



Australian Government

Department of Immigration
and Citizenship

Application for a student visa

Form

157A

Life in Australia – Australian values

The Australian Government encourages people to gain an understanding of Australia, its people and their way of life, before applying for a visa to live in Australia. As part of this application every person aged 18 years or over must declare that they will respect Australian values, as outlined below and obey the laws of Australia.

Australian values include respect for the freedom and dignity of the individual, freedom of religion, commitment to the rule of law, Parliamentary democracy, equality of men and women and a spirit of egalitarianism that embraces mutual respect, tolerance, fair play and compassion for those in need and pursuit of the public good.

Australian society also values equality of opportunity for individuals, regardless of their race, religion or ethnic background.

It is also important to understand that English is the national language.

Further information is contained in the *Life in Australia* booklet, however, you are not required to read the booklet. The booklet is available in a wide range of languages. If you would like a copy of the booklet it can be obtained from www.immi.gov.au

Information about studying in Australia

All student visa applicants must make a declaration that they have read the www.studyinaustralia.gov.au website. This contains information on studying and living in Australia. Information can also be obtained from state and territory governments and education providers.

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.

Applying online

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (the department) offers a number of convenient internet services for student visa applicants. To find out whether you are eligible to apply online for a student visa, refer to the department's website www.immi.gov.au/e_visa/students.htm

If you wish to enter Australia or extend your stay as a student and you are not eligible to apply online, complete this form in ENGLISH using BLOCK LETTERS.

To complete this form you must first read these notes and the information sheet *Applying for a student visa*. Detailed information is also available on the department's website www.immi.gov.au/students/

Who can use this form?

You should use this form if you wish to apply for a student visa and be assessed against one of the following subclasses:

- Independent ELICOS (subclass 570) visa;
- Schools (subclass 571) visa;
- Vocational Education and Training (subclass 572) visa;
- Higher Education (subclass 573) visa;
- Postgraduate Research (subclass 574) visa;
- Non-Award (subclass 575) visa;
- AusAID or Defence (subclass 576) visa.

Each subclass is linked to the type of course you intend to undertake in Australia as your main course of study.

You are not able to use this form to apply for a Student Guardian (subclass 580) visa. Form 157G *Application for a Student Guardian visa* is the only valid form for a Student Guardian visa application.

If you are applying for a visa that can be granted in Australia and you are making this application in Australia, this form also serves as an application form for any class of bridging visa (classes A, C or E) for which you may be eligible to apply – see the information form 1024i *Bridging visas*, which is available on the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/

Please refer to the information sheet *Applying for a student visa* for further information about Australia's student visa program.

Integrity of application

The department is committed to maintaining the integrity of the visa and citizenship programs. In relation to this application, if:

- you;
- a member of your family unit included in your application; or
- a third party acting on your behalf;

provide or have provided in a previous application relating to yourself or a member of your family unit included in this application, false or misleading information or documents (either knowingly or otherwise) this visa application is likely to be refused and you and any members of your family unit included in this application will be subject to a 3 year bar in relation to visas to which the fraud criterion applies.

If information or documents are found to be fraudulent or misleading after the grant of a visa, it may subsequently be cancelled.

Welfare arrangements for students under 18 years of age

Students under 18 years of age need to have adequate arrangements for their welfare in Australia. If the student is applying for a student visa in Australia, these arrangements need to be in place **before** an application can be considered valid.

The department bears no responsibility for welfare arrangements made on a student's behalf. It is the responsibility of the parents or legal custodians of a student under the age of 18 to ensure that the arrangements that they make on the student's behalf provide appropriate welfare for the entirety of the student's stay in Australia while they are under the age of 18. If welfare arrangements break down the parents or legal custodians must make new welfare arrangements or the student under the age of 18 must depart Australia. It is a visa requirement that appropriate welfare arrangements are maintained while the student is under the age of 18.

If you are under 18 years of age, currently or will be studying in Australia and will be in the care of a relative for the duration of your visa or until you turn 18 years of age, form 157N *Nomination of a student guardian* must be completed and lodged together with this form.

Working while studying

From April 2008, all eligible student subclass 570–576 visas will include permission to work as part of the initial student visa grant.

If you and your family members are granted permission to work in your initial student visas you will be allowed to work up to 20 hours per week once your course has commenced. Neither you nor your family members may commence work until the principal visa holder has commenced studying.

