



Australian Government

Department of Immigration and
Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

Application for a student visa

Form
157A

Applying online

The Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (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 information form 1160i *Applying for a student visa*. Detailed information is also available on the Department's website www.immi.gov.au/study/index.htm

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

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 visa (subclass 580). 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/forms_booklets/index.htm

Please refer to information form 1160i *Applying for a student visa* for further information about Australia's student visa program.

Working while studying

If you already hold a student visa and now want permission to work, you and your family members can apply online www.immi.gov.au/e_visa/students.htm

To be eligible for permission to work while studying in Australia, you must first have commenced your course. More information about permission to work while studying is available on the Department's website

www.immi.gov.au/study/working/index.htm

Changing education provider

If you hold a student visa and wish to change education provider, you may need to seek the Department's permission first. You must seek permission if your visa is subject to condition 8206 and you wish to change education provider either:

- while studying any preliminary courses; or
- during the first 12 months of your principal course.

If you wish to change education provider but continue studying the same type of course, you must apply on form 157C *Application for a student visa with permission to change provider*.

If you wish to change both your provider and the type of course you are studying, you must apply for a new student visa using this form (form 157A).

In either case, you must demonstrate that exceptional reasons exist to justify your change in enrolment.

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/study/index.htm

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 form 1160i *Applying for a student visa* and on the Department's website.

Note: If you are required to provide the results of an English language test, **you must sit the test before you lodge your visa application**. If you sit a test after you have lodged your application, the results of this test cannot be taken into account.

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 form 1219i *Overseas Student Program – Assessment Levels* for information on which assessment level applies to you. Information on assessment levels can be found on the Department's website.

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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.

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 the family unit' covers your spouse and dependent children of you or your spouse, who are unmarried and have not turned 18 years of age. School-age dependants are unmarried dependent children of you or your spouse 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 *Student dependant nomination*. 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 spouse 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. You are responsible for their education costs in accordance with the charging policy of the relevant Australian State or Territory.

Your spouse 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.

'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 form 1160i *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 a further 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' if you can show an additional A\$12,000 and 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 Commonwealth of Australia 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 a further student visa with permission to work or a further student visa with the consent of your sponsor¹.

¹ Or to engage Australia's protection obligation under the 1951 UN convention relating to the status of refugees.

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. You can check the visa application charge with your nearest office of the Department, or from form 990i *Charges*, which is available in the Forms section of 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. If you have paid enrolment or tuition fees, it is your responsibility to get a refund of these fees.

To make a payment in Australia, please pay by credit card, debit card or by bank cheque or money order made payable to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs. **Please do not pay by cash or personal cheque.**

For clients outside Australia, before you make a payment, please contact the Australian Government office to find out what methods of payment can be accepted at that office.

Authorisation of a person to receive written communications

You may authorise another person to receive all written communications about your application for a student visa with the Department. That person will be known as your authorised recipient. To do this you will need to complete Question 76 *Options for receiving written communications* and Question 78 *Authorised recipient details* in this form. The authorised recipient will need to sign at Question 80. You can only appoint one authorised recipient at any time. The Department will communicate with the most recently appointed authorised recipient.

The Department is required under section 494D of the *Migration Act 1958* to send to your authorised recipient any written communication relating to your application that would otherwise have been sent to you. The Department will only send to your authorised recipient information that you are entitled to receive. For example, if you are a visa applicant and have a sponsor, your authorised recipient will not receive personal information about your sponsor, unless your sponsor also appointed the same authorised recipient.

If you decide to change the authorised recipient that you have nominated after you have lodged your application, you must promptly advise the Department in writing of the details of that person.

If you are a Business Skills visa holder and need to advise the Department of a change of authorised recipient you should use form 922 *Notification of address or change of address for Business Skills visa holders*.

Authorisation of a migration agent to act on your behalf

If you have a migration agent acting on your behalf in relation to your application for a student visa you need to complete Question 76 *Options for receiving written communications* and Question 81 *Migration agent details*. The migration agent will need to sign at Question 83.

