes  Provide details

  


**37** Have you lived in any other town or city over the last 2 years other than the one you are living in now?

No

Yes  Provide details

City/town  POSTCODE

From  /  /  to  /  /

City/town  POSTCODE

From  /  /  to  /  /

### Part F – About your family

**38** Do you have any dependants?

No

Yes  Are they children or other dependants?

Children  How many?

Other  Specify *eg. retired parents in Australia or overseas*

  


### Part G – About your home

**39** Type of dwelling

House

Flat

Other  Specify

**40** How many bedrooms does the dwelling have?

**41** How many people live in the dwelling?

**42** What is the relationship of these people to you?

Child

Parent

Spouse

De facto spouse

Sibling

Other  Specify

**43** Is the dwelling

Rented

Owned

Being purchased

Other  Specify

### Part H – Health and Character

**44** Are you an eligible New Zealand citizen?

No  Go to Question 48

Yes

**45** Have you, or any children included in this application, ever:

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

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



## Part I – Skilled – Designated Area sponsored - residence in a designated area

**48** Do you currently live in a designated area?

**Note:** Designated areas are listed on page 3 of this form.

No  Go to Part J

Yes

**49** Have you lived in the designated area for at least one year at the time you lodge this sponsorship?

No  Go to Part J

Yes  Your relative may also be eligible for consideration under the regional linked subclass. For your relative to be considered under one of the Skilled – Designated Area sponsored subclasses, you will need to provide evidence that you:

- (a) now live in a designated area, and
- (b) have lived there for at least one year.

<p><b>A</b> You must provide at least 4 of the documents listed below to show that you now live in a designated area. <i>Tick the documents you are supplying.</i></p>	<p><b>B</b> One of these 4 documents must show that you have lived in the designated area for at least one year. <i>Tick the document you are providing that shows you have lived in the designated area for at least one year.</i></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Rental agreement showing your current address	<input type="checkbox"/> The agreement must be dated one year or more before sponsorship is signed and be accompanied by evidence of ongoing rental payments for the same address
<input type="checkbox"/> Drivers licence showing your current address	<input type="checkbox"/> The licence must be issued at least one year before sponsorship is signed
<input type="checkbox"/> Letter from your employer confirming your employment	<input type="checkbox"/> The letter must have been issued within the last month, and confirm continuous employment with a starting date one year or more before sponsorship is signed
<input type="checkbox"/> Correspondence from Federal or State Government agency or instrumentality	<input type="checkbox"/> The letter must bear your current address and be dated one year or more before sponsorship is signed
<input type="checkbox"/> Electoral Commission notice	<input type="checkbox"/> The notice must bear your current address and be dated one year or more before sponsorship is signed
<input type="checkbox"/> Letter from school confirming enrolment of children	<input type="checkbox"/> The letter must have been issued within the last month and confirm continuous school attendance with a starting date one year or more before sponsorship is signed
<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle registration papers	<input type="checkbox"/> The papers must be dated one year or more before sponsorship is signed
<input type="checkbox"/> Gas or power bills	<input type="checkbox"/> The accounts must show continuous sequence of invoices and/or receipts commencing one year or more before sponsorship is signed
<input type="checkbox"/> Telephone accounts	<input type="checkbox"/> The accounts must show continuous sequence of invoices and/or receipts commencing one year or more before sponsorship is signed
<input type="checkbox"/> Bank statements	<input type="checkbox"/> The accounts must show the same name and address for the continuous period commencing one year or more before sponsorship is signed
<input type="checkbox"/> Home purchase agreement showing your current address	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other – You may attach other items of documentation which confirm your place of residence	<p><b>Please note:</b> If the documents which you provide are in the name of your spouse, you should also provide certified evidence of your marital relationship.</p>

**50** If your relatives are approved for migration and you need to help them with accommodation when they arrive in Australia, will they live with you?

No  What accommodation do you propose  
Yes  for your sponsored relatives?


### Part J – Your previous sponsorships and nominations

**51** Have you or your spouse lodged any other sponsorships or nominations (other than those you have recorded in Part C and/or Part E) or signed an assurance of support?

No   
Yes  Attach a statement showing the relationship of the person you have sponsored, nominated or assured and the dates of lodgement of sponsorships and nominations (including any current sponsorship and/or nominations) or assurances.

### Part K – Authorising another person

**52** Do you want to authorise another person to act and receive communication about this application/sponsorship on your behalf?

*(For further information on authorisation of a person to act and receive communication, refer to page 3 at the front of this form.)*

No   
Yes  After you have completed this page, complete form 956 *Authorisation of person to act and receive communication* on the next page.

### Part L – Your sponsorship undertaking

- 53** I agree:
- to provide information and advice to help my relatives settle in Australia
  - to ensure that adequate accommodation is available for my relatives on arrival in Australia or, if necessary, to provide accommodation for up to 2 years from arrival in Australia
  - to provide financial assistance as required to meet their reasonable living needs for up to 2 years from arrival in Australia, if necessary
  - to provide support as required to enable them to attend appropriate English language courses.
  - I agree to attend an interview (if requested by DIMIA) in relation to my relative's application.
  - I will inform DIMIA in writing if I withdraw my support for my relative before this application is finalised.

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

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

*I authorise Centrelink to give information about me, relevant to my offer to provide this sponsorship, to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.*

**Signature of sponsor**

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Date 

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
	/	/

### Part M – Your spouse's approval

If you are sponsoring a relative other than a spouse and you are currently married or living in a de facto relationship, your spouse must complete this part.

**54** I give my consent to the above arrangements and agree to support my spouse in fulfilling the responsibilities of the sponsorship.

*I authorise Centrelink to give information about me, relevant to my spouse's offer to provide this sponsorship, to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.*

**Signature of spouse**

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Date 

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
	/	/



# Authorisation of person to act and receive communication

## Authorisation by applicant or sponsor or Business Skills visa holder

I, (Family name)

(Given names)

(Date of birth)  DAY / MONTH / YEAR

of (current residential address)   
  
 POSTCODE

authorise the following person to act on my behalf in relation to (tick one box only)  
my application or sponsorship  OR  
any correspondence concerning my Business Skills visa   
(eg. monitoring and, where appropriate, cancellation)

in dealings with the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA). This includes authorising DIMIA to send that person any communication, documents or notifications relating to my application or sponsorship or Business Skills visa that would otherwise have been sent to me.

Is this authorisation made in connection with an existing application?  
No   
Yes  Give details of your existing application  
Client number or file number or application receipt number   
At which office was that application made?

### Details of authorised person

Title: Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Other

Family name

Given names

Authorised person's postal address   
  
 POSTCODE

Telephone number  COUNTRY CODE ( ) AREA CODE ( ) NUMBER

Migration Agent Registration Number  7 DIGITS (if applicable) : : : : : :

### Applicant's signature

Date  DAY / MONTH / YEAR

## Consent by authorised person for e-communication

As the authorised person named on this form, do you agree to DIMIA communicating with you by facsimile, e-mail, or other electronic means?  
No   
Yes  Give details

Facsimile number  COUNTRY CODE ( ) AREA CODE ( ) NUMBER

E-mail address

### Authorised person's signature

Date  DAY / MONTH / YEAR