No work limits apply to you during recognised periods of vacation offered by your education provider. Family members will be allowed to work up to 20 hours per week throughout the year. Family members of a student who has commenced and is studying for the award of a masters or doctorate course will have unrestricted permission to work.

More information about permission to work while studying is available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/students/

Changing course type (education sector)

Your student visa is linked to the type of course you are studying. Each student visa subclass covers specific types of course only. If you wish to change your principal course at any time to a course in a different education sector, you must first apply for a new student visa using this form (form 157A).

For information on course types and their relationship to the different student visa subclasses, refer to the department's website www.immi.gov.au/students/

Applying for a student visa

To help you lodge your application and communicate with the department while your application is being processed you should read information form 1025i *Making and processing visa applications*, which is available from your nearest Australian Government office or the department's website.

All student visa applicants must satisfy the criteria for grant of one of the student visa subclasses. These criteria include (but are not limited to) financial ability, English language proficiency, intention to comply with visa conditions and other relevant matters. Information on these criteria and the conditions that may be attached to your visa can be found in the information sheet *Applying for a student visa* or from the department's website. Checklists by Assessment Level and subclass are also available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/students/

If you wish to study in Australia, your application will be assessed against one of 5 Assessment Levels for each visa subclass. Before completing this form, you must refer to information on which Assessment Level applies to you. Information on Assessment Levels is available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/students/

In certain circumstances you may be requested to complete a supplementary information form. You will be advised by the visa processing office if this is necessary.

Your application may be decided solely on the basis of information provided in this application. Failure to answer a question may result in your application being refused if the decision-maker cannot be satisfied that you meet all of the criteria for grant of the visa. The provision of information to the department that is incorrect may result in cancellation of your visa if it is granted. If you need more space to answer any question, write the details on a separate sheet, sign it and attach it to the application form.

You must provide all of the documentation necessary to support your application (originals or certified or notarised copies) and you must declare that you have done so. Failure to do so may result in your application being refused. The documentation required may vary depending on your Assessment Level and the subclass appropriate to your course of study. Information on documentation required is available on the department's website. A decision on your application will be made on the basis of all the information you provide, your circumstances and the legal requirements that apply. If your circumstances change in any way after you make your application you must inform the department immediately. Failure to do so can lead to cancellation of your visa (if it is granted).

Applicants who provide false or misleading information may either have their applications refused, or their visa permitting them to remain in Australia cancelled.

If you:

- are applying in Australia;
- do not already hold a student visa; and
- you are in Assessment Level 2, 3, 4 or 5

you must provide exceptional reasons for the grant of your visa in Australia.

Students and General Skilled Migration

Australia has a well-deserved reputation for high-quality education and training. We continue to welcome overseas students, and appreciate the contribution they make to both academic life and the communities in which they live.

People who wish to study in Australia may be granted a student visa that entitles them to come to Australia on a temporary basis for a specified period to undertake study at an Australia educational institution. While many overseas students make a decision to apply for permanent residence upon completing their studies, this is an entirely **separate process** and there is no guarantee that, on the basis of having held a student visa, a person will meet the requirements to be granted a permanent residence.

It is important to note that student visas are aimed at achieving an educational outcome. General Skilled Migration (GSM) on the other hand is predominantly driven by the labour market needs of Australia.

The criteria for grant of GSM visas can change in response to the changing economic circumstances of Australia. All applicants seeking to be granted a permanent GSM visa must meet the relevant criteria set out in the migration legislation, regardless of whether or not they have previously been in Australia. It is important for student visa holders to note that any changes to the criteria for the grant of a GSM visa would not affect their student visa conditions.

Students **should not** make educational choices solely on the basis of hoping to achieve a particular migration outcome, as the GSM program will continue to change and adapt to Australia's economic needs.

Photographs

Applying outside Australia – enclose 4 recent passport-sized photographs of yourself and all family members included in this application.

Applying in Australia – enclose one recent passport-sized photograph of yourself and all family members included in this application.

Health requirements

All applicants must meet Australia's health requirements. You and any family members included in this application may be required to undergo a chest x-ray and medical examination. Refer to form 1163i *Health requirement for temporary entry to Australia* for further details.

If applying outside Australia under Assessment Level 3, 4 or 5, you should not undertake your medical or x-ray examinations until advised to do so by the Australian Government office processing your visa application.

Members of your family unit

The term 'members of your family unit' covers your partner and any dependent children of you or your partner who are unmarried, not in a de facto relationship and who have not turned 18 years of age. School-age dependants are children of you or your partner who are unmarried, not in a de facto relationship and who have turned 5, but have not yet turned 18.

