



# Application for a Resident Return Visa (RRV) or replacement evidence of an RRV

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Before completing your application please read information form 968i *Return documents for Australian citizens and permanent residents*.

## Who should use this form?

This form may be used to apply for:

- an RRV;
- a provisional RRV; or
- replacement evidence of an RRV, or an old-style RRV (called an Authority to Return (ATR) or Return Endorsement (RE)).

If you are in Australia, you do not need to fill in this form. However, you may wish to read through the questions in the form to help determine if you are eligible for an RRV and, if so, what documents you need.

## How to apply

### Step 1

Complete this form in English using BLOCK LETTERS.

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

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

### Step 2

Make sure you have all the documents required. These will include your current passport and additional documents as requested in questions in this form.

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

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

### Step 3

Make sure you have included the application charge. If more than one applicant is travelling on the same passport, only one form and one charge is required. In all other cases of family applicants, each passport holder must complete a separate application and pay a separate charge. See form 990i *Charges*.

Payment must accompany your application and is generally not refunded if the application is unsuccessful. 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 your payment, please contact the nearest Australian mission to find out what methods of payment can be accepted at that office.

### Step 4

If you are outside Australia, lodge your application at any Australian mission.

In Australia, lodge your application at any office of the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA).

### Step 5

Usually your application will be processed while you wait. If you are granted an RRV, or replacement evidence, a visa label will be placed in your passport or travel document as evidence that you hold the visa.

## How do you get your documents back from the Department?

Once processed, you can collect your passport or other documents personally or, if you prefer, they can be sent to your residential address by registered mail. If you would like another person to collect your passport or other documents, complete the appropriate questions on the application form, which must also be signed by you and the person acting on your behalf. Please ensure they carry identification when they attend the DIMIA office or Australian mission.

## Review rights

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

## About the information you give in this form

DIMIA is authorised to collect information provided on this form under the *Migration Act 1958*. It will be used to assess your eligibility for entry into Australia or ensuring compliance with the Migration Act.

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

The information form 993i *Safeguarding your personal information*, available from DIMIA offices, gives details of agencies to which your information might be disclosed.

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## Authorisation of a person to act and receive communication

You may authorise another person to act on your behalf in connection with your application in dealings with DIMIA. Nominating a person to act on your behalf includes authorising that person to receive any communication relating to your application that would otherwise have been sent to you. You will be taken to have received any communication about your application sent to that person as if they were sent to you. If so, you will need to complete form 956 *Authorisation of person to act and receive communication* which is on the last page of this form.

## Use of a migration agent

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

You can contact the MARA at:

PO Box Q1551,  
QVB, NSW 1230,  
Australia

Fax: +61 2 9299 8448

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

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

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

## Consent to communicate electronically

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

To process your application DIMIA may need to communicate with you about sensitive information, for example, health, police checks, financial viability and personal relationships. Electronic communications, unless adequately encrypted, are not secure and may be viewed by others or interfered with. If you agree to DIMIA communicating with you by electronic means, the details you provide will only be used by DIMIA for the purpose for which you have provided them, unless there is a legal obligation or necessity to use them for another purpose, or you have consented to use for another purpose. They will not be added to any mailing list.

The Commonwealth Government accepts no responsibility for the security or integrity of any information sent to DIMIA over the internet or by other electronic means.

If you authorise another person to receive documents on your behalf and they wish to be contacted electronically, their signature is required on the form to indicate their consent to this form of communication.

*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.

*Home page* [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)



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## Part A - To be completed by all applicants

**1** Are you an Australian citizen?  
 No  Yes  **▶** This is not the correct form. Please read the information form 968i *Return documents for Australian citizens and permanent residents.*

**2** What are you applying for?  
 Replacement evidence of a lost, stolen or damaged return document   
 RRV (called a Return (Residence) (Class BB) visa)   
 Provisional RRV (called a Resident Return (Temporary) (Class TP) visa)

**3** Your full name  
 Family name   
 Given names

**4** Have you been known by any other names?  
*(including name at birth, previous married names, aliases)*  
 No   
 Yes  **▶** Give details  
 Family name   
 Given names   
 Reason for change: Deed Poll  Marriage  Other  **▶** specify

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

**5** Sex Male  Female

**6** Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR

**7** Place of birth  
 Town/city   
 Country

**8** Marital status Married  De Facto  Divorced   
 Never married  Engaged  Widowed   
 Separated

**9** Current residential address  
**Note:** A Post Office box address is not acceptable as a residential address. Failure to give a residential address will result in your application being invalid.  
  
