



Australian Government

Department of Immigration
and Citizenship

Application for a Resident Return visa (RRV)

Form
1085

Before completing your application please read the information regarding *Return documents for Australian citizens and permanent residents*, available from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (the department) website www.immi.gov.au/migrants/residents/

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

Important – Please read this information carefully before you complete your application. Once you have completed your application we strongly advise that you keep a copy for your records.

Who should use this form?

This form may be used to apply for:

- an RRV; or
- a provisional RRV.

Integrity of application

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

Providing false or misleading information, documents or statements to an officer is a serious offence with a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment or 1,000 penalty units (currently one penalty unit means AUD110), or both.

How to apply

Step 1

Complete this form in English using BLOCK LETTERS.

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

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

Step 2

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

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

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

Step 3

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

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

See form 990i *Charges*, available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm

Payment must accompany your application and is generally not refunded if the application is unsuccessful.

Method of payment

In Australia

To make a payment, please pay by credit card, debit card, bank cheque or money order made payable to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. Debit card and credit card are the preferred methods 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.

Step 4

If you are outside Australia

You are able to apply for an RRV online, by post or lodge your application form 1085 in person at your nearest departmental office overseas.

Applying by post

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

Applying in person

You must complete this application and lodge it and your payment in person at your nearest departmental office overseas.

If you are in Australia

You are able to apply for an RRV online, by post or in person at any office of the department. You do not need to fill in this form.

Applying by post

You must complete and send this application form or a letter requesting an RRV, and payment by registered post to your nearest departmental office.

Applying in person

You can visit any departmental office with your payment.

Further information on eligibility and on applying online, by post or in person is available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/migrants/residents/155/

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 mission 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 and where you should go to have a visa label placed in your passport, if required.

How do you get your documents back from the department?

Once processed, you can collect your passport or other documents personally or, if you prefer, they can be sent to your residential address by registered mail. If you would like another person to collect your passport or other documents, complete Part C which must be signed by you and the person acting on your behalf.

Please ensure they carry identification when they attend an office of the department.

Review rights

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

About the information you give

The department 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 by the department for assessing your 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, to monitor the conduct of migration agents, 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 skills, citizenship, education, health assessment, health insurance, health services, law enforcement, payment of pensions and benefits, taxation, review of decisions and regulation of migration agents.

The collection, access, storage use and disclosure by the department of the information you provide in this form is governed by the *Privacy Act 1988* and in particular, by the 11 Information privacy principles. The information form 993i *Safeguarding your personal information*, available from offices of the department, gives details of agencies to which your personal information might be disclosed.

The department is authorised under the *Migration Act 1958*, in certain circumstances, to collect a range of personal identifiers including a facial image, fingerprints and a signature from non-citizens, including from visa applicants. The department requires personal identifiers to assist in assessing your identity. The department is authorised to disclose your personal identifiers and information relating to your name and other relevant biographical data to a number of agencies including law enforcement and health agencies and to other agencies who may need to check your identity with this department. Where the department obtains personal identifiers they will become part of your official record with the department.

The department is involved in international information exchanges with a number of countries, including the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada and New Zealand. These international information exchanges may involve the sharing of personal identifiers, including facial images and fingerprint data, collected by immigration agencies such as this department. If, as a result of this sharing between countries, there is a match with your personal identifiers, the department will disclose your biographical data, copies of travel and other identity documents or information from such documents, your immigration status and immigration history (which may include any immigration abuse and offences) and any criminal history information relevant to immigration purposes. The purpose of such disclosure would be to help confirm your identity and determine if you have presented to the department and the other agency under the same identity and with similar claims.

For more detailed information you should read information form 1243i *Your personal identifying information*, which is available from the department's website

www.immi.gov.au/allforms/ or from any office of the department or Australian mission overseas.

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.immi.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 E *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.immi.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 E *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.immi.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 e-mail 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.immi.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 use a pen, and write neatly in English using BLOCK LETTERS.

Tick where applicable

Part A – Your details

1 Are you an Australian citizen?

No

Yes **▶** This is not the correct form. Please read the information regarding *Return documents for Australian citizens and permanent residents* available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/migrants/residents/

2 TYPE OF APPLICATION – *select one only*

RRV (called a Return (Residence) (Class BB) visa)

Provisional RRV (called a Resident Return (Temporary) (Class TP) visa)

3 Your full name

Family name

Given names

4 Have you been known by any other names?

(including name at birth, previous married names, aliases)

No

Yes **▶** Give details

Family name

Given names

Reason for change Deed Poll Marriage Other **▶** Specify

If you have changed your name since your first arrival in Australia, please provide documents to evidence your name change (eg. marriage certificate, deed poll or other official documents showing use of the name).