Members of your family unit may apply for visas that will allow them to join you in Australia. They may apply for visas at the same time as you, or after you have arrived in Australia and commenced your course of study. If you are in Australia and your family members intend to apply to join you after you have commenced your course, you will need to complete form 919 *Nomination of student dependant(s)*. You must send this form and other necessary documentary evidence to

your family members for them to lodge at the relevant Australian Government office.

Note: If you are processed at Assessment Level 3, 4 or 5 and intend to undertake a course of 12 months or less in duration, members of the family unit **are not** permitted to accompany you to Australia on a student visa.

All members of your family unit must be declared on your application form, whether or not they intend to travel to Australia with you. A member who is not declared will not be eligible for entry to Australia as a family unit member, unless they were not your partner or child at the time you lodged your application but have since become so.

A school-age family unit member joining you in Australia is expected to attend school in Australia. You must provide evidence of enrolment for them if you wish them to be granted a student visa as a family unit member. In most cases, public and private schools charge fees for family unit members of student visa holders. You should check the exact fee with the school where your family unit member will be studying. You are responsible for their education costs in Australia.

Your partner will have a condition placed on their visa that limits their period of study in Australia to a maximum of 3 months. If they wish to undertake study beyond this period they must apply for a student visa in their own right.

If you are an AusAID or Defence-sponsored student, members of your family unit must provide evidence of support by the relevant Minister for them to be granted a visa as your dependant.

'**Partner**' means your spouse or de facto partner (including same-sex partners).

'No further stay' conditions

Your visa will be subject to a number of visa conditions. Information on these conditions can be found in the information sheet *Applying for a student visa* and on the department's website.

In certain circumstances, your visa may be subject to the 'no further stay' condition 8534 or 8535.

Condition 8534

If you are an Assessment Level 3, 4 or 5 student whose overall intended period of study is 10 months or less, you will usually be subject to this 'no further stay' condition. This means that after entering Australia, you may not be granted any other visa while you remain in Australia, other than permission to work on form 157P *Application for a student visa with permission to work* or a Graduate – Skilled visa¹.

If you are an Assessment Level 3 student you may be exempt from the mandatory imposition of the 'no further stay' condition if you can show an additional AUD18,000 as well as funds to cover living and school costs for a 12 month period in addition to the period of your intended study in Australia.

A 'no further stay' condition may also be imposed on your visa, irrespective of your Assessment Level or period of study, if the decision maker considers this appropriate.

Condition 8535

If you are sponsored by the Australian Government or the government of your home country, you may be subject to this 'no further stay' condition. This means that after entering Australia, you will not be entitled to be granted any other visa while you remain in Australia apart from permission to work on form 157P *Application for a student visa with permission to work* or a further student visa with the consent of your sponsor¹.

¹ Except in extremely limited circumstances which are outside your control, or to engage Australia's protection obligation under the 1951 UN convention relating to the status of refugees.

Health insurance

It is a condition of your visa that you and any family members accompanying you must maintain health insurance while in Australia. Health insurance can be provided by obtaining Overseas Student Health Insurance Cover (OSHC) which provides medical and hospital insurance. Further information can be found in the information sheet *Applying for a student visa*.

Visa Application Charge

Your completed application form, together with the correct Visa Application Charge, can be lodged at the nearest Australian Government office if applying outside Australia, or at the nearest office of the department if applying in Australia.

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.

You can check the Visa Application Charge with the nearest office of the department or see form 990i *Charges*, available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/

Payment must accompany your application and is generally not refunded if the application is unsuccessful. If you have paid enrolment or tuition fees, it is your responsibility to get a refund of these fees.

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.

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 Question 74 *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:

- Question 74 *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.

Further information on migration agents

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

Residential address

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

About the information you give

The department is authorised to collect information provided on this form under Part 2 of the *Migration Act 1958*. The information collected will be used for assessing your eligibility for a student visa to travel to and enter and/or remain in Australia, to monitor the conduct of migration agents, and for other purposes relating to the administration of the Migration Act.

The information collected 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, superannuation, review of decisions and registration of migration agents. It will also be disclosed to any agency of the Australian Government, or of a state or territory, that is responsible for or otherwise concerned with the regulation of education providers. Information may also be distributed to your education provider to assist with determining your study entitlements.