Appointing a migration agent to act on your behalf includes authorising the Department to send to that agent any written communication about your student visa application that would otherwise have been sent to you.

You will be taken to have received any documents sent to that agent as if they had been sent to you.

When you provide details of the migration agent please make sure you give the agent's 7-digit migration agent registration number (MARN) and the agent's full name.

If you change your migration agent or end his/her appointment after you have lodged this application you must promptly advise the Department by using form 956 *Appointment of migration agent or exempted agent*, which is available on the Department's website or from your migration agent. You should also notify the agent of this, preferably in writing.

Appointing a migration agent to act on your behalf includes authorising the Department to:

- discuss your student visa application with your agent and seek further information via your agent; and
- send to your agent any written communication about your student visa application that would otherwise have been sent to you. This means your migration agent will be your authorised recipient for written communication under section 494D of the *Migration Act 1958* and you will be taken to have received any documents sent to the migration agent as if they were sent to you.

The Department will communicate with your agent about your application, including your personal information such as health, police checks, financial viability and personal relationships. If your agent authorises it, this communication may take place by e-mail. The Department will only send to your agent information which you are entitled to receive. For example, if you are a visa applicant and have a sponsor, your agent will not receive personal information about your sponsor, unless your sponsor has also appointed the same agent.

In some situations an officer of the Department will need to speak with you directly, rather than your migration agent, for example, if you are applying for a visa, you may be interviewed about your personal circumstances relevant to the visa application. In some situations an officer will also send documents to you directly (such as your passport) instead of sending these to your agent, but will inform your agent that it has done so.

If you have appointed a migration agent to act for you, you are still responsible for the accuracy of information and supporting documentation that you provide to your agent so that your agent can provide it to the Department.

Using a migration agent

You are not required to use a migration agent. However, if you intend to use a migration agent you are advised to use a registered migration agent.

Under Australian law, anyone who uses knowledge of migration procedures to offer immigration assistance to a person wishing to obtain a visa to enter or remain in Australia must be registered.

A list of registered migration agents is available from the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) website www.themara.com.au

You can contact the MARA at:

PO Box Q1551
QVB NSW 1230
AUSTRALIA

Phone: 61 2 9299 5446

Facsimile: 61 2 9299 8448

E-mail: themara@themara.com.au

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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 should contact the MARA. You can also download a copy of the complaint form from MARA's website.

Using an agent exempted from registration

Only registered migration agents can provide 'immigration assistance' for a fee or gift. However, certain people, such as officials, parliamentarians, diplomats, are able to provide immigration assistance as exempted agents so long as they do not receive a fee or gift.

If you wish to appoint an exempted agent you must complete form 956 *Appointment of migration agent or exempted agent* and attach it to this application form.

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.

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 Commonwealth 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 the form to indicate their consent to this form of communication.

About the information you give in this form

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 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 you provide 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. It will also be disclosed to any agency of the Commonwealth of Australia, or of a State or Territory, that is responsible for or otherwise concerned with the regulation of education providers.

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 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 relevant Commonwealth, 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*, available from the Department's offices, gives details of agencies to which your personal information might be disclosed.

The Department has authority under the *Migration Act 1958* to collect a range of personal identifiers from non-citizens, including visa applicants, in certain circumstances. 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/forms_booklets/index.htm

The *Freedom of Information Act 1982* also relates to your personal information. Under this Act you can apply for access to documents containing your personal information. You or someone authorised to access information on your behalf can apply to do this at any office of the Department in Australia. There is no fee for accessing your own information. If you are overseas, you must also provide the Australian Government office with an address in Australia to which copies of personal records can be sent. More information on how to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act is given on form 424 *Request for access to documents*.

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

DIMIA enquiry line

Telephone **131 881** for the cost of a local call (24 hours a day, 7 days a week). This number is available only in Australia. If you are outside Australia, please contact your nearest Australian mission.