5 Sex Male Female

6 Date of birth

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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7 Place of birth

Town/city

Country

8 Relationship status

Married

Separated

Never married or

Engaged

Divorced

been in a de facto relationship

De facto

Widowed

9 Current residential address

Note: A post office box address is not acceptable as a residential address. Failure to give a residential address will result in your application being invalid.

POSTCODE

10 Address for correspondence

(If the same as your residential address, write 'AS ABOVE')

POSTCODE

11 Your telephone numbers

Office hours

(AREA CODE)

After hours

(AREA CODE)

12 Do you agree to the department communicating with you by fax, e-mail or other electronic means?

No

Yes **▶** Give details

Fax number

(AREA CODE)

E-mail address

13 Are you presently in Australia?

No **▶** Date you last departed Australia

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	/

Yes **▶** Date of expected departure from Australia

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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14 Details from your passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue

Date of expiry

Issuing authority/
Place of issue as shown in your passport

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

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

Identity number

Country of issue

16 Have you ever:

- been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 12 months or more? No Yes
- been sentenced to 2 or more terms of imprisonment totalling 2 years or more? No Yes
- been acquitted of an offence on the grounds of unsoundness of mind or insanity, and as a result been detained in a facility or institution? No Yes

If you answered **'Yes'** to any of the above questions, attach a separate sheet giving details. Please give the nature of the offence, full details of the sentence and dates of any period of imprisonment or other detention.

Part B – Visa details

17 Were you granted your first permanent visa while in Australia?

No Date you first arrived in Australia on a permanent visa

Yes Date of grant

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

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

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

No Date your last permanent visa ceased

Yes Date you were last granted a permanent visa

19 Have you previously been an Australian citizen?

No

Yes Give details

Date you became an Australian citizen

Date you ceased to be an Australian citizen

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

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

No

Yes Attach a separate sheet giving details

21 Have you ever been deported from Australia?

No

Yes Attach a separate sheet giving details

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

No

Yes ► Give details

Details of your departure from Australia

Details of your return to Australia

Date			Port/Airport	Date			Port/Airport
DAY	MONTH	YEAR		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
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If insufficient space, attach additional details

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

No

Yes ► Go to Part C

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

No

Yes ► Give details

Person's name

Their passport number

Their visa number

Expiry date of their visa / /

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

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

No ► Go to Question 32

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

26 Are you applying while inside Australia?

No ► If you:

- do NOT currently hold a permanent visa (ie. you answered 'No' at question 18) ► Go to Question 27
- currently hold a permanent visa (ie. you answered 'Yes' at question 18) ► Go to Question 28

Yes ► Go to Question 31

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

No ► Go to Question 29

Yes ► Go to Question 28

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

No

Yes ► Do you have compelling reasons for the absence?

No

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

►► Now go to Part C

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

No ► Go to Part C

Yes

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

No

Yes ► Do you have compelling reasons for the absence?

No

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

►► Now go to Part C

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

No

Yes ► Do you have compelling reasons for the absence?

No

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

►► Now go to Part C

32 Are you applying while inside Australia?

No ▶ Go to Question 33

Yes ▶ Go to Question 35

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

No ▶ Go to Part C

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

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

No

Yes ▶ Do you have compelling reasons for the absence?

No

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

▶▶ Now go to Part C

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

No

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

Part C – To be completed by all applicants

36 Do you require another person to collect your passport on your behalf?

Note: Your passport will not be given to this person unless you provide this authorisation

No ▶ Go to Part D

Yes

37 Give the following details about the person who will collect your passport

Name

Address

POSTCODE

Signature of representative

Date

I authorise the person named above to collect my passport

Signature of applicant

Date

Part D – Assistance with this form

38 Did you receive assistance in completing this form?

No ▶ Go to Part E

Yes ▶ Please give details of the person who assisted you

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Family name

Given names

Address

POSTCODE

Telephone number or daytime contact

Office hours

Mobile/cell

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

No

Yes ▶ Go to Part E

40 Is the person/agent in Australia?

No ▶ Go to Part E

Yes

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

No

Yes

Part E – Options for receiving written communications

42 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

Office use only

Charge paid? No Yes

Expiry date of passport

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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Class / subclass of visa issued

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Previous visa number *(if applicable)*

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VIT / visa number

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Expiry date of visa

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Issued at

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Date of issue

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Signature of issuing officer

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Comments *(if applicable)*

Passport number

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Passport
Held for collection

Signature of applicant/ authorised representative

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Returned by mail

Signature of returning officer

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