Relevant information about you will be disclosed to federal, state and territory police to assist in your location and possible detention in the event that you become an unlawful non-citizen. You will become an unlawful non-citizen if your visa ceases (for example, by cancellation for breach of visa condition) or expires and you do not hold another visa authorising you to remain in Australia.

The information on this form, including the results of any tests for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), will be used to assess your health for an Australian visa. A positive HIV **or other** test result will not necessarily lead to a visa being denied. Your result(s) may be disclosed to the relevant Australian Government state and territory health agencies.

In addition, the relevant registered education provider(s) may be told whether or not your visa has been granted. 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* gives details of agencies to which your personal information might be disclosed. Form 993i is available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/ or any office of the department or Australian mission overseas.

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.

Review rights

If you apply for a student visa in Australia and you are refused the visa, you may apply for a review of the decision. You will be notified of your review rights in writing and the time limits for lodging such an appeal.

There are no review rights for decisions to refuse a student visa where the application is made outside Australia.

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



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

Tick where applicable

PHOTOGRAPH

Please attach required photographs of yourself AND all members of your family unit included in this application

Part A – To be completed by all applicants

Application overview

1 How many people are included in this application?

2 TYPE OF APPLICATION

Yourselves as a student Complete Parts A, B and D

Yourselves and family Complete Parts A, B and D

As a member of a student's family unit Complete Parts A, C and D

9 Relationship status

Married

Separated

Never married or been in a de facto relationship

Engaged

Divorced

De facto

Widowed

10 Your present country of citizenship

Your details

3 Your full name in English

Family name

Given names

4 Name in your own language or script (if applicable)

5 Have you been known by any other names?

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

No

Yes Give details and provide supporting evidence eg. birth certificate/marriage certificate

Family name

Given names

6 Sex Male Female

7 Date of birth

8 Place of birth

Town/city

Country

11 Do you hold any other citizenship?

No

Yes Which countries?

12 Do you have a passport?

No

Yes 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

13 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

2. Family name

Given names

Relationship to you

Citizenship(s)

Date of birth

Is this person included in this application?

No

Yes Details from passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue

Date of expiry

Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in passport

Does this person intend to study in Australia for more than 3 months? No Yes

3. Family name

Given names

Relationship to you

Citizenship(s)

Date of birth

Is this person included in this application?

No

Yes Details from passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue

Date of expiry

Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in passport

Does this person intend to study in Australia for more than 3 months? No Yes

Dependants under 18 years of age

22 Have any school age dependants (that is, those who have turned 5 but who have not yet turned 18 years of age) included in this application been enrolled in a school in Australia?

No

Yes You **must** provide evidence (eg. enrolment advice, offer letter)

23 Do you have the sole legal right to determine where any dependants under 18 years of age who are included in this application will live or to remove each such dependant from their country of usual residence?

No Give details below

Yes Go to Question 24

Give details of ALL other people not included in this application who have custody, access or guardianship rights in relation to the dependant(s).

Attach a statutory declaration from each of these people giving permission for the dependant to accompany you to Australia.

1. Family name

Given names

Residential address

POSTCODE

Telephone

Relationship to dependant

Nature of legal right

Statutory declaration attached? No Yes

2. Family name

Given names

Residential address

POSTCODE

Telephone

Relationship to dependant

Nature of legal right

Statutory declaration attached? No Yes

24 Are any of your dependants who are under 18 years of age, and who are included in this application, the subject of a court order giving you:

- the sole legal right to determine where they will live; or
- the right to remove them from their country of usual residence?

No

Yes Attach a certified copy of the court order(s)

Previous visa applications

Warning — In general, a person can only hold one visa at a time. If you are granted a visa while you already have another, the first visa will cease automatically when the new visa is granted.

25 Have you or any other person included in this application previously applied for any type of Australian visa?

No Yes

Do you currently hold a visa?

No Yes

Are you currently awaiting a decision on another visa application?

No Yes

If you answered 'Yes' to any of the above questions, give details below

1. Name

Type of visa

Place of issue

Date of issue DAY MONTH YEAR / /

Application Refused

Granted Visa label number

V **<**

If granted a visa without a label, provide the 13-digit visa grant number (as shown on the letter notifying you of visa grant).

2. Name

Type of visa

Place of issue

Date of issue DAY MONTH YEAR / /

Application Refused

Granted Visa label number

V **<**

If granted a visa without a label, provide the 13-digit visa grant number (as shown on the letter notifying you of visa grant).