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Part A – To be completed by all applicants

Application details

1 How many people are included in this application?

2 Are you applying
for yourself as a student? Complete Parts A, B and D
for yourself and family? Complete Parts A, B and D
as a member of a
student's family unit? Complete Parts A, C and D

PHOTOGRAPH

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

Your personal 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

9 Marital status
Never married Separated
Married De facto
Divorced Widowed

10 Your present country of citizenship

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 Where applicable, give your identification number

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Dependants under 18 years of age

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

23 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 of enrolment

24 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 25

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.

Family name

Given names

Residential address

POSTAL CODE

COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER
Telephone () ()

Relationship to dependant

Nature of legal right

Statutory declaration attached? No Yes

Family name

Given names

Residential address

POSTAL CODE

COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER
Telephone () ()

Relationship to dependant

Nature of legal right

Statutory declaration attached? No Yes

25 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)

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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.

26 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

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).

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).

27 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

28 Are you applying in Australia?

No Go to Question 30

Yes

29 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 46 to provide exceptional reasons why you should be granted a student visa in Australia.

Yes

30 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.

Highest qualification

Name of education provider or training body

Address of education provider or training body

POSTAL CODE

Commencement date

DAY MONTH YEAR / /

Finish date

/ /

Documentation attached?

No

Yes

Other course undertaken outside Australia

Name of education provider or training body

Address of education provider or training body

POSTAL CODE

Commencement date

DAY MONTH YEAR
/ /

Finish date

/ /

Documentation attached?

No Yes

Other course undertaken outside Australia

Name of education provider or training body

Address of education provider or training body

POSTAL CODE

Commencement date

DAY MONTH YEAR
/ /

Finish date

/ /

Documentation attached?

No Yes

31 Have you previously studied in Australia?

No

Yes Give details below

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

Previous course in Australia

Name of education provider or training body

Period of study

From / to /

Previous course in Australia

Name of education provider or training body

Period of study

From / to /

Previous course in Australia

Name of education provider or training body

Period of study

From / to /

32 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.

Intended course

Name of education provider or training body

Commencement date / /

Finish date / /

Have you enrolled?

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

Yes Is evidence of enrolment attached? No Yes

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Intended course

Name of education provider or training body

Commencement date / /

Finish date / /

Have you enrolled?

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

Yes Is evidence of enrolment attached? No Yes

Intended course

Name of education provider or training body

Commencement date / /

Finish date / /

Have you enrolled?

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

Yes Is evidence of enrolment attached? No Yes

Your English language details

33 Are you an applicant in Assessment Level 1 or 2?

No

Yes Go to Question 35

34 Have you undertaken an English language proficiency test within the last 24 months?

No

Yes Name of test

Date of test / /

Test certificate number

Note: You **must** attach a certificate showing that you have completed an English language proficiency test.

35 Have you studied for at least 5 years (in the English language) in one or more of the following countries:

- Australia;
- Canada;
- New Zealand;
- South Africa;
- the Republic of Ireland;
- the United Kingdom; or
- the United States of America?

No

Yes Attach evidence

Your employment details

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

Period: From / to /

Name and address of employer

Type of business

Occupation

Salary level

Documentation attached? No Yes

Period: From / to /

Name and address of employer

Type of business

Occupation

Salary level

Documentation attached? No Yes

37 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.*

If you are:
in Assessment Level 1 or 2 ▶ Go to Question 43
in Assessment Level 3, 4 or 5 ▶ Go to Question 42

Yes ▶ Your position

Name, address and telephone number of your employer

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

38 Are you an applicant in Assessment Level 3, 4 or 5?

No ▶ Go to Question 43

Yes

39 Does your employer support your application to study in Australia?

No

Yes ▶ Please attach a letter to this effect from your employer

Employer unaware of application

40 Do you speak English in your current employment?

No

Yes

41 Is English a requirement in your current employment?

No

Yes

42 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, address and telephone number of your employer

POSTAL CODE

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Title of position offered

Other address details

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

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
/ /

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
/ /

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

Name

Relationship to you

Address

Telephone
() ()

Financial details

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

No

Yes ▶ Go to Question 47

46 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)?

