

# Application for sponsorship for sponsored visitors

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## This form is for a Sponsored Visitor Visa

This form is for the sponsor of visitor visa applicants applying under Class UL – Sponsored Visitor Visa. The visitor may be seeking to come to Australia as either a sponsored family visitor or a sponsored business visitor.

A person coming to Australia as a sponsored visitor will be able to stay in Australia for a period of **up to three months**. Their visa, if granted, will only allow them to travel to Australia once on that visa.

## Who can be a sponsor?

In all cases the sponsor must be a settled Australian citizen or permanent resident aged 18 years or older who lives in Australia.

**You are only able to sponsor one person (or family unit or business delegation) at a time. If you already have a visitor in Australia who has been granted a Short Stay Sponsored Visitor visa, you will have to wait until they have departed Australia.**

**Note:** a **family unit** means a principal applicant, spouse and dependent children.

If you are sponsoring someone who is a family visitor, you must be one of the following:

- a relative of the person you are sponsoring, or
- a member of an Australian parliament (Commonwealth, State or Territory), or
- an authorised officer of a Commonwealth, State or Territory government department or instrumentality, or
- a local government mayor.

**Note:** a **relative** includes a parent, child, adopted child, spouse, brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew or 'step' equivalent of any of these.

**Note:** as the sponsor of the visa applicant, you may be requested to lodge a **security bond**.

If you are sponsoring someone as a business visitor, you must be one of the following:

- a member of an Australian parliament (Commonwealth, State or Territory), or
- an authorised officer of a Commonwealth, State or Territory government department or instrumentality, or
- a local government mayor.

## Who cannot sponsor?

There are no provisions for fiancé(e)s, partners of the same sex, cousins, friends or in-laws and New Zealand citizens to sponsor.

## How can you sponsor your relative, constituent or business visitor?

Complete this form and send it to the person you are sponsoring. Ask them to contact the Australian mission nearest to where they live to get the appropriate visitor visa application form.

- If the person you are sponsoring is applying as a family visitor, they should fill out form 48R.
- If the person you are sponsoring is applying as a business visitor, they should fill out form 456.

The person you are sponsoring should fill in the appropriate visitor visa form and lodge it together with this sponsorship form at the Australian mission. When you send this form to the visa applicant, it is important that you tell them that the visitor visa application form and the required charge (or evidence that you have paid the charge in Australia) must be lodged together.

**If you have previously sponsored a visitor as a Short Stay Sponsored Visitor, and your visitor did not abide by the conditions of their visa, you will be ineligible to sponsor another visitor in the same way for five years.**

## What is the security bond?

As the sponsor of the visa applicant, you may be requested to lodge a security bond. A security bond may be requested for each individual visa applicant, including any travelling family members of the relative included in your sponsorship. The amount of the security bond is determined on a case by case basis by the Australian Government office overseas and will be of the order of A\$5,000–A\$10,000. You will be informed in writing if a bond is requested. The request will include details of where the security should be lodged, the amount requested, and information relating to refund arrangements.

## What happens to the security bond?

If a visitor you have sponsored breaches any visa conditions, including if they do not depart before the expiry of the period of stay of the visa on which they arrived in Australia, you will be ineligible to sponsor another visitor for five years. If you were asked to lodge a security bond, this bond may be forfeited.

**Note:** your sponsorship, and any security bond requested, does not guarantee the grant of any visa. Each visitor visa must meet all visa requirements individually. The sponsorship you provide in this form is only one of the criteria which must be met by the visa applicant for a sponsored visitor visa.

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## Your sponsorship undertaking

The undertaking you must sign in this form states that you agree to accept all financial obligations to the Commonwealth incurred by the applicant arising out of the applicant's stay in Australia. You are responsible for compliance by the person you are sponsoring with all conditions under which that person is allowed to enter Australia. If you are the sponsor of a business visitor, you are also responsible for compliance by the person you are sponsoring with all relevant legislation and awards in relation to any employment entered into by the applicant in Australia.