26 If you are applying:

as a member of the family unit of a student Go to Part C

in all other cases Go to Part B

Part B – To be completed by the student

27 Are you applying in Australia?

No Go to Question 28

Yes Go to Question 29

28 What date do you expect to arrive in Australia?

DAY MONTH YEAR / /

29 What date do you intend to depart Australia after completing your course?

DAY MONTH YEAR / /

30 Do you currently hold a student visa?

No If you are in Assessment Level 2, 3, 4 or 5 you will be required at Question 44 to provide exceptional reasons why you should be granted a student visa in Australia.

Yes

31 Provide details of your highest qualification obtained outside Australia, as well as all other studies and training obtained outside Australia.

You **must** provide **evidence** of your study and training, including academic records, if you are:

- in Assessment Level 3, 4 or 5; or
- in Assessment Level 2 seeking to undertake studies in the postgraduate research sector.

All other applicants may be requested to provide evidence where considered necessary.

In certain limited circumstances, you may be requested to provide copies of any published works written by you.

1. Highest qualification

Name of education provider or training body

Address of education provider or training body

POSTCODE

DAY MONTH YEAR / /

Commencement date

DAY MONTH YEAR / /

Finish date

Documentation attached? No Yes

2. Other course undertaken outside Australia

Name of education provider or training body

Address of education provider or training body

POSTCODE

Commencement date DAY MONTH YEAR

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Finish date DAY MONTH YEAR

/ /

Documentation attached? No Yes

3. Other course undertaken outside Australia

Name of education provider or training body

Address of education provider or training body

POSTCODE

Commencement date DAY MONTH YEAR

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Finish date DAY MONTH YEAR

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Documentation attached? No Yes

32 Have you previously studied in Australia?

No

Yes Give details below

You **must** provide evidence of your studies and training, including academic records

1. Previous course in Australia

Name of education provider or training body

Period of study

From MONTH YEAR / to MONTH YEAR /

2. Previous course in Australia

Name of education provider or training body

Period of study

From MONTH YEAR / to MONTH YEAR /

3. Previous course in Australia

Name of education provider or training body

Period of study

From MONTH YEAR / to MONTH YEAR /

33 Give details of your intended courses of study in Australia.

You must provide evidence of enrolment. Unless you are seeking to study in Australia as a secondary school exchange student or as a student sponsored by AusAID or the Australian Department of Defence, you **must** attach:

- **if applying in Australia, or outside Australia as an Assessment Level 1 or 2 student**, the electronic confirmation of enrolment certificate from your education provider. If you propose to study more than one course you must provide either an electronic confirmation of enrolment certificate, or an original 'offer of a place in a course' letter from your education provider for each additional course; or
- **if applying outside Australia as an Assessment Level 3 or 4 student**, the original 'offer of a place in a course' letter from your education provider. If you are assessed as a genuine student, the Australian Government office will provide you with a letter of genuineness. Only at this stage should you pay any tuition fees and obtain an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment.

If you are seeking to study as an exchange student, you must attach to this application the Acceptance Advice Secondary Exchange Student (AASES) form as evidence of enrolment.

If you wish to study in Australia as a student sponsored by AusAID or the Australian Department of Defence, you must attach evidence of sponsorship from AusAID or the Department of Defence.

1. Intended course

Name of education provider or training body

Commencement date DAY MONTH YEAR

/ /

Finish date DAY MONTH YEAR

/ /

Have you enrolled?

No Attach letter of 'offer of a place in a course'

Yes Is evidence of enrolment attached? No Yes

2. Intended course

 Name of education provider or training body

 Commencement date DAY / MONTH / YEAR
 Finish date / /
 Have you enrolled?
 No ▶ Attach letter of 'offer of a place in a course'
 Yes ▶ Is evidence of enrolment attached? No Yes

3. Intended course

 Name of education provider or training body

 Commencement date DAY / MONTH / YEAR
 Finish date / /
 Have you enrolled?
 No ▶ Attach letter of 'offer of a place in a course'
 Yes ▶ Is evidence of enrolment attached? No Yes

Note: If you are enrolled in more than 3 courses you must attach evidence of these additional courses with your application.