No ▶ Go to Question 47

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/study/index.htm 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
/ /

Additional information

47 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 in Australia as the holder of a student subclass 570–576 visa and you wish to change your principal course within the first 12 months of that course, and your new principal course will be in a new education sector, then as part of this application you must provide exceptional circumstances to justify the change of course.

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

48 Has the student you are joining, who is a member of your family unit, completed form 919 *Student dependant nomination*?

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

Yes ▶ Attach the completed form 919 to this application

49 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.

50 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.

51 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

52 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 Commonwealth of Australia, 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

53 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

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Part D – To be completed by all applicants

Health declaration

54 In the last 5 years, have you, or has any member of your family unit included in this application, visited or lived outside your country of usual residence for more than 3 consecutive months?

No

Yes Give details

Name

Countries

Date to

Name

Countries

Date to

Name

Countries

Date to

55 Do you, or any member of your family unit included in this application, intend entering an Australian hospital (including nursing homes) for work, training, treatment or visiting?

No

Yes Give full details

56 Do you, or any member of your family unit included in this application, intend to work in an Australian preschool-aged child care centre (including preschools and creches) as an employee or trainee?

No

Yes Give full details

57 Have you, or any member of your family unit included in this application:

- ever had, or do you currently have, tuberculosis?
- been in close contact with a person who has, or has had, active tuberculosis?
- ever had a chest x-ray which showed an abnormality?

No

Yes Give full details

58 Do you require assistance with mobility and/or care?

No

Yes Provide details of the mobility/care concerns that apply to you and how they are addressed

59 Do you intend performing medical procedures (eg. as a practising/trainee doctor, dentist, nurse) during your stay in Australia?

No

Yes Provide details of the medical/dental/nursing procedures you may be involved with in Australia

Accommodation/welfare arrangements for students under 18 years of age

62 Are you under 18 years of age?

Note: Depending on your Assessment Level, you may need to meet a minimum age or education standard requirement. Refer to information form 1219i *Overseas Student Program – Assessment Levels* and the Department's website for more details.

No ▶ Go to Question 72

Yes ▶ Questions 63 (and either question 64, 65, 67 or 68) and the declaration at 70 must be completed on your behalf by your parents or a person(s) who has legal custody of you, as you are under 18 years of age. If your parents or a person(s) who has legal custody of you have not made adequate arrangements for your accommodation, support and general welfare while in Australia, a student visa cannot be granted. Evidence of their relationship to you must be provided.

63 This question, and other questions as indicated, **must be completed by the parents, or person(s) who has legal custody of the applicant under 18 years of age.**

Which statement best explains your situation?

I am a parent or person who has legal custody of the student applicant and I am going to accompany the child to Australia. ▶ Go to Question 64

I am a parent or person who has legal custody of the student applicant and have made arrangements for the child to stay in Australia with a relative* who is 21 years of age or older. ▶ Go to Question 65

* A relative is defined under the Migration Regulations as a spouse, child, adopted child, parent, brother, sister, step-child, step-parent, step-brother, step-sister, grandparent, grandchild, aunt, uncle, niece or nephew, or a step-grandparent, step-grandchild, step-aunt, step-uncle, step-niece or step-nephew.

The student applicant will not be accompanied by either a parent or a person who has legal custody, and will not stay in Australia with a relative who is 21 years of age or older. ▶ Go to Question 68

64 As the parent or a person who has legal custody of a student applicant under 18 years of age, do you hold or have you applied for a visa (eg. Student Guardian visa – subclass 580) to accompany your child during their stay in Australia?

No

Yes ▶ Please give your details below, then go to Question 69

Family name

Given names

Date of birth

DAY MONTH YEAR
/ /

Your intended address in Australia

 POSTCODE

Application:

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).