**Note: holders of sponsored family visitor visas are not permitted to work in Australia.**

## Conditions applying to visitor visas

Visitors to Australia must comply with the conditions of their visa. As a sponsor, you are responsible for ensuring that your visitor/s complies with their visa conditions.

If the visitor you are sponsoring is coming to Australia as a family visitor, the visa conditions imposed will require that:

- they must not work in Australia,
- they cannot apply for a further stay in Australia\*,
- they must not remain in Australia after the expiry of the period of stay of the visa on which they entered Australia.

If the visitor you are sponsoring is coming to Australia as a business visitor, the visa conditions imposed will require that:

- they must not engage in work that might otherwise be carried out by an Australian citizen or an Australian permanent resident,
- they cannot apply for a further stay in Australia\*,
- they must not remain in Australia after the expiry of the period of stay of the visa on which they entered Australia.

They may be required to only engage in work in Australia if the work is relevant to the conduct of the business, or performance of the tasks, specified in their visa application.

If a visitor breaches visa conditions, it may lead to cancellation of their visa, and other penalties. You will be ineligible to sponsor other visitors for five years. If you have any questions or concerns about the conditions, you should ask for more information from your nearest Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA) office in Australia or overseas.

## What documents do you need?

If you are a relative of the visa applicant, the Australian mission will need proof of your relationship to your relative.

It will help your relative's application if you include with this form any documents which confirm the relationship between yourself and your relative. 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 Australian citizenship or permanent residence status. An Australian citizen will need to send a certified copy of their citizenship certificate or, if Australian-born, a certified copy of their full birth certificate. If you are unsure about the documents needed to do this, contact your nearest DIMA office in Australia or overseas.

\* Except in limited circumstances which are outside their control, or to engage Australia's protection obligations under the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees.

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.

## Authorisation of a person to act and receive communication

You may authorise another person to act on your behalf in connection with your application/sponsorship with DIMA. 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 DIMA to send to that person any communication relating to your application/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 application/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 DIMA.

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

DIMA 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.

Electronic communications, unless adequately encrypted, are not secure and may be viewed by others or interfered with. If you agree to DIMA communicating with you by electronic means, the details you provide will only be used for the purpose for which you have provided them. They will not be added to any mailing list and will not be disclosed without your consent.

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## Sponsorship details

**1** Have you previously sponsored a visitor as a Short Stay Sponsored Visitor, and that visitor is still in Australia?  
No  Yes

**2** Have you previously sponsored a visitor as a Short Stay Sponsored Visitor and that visitor did not comply with the conditions of their visa?  
No  Yes

**3** Give details of the main visa applicant you are sponsoring

Family name

Given names

Sex Male  Female

Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Country of birth

Marital status Widowed  Engaged

Divorced  Married

Separated  De facto

Never married

**4** Relationship of the main visa applicant to the sponsor or your government position

Type of relationship  
(e.g. brother, sister, parent, government representative)

**5** Please give details of all others travelling to Australia as visitors sponsored by you.

**Note:** If you are sponsoring more than one person, all others must either be members of the same family unit, or part of a business delegation.

Family name

Given names

Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Relationship to main applicant

Type of visitor Family visitor  Business visitor

Passport number

Country of passport

Place of issue

Date of issue (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Date of expiry (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Citizenship/s

Family name

Given names

Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Relationship to main applicant

Type of visitor Family visitor  Business visitor

Passport number

Country of passport

Place of issue

Date of issue (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Date of expiry (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Citizenship/s

Family name

Given names

Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Relationship to main applicant

Type of visitor Family visitor  Business visitor

Passport number

Country of passport

Place of issue

Date of issue (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Date of expiry (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Citizenship/s

Family name

Given names

Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Relationship to main applicant