  
 POSTCODE

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

**11** Your telephone numbers  
 Office hours (AREA CODE)   
 After hours (AREA CODE)

**12** Do you agree to DIMIA communicating with you by facsimile, e-mail, or other electronic means?  
 No   
 Yes  **▶** Give details  
 Facsimile number (AREA CODE)   
 E-mail address

**13** Are you presently in Australia?  
 No  **▶** Date you last departed Australia DAY MONTH YEAR   
 Yes  **▶** Date of expected departure from Australia DAY MONTH YEAR

**14** Passport details  
 Passport number   
 Issued at   
 Date of issue DAY MONTH YEAR   
 Date of expiry DAY MONTH YEAR   
 Nationality of passport

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**15** Details of family members **included** in your passport who are included in your application

Family name

Given names

Date of birth  DAY MONTH YEAR

Country of birth

Relationship

Australian citizen? No  Yes

Family name

Given names

Date of birth  DAY MONTH YEAR

Country of birth

Relationship

Australian citizen? No  Yes

Family name

Given names

Date of birth  DAY MONTH YEAR

Country of birth

Relationship

Australian citizen? No  Yes

Family name

Given names

Date of birth  DAY MONTH YEAR

Country of birth

Relationship

Australian citizen? No  Yes

**16** If you are applying for:

- RRV or provisional RRV  ▶ Go to Part B below
- Replacement evidence of an RRV, ATR or RE  ▶ Go to Part C - you do not need to complete Part B

**Part B - To be completed if you are applying for an RRV**

**17** Do you have a current permanent visa, or did you have one when you last left Australia?

- No
- Yes  ▶ You will need to provide evidence of this visa. Generally, the simplest way to do this is to provide a passport containing the visa. If you are unable to provide this, you should contact DIMIA or an Australian mission overseas to discuss alternative forms of evidence  
Now go to question 20

**18** Have you ever held a permanent visa?

- No
- Yes  ▶ Give details
- Date you were last granted a permanent visa  DAY MONTH YEAR
- Date you last departed Australia as a permanent visa holder  DAY MONTH YEAR
- Date your last permanent visa expired  DAY MONTH YEAR

**19** Have you previously been an Australian citizen?

- No
- Yes  ▶ Give details
- Date you became an Australian citizen  DAY MONTH YEAR
- Date you ceased to be an Australian citizen  DAY MONTH YEAR
- Date you last departed Australia as an Australian citizen  DAY MONTH YEAR
- You will need to show evidence that you were an Australian citizen, such as a citizen certificate or an Australian passport

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

- No
- Yes  ▶ Attach a separate sheet giving details

**21** Have you ever been deported from Australia?

- No
- Yes  ▶ Attach a separate sheet giving details

**22** Did you first arrive in Australia as a migrant?

- No  ▶ Date you were granted permanent residence in Australia  DAY MONTH YEAR
- Yes  ▶ Date of first arrival in Australia  DAY MONTH YEAR

If you initially arrived in Australia prior to 1973, and you have not travelled since your arrival, you should provide either your original travel document, or the following documents:

- a statutory declaration stating (a) that you have been a resident since your first arrival; and (b) your parents' full names - only if you were under 16 at the time of arrival; and
- one or more of the following sets of documents that indicate the time you have spent in Australia:
  - letters from employers; or
  - school records; or
  - bank records; or
  - tax assessment notices.

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**23** Have you travelled outside Australia in the last 5 years?

No

Yes  ▶ Please provide your passport or travel documents showing your travel outside Australia over the last 5 years.  
Only if these documents are not available, give details below

Details of your departure from Australia

Details of your return to Australia

Date	Port/Airport	Date	Port/Airport

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

No

Yes  ▶ Go to Part D

**25** Are you a member of the family unit of a person who holds an RRV?

No

Yes  ▶ Give details

Person's name

Their passport number

Their visa number

Expiry date of their visa

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

No  ▶ Do you, or did you, have compelling and compassionate reasons for departing Australia?

No

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

If you are outside Australia and it is more than 3 months since you last departed Australia, do you have compelling and compassionate reasons for your absence?