Period of stay

MONTHS

Expiry date (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

/ /

Not yet decided ▶ Australian Government office where application lodged

▶▶ Now go to Question 69

65 As the parents or a person(s) who has legal custody of a student applicant under 18 years of age, have you made arrangements with a relative who is at least 21 years of age and of good character with whom your child will stay in Australia?

No

Yes ▶ Please give details of the relative

Family name

Given names

Date of birth

DAY MONTH YEAR
/ /

Address of relative in Australia

 POSTCODE

Relationship of relative to the child

66 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
/	/	/

You **must** attach evidence:

- that your relative is of good character eg. police clearance; and
- of your relative's residence status in Australia.

▶▶ Now go to Question 69

67 Give details of your relative's Student Guardian visa application?

Granted Visa label number

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 69

68 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 signed undertaking from the education provider

69 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

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Custody arrangements for students under 18 years of age

70 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

Telephone number

COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER

Relationship to student visa applicant

Nature of legal right

You must sign the declaration at Question 71.

All other people who have custody, access or guardianship rights in relation to the applicant must also sign the declaration at Question 71.

If any of these people are unable to complete the declaration at Question 71 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 71

71 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 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

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

72 Did you receive assistance in completing this form?

No ▶ Go to Question 76

Yes ▶ Please give details of the person who assisted you

Family name (*not a business or company name*)

Given names

Address

POSTCODE

73 Is the person an Australian registered migration agent?

No

Yes ▶ Go to Question 76

74 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 72*)

POSTCODE

E-mail address

Telephone number or daytime contact

Office hours

Mobile phone

Facsimile

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

No

Yes ▶ How much did you pay?

A\$

AND/OR

What kind of gift did you give? (*eg. jewellery*)

Value of gift (*approximately*)

A\$

Options for receiving written communications

76 All written communications about this application should be sent to:
(*Tick one box only*)

Myself ▶ All written communications will be sent to the address for communications that you have provided in this form. Go to Question 84

Migration agent ▶ Go to Question 81

Agents exempted from registration ▶ You must complete form 956 *Appointment of migration agent or exempted agent* and attach it to this application form. Go to Question 84

Authorised recipient ▶ This is a person authorised to receive written communications other than a migration agent. All written communications that would otherwise have been sent to you in relation to this application will be sent to that person.

77 Do you want the authorised recipient to receive requests for medical investigation or information about your health, or the health of your spouse or dependants, that may arise or be revealed in the course of this application?

No

Yes

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Payment details

84 How will you pay your application charge? (If applying in Australia, debit card or credit card are the preferred methods of payment.)

Bank cheque ▶ If applying outside Australia, please check with the Australian Government office where you intend to lodge your application that you may pay by cheque.

Money order

Debit card ▶ This option is available in Australia only. It is not available for mailed applications.

Credit card ▶ Give details below.

Note: This option is available where applications are made in Australia. If you are making the application outside Australia and wish to pay by credit card, please check with the Australian Government office about the availability of this option.

Payment by (tick one box)

Australian Dollars

MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/>	Visa <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="A\$"/>
Bankcard <input type="checkbox"/>	Diners Club <input type="checkbox"/>	
American Express <input type="checkbox"/>	JCB <input type="checkbox"/>	

Credit card number

Expiry date /

Cardholder's name

Telephone

Address

Signature of cardholder

Credit card information will be used for charge paying purposes only.

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Office use only

Name of education provider

Transaction Reference Number

Declaration

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

85 The following declaration 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 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.*
- *If granted a visa, I acknowledge that I am required to abide by its conditions as outlined in the information form 1160i Applying for 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:*
 - *a further student visa with 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 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.*

Signature

Date

DAY MONTH YEAR
/ /

Signature

Date

DAY MONTH YEAR
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Signature

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Signature

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DAY MONTH YEAR
/ /

¹ To engage Australia's protection obligation under the 1951 UN convention relating to the status of refugees.