Type of visitor Family visitor  Business visitor

Passport number

Country of passport

Place of issue

Date of issue (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Date of expiry (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Citizenship/s

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Family name

Given names

Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)  /  /

Relationship to main applicant

Type of visitor      Family visitor       Business visitor

Passport number

Country of passport

Place of issue

Date of issue (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)  /  /

Date of expiry (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)  /  /

Citizenship/s

Family name

Given names

Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)  /  /

Relationship to main applicant

Type of visitor      Family visitor       Business visitor

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Country of passport

Place of issue

Date of issue (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)  /  /

Date of expiry (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)  /  /

Citizenship/s

Family name

Given names

Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)  /  /

Relationship to main applicant

Type of visitor      Family visitor       Business visitor

Passport number

Country of passport

Place of issue

Date of issue (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)  /  /

Date of expiry (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)  /  /

Citizenship/s

*Details of any further applicants should be attached on a separate piece of paper.*

## Your personal details

**6** Your full name

Family name

Given names

**7** Have you been known by any other names?  
(such as name at birth, alias, previous married name, legal name change)

No     Yes  ► Give details

**8** Sex    Male     Female

**9** Date of birth  /  /

**10** Place of birth

Town or city

Country

**11** Residential address

POSTCODE

Postal address  
(Preferred mailing address if different from home address)

POSTCODE

**Note:** Correct address is important for mailing of any security bond request, and thus to ensure visa application is processed in as timely a manner as possible.

**12** Your telephone numbers

Work  (STD  )

Home  (STD  )

Mobile

**13** Do you agree to DIMA communicating with you by facsimile, e-mail, or other electronic means?

No

Yes  ► Give details

Facsimile number  (STD  )

E-mail address

**14** Passport Number

Passport expiry date  
DAY MONTH YEAR

**15** Country of citizenship as shown in your passport

**16** Are there documents that you can provide as evidence of your citizenship or permanent residence?  
*(e.g. Australian citizenship certificate and number, Australian passport and number, a permanent resident visa and number or Australian birth certificate and number)*

No  Yes  Give details

  
  

*Please attach certified copies of certificates of your citizenship or evidence of your permanent residence including any translations.*

**17** Are there documents that you can provide as evidence of your relationship to the main applicant?  
*(e.g. marriage certificate or birth certificate etc.)*

No  Yes  Give details

  
  

*Please attach certified copies of certificates of the relationship including any translations.*

**18** Have you previously sponsored any visitors?  
*(subclasses 459 and 679)*

No  Yes  Give details

Family name

Given names

Relationship

Sex Male  Female

Date of birth  
DAY MONTH YEAR

Country of birth

Purpose of stay in Australia

Date of arrival (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Date of departure (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Family name

Given names

Relationship

Sex Male  Female

Date of birth  
DAY MONTH YEAR

Country of birth

Purpose of stay in Australia

Date of arrival (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Date of departure (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Family name

Given names

Relationship

Sex Male  Female

Date of birth  
DAY MONTH YEAR

Country of birth

Purpose of stay in Australia

Date of arrival (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Date of departure (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Family name

Given names

Relationship

Sex Male  Female

Date of birth  
DAY MONTH YEAR

Country of birth

Purpose of stay in Australia

Date of arrival (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Date of departure (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

*Details of any further sponsorships should be attached on a separate piece of paper.*

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## Authorising another person

- 19** Do you want to authorise another person to act and receive communication about this application on your behalf?  
(For further information on authorisation of a person to act and receive communication, read the information on the front of this form.)

No

Yes  ► After you have completed the declaration below, complete form 956 *Authorisation of person to act and receive communication* on the next page.

## Sponsorship undertaking for a sponsored family visitor, business visitor and any family of that business visitor

- 20** I confirm that:

Any visitor I have previously formally sponsored in the last five years has complied with all of their visa conditions.