Your English language details

34 Are you an applicant in Assessment Level 1 or 2?
 No
 Yes ▶ Go to Question 37

35 Have you undertaken an English language proficiency test within the last 24 months?
 No
 Yes ▶ Name of test

 Date of test DAY / MONTH / YEAR
 Test certificate number

36 Have you studied for at least 5 years (in the English language) in one or more of the following countries:
 • Australia; • the Republic of Ireland;
 • Canada; • the United Kingdom; or
 • New Zealand; • the United States of America?
 • South Africa;
 No
 Yes ▶ Attach evidence

Your employment details

37 Give details of your employment history since leaving school/college/university.

1. Period: From MONTH / YEAR to MONTH / YEAR
 Name and address of employer

 POSTCODE
 Type of business
 Occupation
 Salary level
 Documentation attached? No Yes

2. Period: From MONTH / YEAR to MONTH / YEAR
 Name and address of employer

 POSTCODE
 Type of business
 Occupation
 Salary level
 Documentation attached? No Yes

38 Are you currently employed?

No ▶ Are you a student
unemployed
other ▶ Please describe

Why do you wish to undertake the course of study you have nominated? *If insufficient space, attach additional details.*

▶▶ Now go to Question 40

Yes ▶ Your position

Name and address of your employer

 POSTCODE

Telephone number

COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
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Have you attached evidence of your employment details?

No Yes

Are you currently a student in Australia?

No Yes

39 Have you been offered a job for when you return home at the completion of your course?

No ▶ What kind of employment will you be seeking on your return to your home country?

Yes ▶ Name and address of your employer

 POSTCODE

Telephone number

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Title of position offered

Other address details

40 Give details of any immediate relatives in Australia (*ie. parent, partner, child, brother or sister*)

1. Name

Relationship to you

Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR
/ /

Address

 POSTCODE

Immigration status in Australia (*eg. temporary or permanent resident, Australian citizen*)

Date of arrival DAY MONTH YEAR
/ /

2. Name

Relationship to you

Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR
/ /

Address

 POSTCODE

Immigration status in Australia (*eg. temporary or permanent resident, Australian citizen*)

Date of arrival DAY MONTH YEAR
/ /

41 Give details of your closest relative in your home country who is neither accompanying nor joining you in Australia

Name

Relationship to you

Address

 POSTCODE

Telephone number

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Financial details

42 Are you applying to study in Australia as a secondary school exchange student?

No

Yes ► Go to Question 44

43 Do you have access to sufficient funds to support you and your family unit members for the TOTAL period of your stay in Australia (including proposed course fees for you and any school-age family members, living costs and travel costs, regardless of whether your dependants intend to accompany you to Australia)?

Living costs are a minimum amount set for visa purposes. Living costs vary depending on where you will be living and studying. It is your responsibility to determine what your own costs will be to live and study in Australia. Even if you have permission to work you should not rely on work to support yourself in Australia as a student.

No ► Go to Question 44

Yes ► Please complete the declaration below

If you are under 18 years of age, this declaration must be signed on your behalf by your parents or a person(s) who has legal custody of you.

If you are in Assessment Level 2–5, you **must** provide documentary **evidence** that you have sufficient funds (unless you are a secondary school exchange student). It is important that you refer to the department's website **www.immi.gov.au/students/** for details regarding the level of funds you are required to demonstrate, acceptable sources of funds and of the length of time funds must have been held.

I declare that I have access to sufficient funds to support myself and my family unit members (regardless of whether they are accompanying me to Australia) for the total period of my stay in Australia.

Your signature

Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Additional information

44 If there is any other information or documentation you would like taken into consideration in assessing your application attach it to the application.

Remember that a decision may be based solely on the information you provide in this application.

Note: If you are applying in Australia as an Assessment Level 2–5 applicant and do not hold a student visa, you must provide exceptional reasons to justify the grant of your visa.

►► Now go to Part D

Part C – To be completed only if you are a family unit member joining a student in Australia

45 Has the student you are joining, who is a member of your family unit, completed form 919 *Nomination of student dependants*?

No ► If applying outside Australia, you **must** provide a completed form 919 with this application

Yes ► Attach the completed form 919 to this application

46 Do you intend to study in Australia for more than 3 months?

No

Yes ► If you are 5 years up to 18 years of age, please provide documentary evidence of school enrolment in Australia.

If you are 18 years of age or older and you intend to study in Australia for more than 3 months, you must apply for a student visa as a principal applicant, rather than as a family unit member.

47 Provide details of the student you are joining in Australia

Name

Relationship to you

Date of birth DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Citizenship(s)

Address

 POSTCODE

Type of student visa held

What Assessment Level were they assessed against (if known)?

Date granted DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Expiry date / /

Note: You cannot join your family unit member in Australia on a student visa if they are in Assessment Levels 3–5 unless the total duration of the course(s) they are undertaking in Australia is at least 12 months or more.

48 Did the student you are joining declare in their initial student visa application you and other members of their family unit included in this application?

No

Yes

49 Is the student you are joining:

- the holder of an International Postgraduate Research Scholarship;
- sponsored by AusAID or the Australian Department of Defence;
- fully sponsored by the federal, or a state or territory government of Australia;
- fully sponsored by the government of your home country, or by a state or provincial government of your home country;
- fully sponsored by a multilateral organisation eg. the United Nations, World Bank?

No

Yes ► If the student you are joining is in Assessment Level 2–5 and was granted their visa after 1 December 2003, there are specific financial evidentiary requirements that you must meet. Please go to the department's website for details on the levels of funds you are required to demonstrate, acceptable sources of funds and the length of time funds must be held.

►► Now go to Part D

50 Does the student you are joining have sufficient funds to financially support themselves, you and any other family members included in this application, for the remainder of his or her stay in Australia?

No

Yes ► You **must** attach evidence of this financial support

Part D – To be completed by all applicants

Health declaration

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

No

Yes Give details

1. Name
 Country(s)
 Date from

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	/

 to

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	/

2. Name
 Country(s)
 Date from

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	/

 to

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	/

3. Name
 Country(s)
 Date from

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	/

 to

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	/

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

No

Yes Give details

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

No

Yes Give details

54 Do you, or any other person included in this application, intend to work, or be a trainee, at a child care centre (including preschools and creches) while in Australia?

No

Yes Give details

55 Have you, or any other person included in this application:

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

No

Yes Give details

63 Will your relative reside in Australia as:

an Australian citizen or permanent resident

a Temporary resident ► How long are they permitted to stay in Australia?

OR until

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Form 157N must be completed and lodged together with this application.

64 Give details of your relative's Student Guardian visa application

Granted ► Visa label number

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Period of stay

Expiry date (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

MONTHS

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Not yet decided ► Australian Government office where application lodged

Period of stay sought

MONTHS

►► Now go to Question 66

65 As the parents or a person(s) who has legal custody of a student applicant under 18 years of age, who is neither being accompanied by you nor staying with a relative who is at least 21 years of age, have you obtained a written statement from your child's education provider(s) that accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements for your child are appropriate?

No

Yes ► Please attach the original or a copy of the signed undertaking from the education provider

66 I am satisfied with the reception, care and support arrangements that have been made in Australia for my dependent child under 18 years of age.

Note: Both parents must sign this declaration.

Signature of parent/person who has legal custody

Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Full name (*print in English*)

Relationship to student applicant

Signature of parent/person who has legal custody

Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Full name (*print in English*)

Relationship to student applicant

Custody arrangements for students under 18 years of age

67 Do you have the **sole legal right** to determine where the applicant will live or to remove the applicant from their country of usual residence?

No Provide details of ALL other people who have custody, access or guardianship rights in relation to the applicant
If there is more than one person, please attach details.

Name

Residential address

 POSTCODE

Telephone number

COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER

Relationship to student visa applicant

Nature of legal right

You must sign the declaration at Question 68.

All other people who have custody, access or guardianship rights in relation to the applicant must also sign the declaration at Question 68.

If any of these people are unable to complete the declaration at Question 68 for any reason, you must attach a statutory declaration from them giving permission for the applicant to travel to Australia as a student.

Yes Complete the declaration at Question 68

68 Declaration by the parent(s) or person(s) with legal custody of a student visa applicant under 18 years of age

I am not aware of any reason why the visa applicant should not travel to Australia (the custody/access/guardianship rights of another person are not affected).

Signature of parent/person who has legal custody

Date

Full name (*print in English*)

Relationship to student applicant

Signature of parent/person who has legal custody

Date

Full name (*print in English*)

Relationship to student applicant

If more than 2 people have custody, access or guardianship rights in relation to the applicant, please attach a statutory declaration from them giving permission for the applicant to travel to Australia as a student.