I agree to accept responsibility for:

- all financial obligations to the Commonwealth incurred by those I am sponsoring arising out of the applicant's stay in Australia; and
- compliance by those I am sponsoring with all relevant legislation and awards in relation to any employment entered into by the applicant in Australia. (Note: A visa applicant holding a tourist visa subclass 679 is not permitted to work in Australia);
- unless the Minister decides otherwise, compliance by those I am sponsoring with the conditions under which they may be allowed to enter Australia.

If the visitor I am sponsoring is coming to Australia as a family visitor, I understand that the following visa conditions will be imposed on the visa:

- the visitor must not work in Australia,
- the visitor cannot apply for a further stay in Australia,\*
- the visitor must not remain in Australia after the expiry of the period of stay of the visa on which they enter Australia.

If the visitor I am sponsoring is coming to Australia as a business visitor, I understand that the following visa conditions will be imposed on the visa :

- the visitor must not engage in work in Australia that might otherwise be carried out by an Australian citizen or an Australian permanent resident,
- the visitor cannot apply for a further stay in Australia,\*
- the visitor must not remain in Australia after the expiry of the period of stay of the visa on which they enter Australia, and
- the visitor may be required to only engage in work in Australia if the work is relevant to the conduct of the business, or performance of the tasks, specified in their visa application.

If a spouse or dependent child of the business visitor I am sponsoring also travels to Australia as a sponsored visitor, I understand that the following visa conditions will be imposed on the visa :

- the visitor cannot apply for a further stay in Australia,\*
- the visitor must not remain in Australia after the expiry of the period of stay of the visa on which they enter Australia, and
- the spouse must not work in Australia.

\* Except in limited circumstances which are outside their control, or to engage Australia's protection obligations under the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees.

## Security bond and sponsorship limitation

- 21** I confirm that I will:

Arrange for the lodgement of a security bond for each applicant I have sponsored for which it is required, if requested to do so.

I understand that:

Any visa application/s being lodged pursuant to this sponsorship may:

- be refused, regardless of my sponsorship;
- be refused, regardless of my sponsorship and any security bond I lodge;
- be approved on the basis of this sponsorship and any security bond lodged pursuant to this sponsorship.
- the security bond/s, if requested and lodged, may be forfeited should any visitor I support not comply with any of their visa conditions.

I understand that the Minister must not approve this sponsorship:

- if I am already the sponsor for another person who holds a Short Stay Sponsored (Visitor) (Class UL) visa; or
- if I have previously sponsored another applicant who held a Short Stay Sponsored (Visitor) (Class UL) visa and that applicant did not comply with a condition of the visa and five years has not passed since that applicant was granted their visa.

## Declaration

- 22** I, (Family name)

(Given names)

of   
  
 POSTCODE

declare that:

- the information I have supplied on this form and in all attachments is true and correct;
- I understand and will honour all obligations in respect of the visitors I sponsor in this form; and
- I understand that failure to provide correct information may lead to refusal of the sponsored visitor visa application, or cancellation of any sponsored visitor visas granted.

**Note:** before you sign this application, please ensure that you have read and understand all of the above statements and conditions.

Your signature

Date  DAY /  MONTH /  YEAR

Complete form 956 on the next page if you are authorising another person to act and receive communication on your behalf ►



# Authorisation of person to act and receive communication

## Authorisation by applicant/sponsor

I, (Family name)

(Given names)

of

POSTCODE

*authorise the following person to act on my behalf in relation to my application/sponsorship in dealings with the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA). This includes authorising DIMA to send that person any communication, documents or notifications relating to my application/sponsorship that would otherwise have been sent to me.*

### Details of authorised person

Title: Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Other

Family name

Given names

### Authorised person's address

POSTCODE

Telephone number

COUNTRY CODE    AREA CODE    NUMBER

Migration Agent Registration Number (if applicable)

### Applicant's signature

Date

DAY    MONTH    YEAR

## Consent by authorised person

As the authorised person named on this form, do you agree to DIMA 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