Assistance with this form

69 Did you receive assistance in completing this form?

No ▶ Go to Question 74

Yes ▶ Please give details of the person who assisted you

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Family name

Given names

Address

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

Telephone number or daytime contact

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Office hours	()	()	

Mobile/cell

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

No

Yes ▶ Go to Question 74

71 Is the person an education agent?

No

Yes ▶ Please give details below

Education Agency Business Name

Education Agent Registration Number *(if known)*

Address *(if different from address given in Question 69)*

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

E-mail address

Telephone number or daytime contact

Office hours

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Mobile/cell

Fax number

	COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
	()	()	

72 Is the person/agent in Australia?

No ▶ Go to Question 74

Yes

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

No

Yes

Options for receiving written communications

74 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

Declaration and consent

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

Before signing the declaration and consent refer to the department's website to ensure that you have attached all documentation listed for your Assessment Level and Education Sector visa subclass.

76 The following declaration and consent must be signed and dated by all people over 18 years of age included in this application.

Both parents or any person who has legal custody must complete the declaration and consent on behalf of any children under 18 years of age or any person who lacks the legal capacity to sign on their own behalf.

- I certify the information supplied on or with this form is correct.
- I acknowledge my responsibility for organising appropriate accommodation and travel to and from Australia on behalf of the student visa holder under the age of 18.
- I am aware that condition 8532 will be imposed on the visa of the student under the age of 18 and I will ensure that appropriate welfare arrangements are in place and maintained at all times.
- If granted a visa, I acknowledge that I am required to abide by its conditions as outlined in the information sheet Applying for a student visa.
- I declare that I have made adequate arrangements for health insurance for the period of my stay in Australia and I acknowledge that I am required to maintain these arrangements while in Australia as the holder of a student visa.
- I have attached all documentary evidence as specified on the department's website for my Assessment Level and the visa subclass under which I am applying.
- I acknowledge that I understand that if the 8534 visa condition is imposed on my visa, it will be indicated by the condition code '8534' and by the short description 'No Further Stay'. I acknowledge that this means that the 8534 condition has been imposed on my visa and that I will not, while in Australia, be entitled to the grant of any other visa¹, apart from:
 - permission to work, the application for which was made on form 157P; or
 - a subclass 497 (Graduate–Skilled) visa.
- I understand that the effect of the 8534 visa condition is that it will not be possible for me to apply to remain in Australia beyond the date authorised by my visa¹ and that I will be required to depart Australia on or before that date. I agree to having this condition included on any visa issued to me as a result of this application if the department decides to impose it as a condition of grant of a visa.
- I acknowledge that I understand that if the 8535 visa condition is imposed on my visa, it will be indicated by the condition code '8535' and by the short description 'No Further Stay'. I acknowledge that this means that the 8535 condition has been imposed on my visa and that I will not, while in Australia, be entitled to be granted any other visa¹, apart from:
 - a further student visa with permission to work, the application for which was made on form 157P; or
 - a further student visa, with the consent of my sponsor.
- I understand that if any fraudulent or misleading documents or information is found, this application is likely to be refused and I may be subject to a bar period.
- I declare that I have read the information in the www.studyinaustralia.gov.au website on living and studying in Australia, including information on the cost of living, accommodation and employment.

- I understand that if I am granted a student visa this does not guarantee that I will be eligible for the grant of a further visa to remain in Australia, including a Skilled Migration visa.
- I understand that the effect of the 8535 visa condition is that it will not be possible for me to remain in Australia beyond the date authorised by my visa¹, unless I am applying for a further student visa with the consent of my sponsor, and that I will be required to depart Australia on or before the authorised date. I agree to having this condition included on any visa issued to me as a result of this application if the department decides to impose it as a condition of grant of a visa.
- I am aware that I must immediately advise the department if I become aware that any information provided in this form is incorrect or if there is a change in my circumstances that are relevant to this application at any time.
- I will respect Australian values as listed on this form, during my stay in Australia and will obey the laws of Australia.

For offshore applicants who are required to provide their fingerprints and facial image:

- I understand that my fingerprints and facial image and my biographical information held by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship may be given to Australian law enforcement agencies to help identify me, to help determine my eligibility for grant of the visa I have applied for, and for law enforcement purposes.
- I consent to:
 - Australian law enforcement agencies disclosing my biometric, biographical and criminal record information to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship for any of the purposes outlined above; and
 - the Department of Immigration and Citizenship using the information obtained for the purposes of the Migration Act 1958 or the Citizenship Act 2007.

Signature

Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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Signature

Date

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Signature

Date

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Signature

Date

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

¹ Except in extremely limited circumstances which are outside your control, or to engage Australia's protection obligation under the 1951 UN convention relating to the status of refugees.