No

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

Now go to Part D

– You do not need to complete Part C

Yes  ▶ Please attach a separate sheet describing these ties to Australia, together with copies of available evidence to support your ties to Australia

**27** If you are outside Australia, and you hold a permanent visa, or you held permanent residence or Australian citizenship when you last departed Australia, have you been absent from Australia for a continuous period of 5 years or more immediately before your application?

No

Yes  ▶ Please attach a separate sheet describing the compelling reasons for your absence, together with copies of available evidence to support your reasons

**28** If you are outside Australia, you do not currently hold a permanent visa and you did not hold permanent residence or Australian citizenship when you last departed Australia, but you have held permanent residence or Australian citizenship at some time in the last 10 years, have you been absent from Australia for a cumulative period of 5 years or more since departing Australia as a permanent resident or Australian citizen?

No

Yes  ▶ Please attach a separate sheet describing the compelling reasons for your absence, together with copies of available evidence to support your reasons

**29** If you are applying inside Australia, have you been absent from Australia for a continuous period of 5 years or more since you were last granted a permanent visa or since the date you ceased to be an Australian citizen?

No

Yes  ▶ Please attach a separate sheet describing the compelling reasons for your absence, together with copies of available evidence to support your reasons

Now go to Part D – You do not need to complete Part C

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## Part C – To be completed if you are applying for replacement evidence of a lost, stolen or damaged RRV, ATR or RE

- A new visa label will only include family members who were named on your original visa if these people are also named in your current passport.
- If any family members who were named in your previous passport and visa now have their own passport and also need evidence of the visa, they need to apply separately for replacement evidence.
- If anyone named on your new passport was not included in the original visa, they need to apply separately for the grant of an RRV.

### 30 Details of the visa you need replaced (if known)

Visa number   
 Date of issue  DAY MONTH YEAR  
 Expiry date  DAY MONTH YEAR  
 Visa class/subclass   
 Where was your visa granted?   
 If you have a photocopy of the visa please attach it

### 31 Details of passport to which the visa was attached (if known)

Name of passport holder   
 Passport number   
 Date of issue  DAY MONTH YEAR  
 Expiry date  DAY MONTH YEAR  
 Nationality of passport

### 32 Details of other persons included in the original visa

Family name   
 Given names   
 Date of birth  DAY MONTH YEAR  
 Country of birth   
 Relationship   
 Australian citizen? No  Yes

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Family name   
 Given names   
 Date of birth  DAY MONTH YEAR  
 Country of birth   
 Relationship   
 Australian citizen? No  Yes

Family name   
 Given names   
 Date of birth  DAY MONTH YEAR  
 Country of birth   
 Relationship   
 Australian citizen? No  Yes

Family name   
 Given names   
 Date of birth  DAY MONTH YEAR  
 Country of birth   
 Relationship   
 Australian citizen? No  Yes

### 33 Briefly describe why you need a new visa label

If your original visa is in a passport which has been lost, stolen or damaged, briefly describe the circumstances

  
  


### 34 If your passport containing the visa was lost or stolen, have you notified the authorities (police or nearest embassy or consulate of your country of citizenship)?

- No
- Yes  ► Provide details and attach copies of any relevant paperwork

## Part D - To be completed by all applicants

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

Note that your passport will not be given to this person unless you provide this authorisation

No

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

Name

Address

POSTCODE

**Signature of representative**

Date

*I authorise the person named above to collect my passport*

**Signature of applicant**

Date

## Authorising another person

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

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

No

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

## Declaration

**37 Warning:** Under the *Migration Act 1958*, there are penalties for deliberately giving false or misleading information.

*I, the applicant, and dependants aged 18 years and over included in my passport and this application, whose signatures appear below, declare that the information provided on this form is complete, correct and up-to-date in every detail.*

**Signature of applicant**

Date

**Signature of dependant aged 18 years and over**

Date

**Signature of dependant aged 18 years and over**

Date

## Payment details

**38** How will you pay your application charge?

- Bank cheque  Please make payable to:  
 Department of Immigration and  
 Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
- Money order  Not available for mailed applications
- Debit Card  Give details below
- Credit card

If you wish to pay by credit card, please complete this section

Payment by (tick one box)

Australian Dollars

MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/>	Visa <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
Bankcard <input type="checkbox"/>	Diners Club <input type="checkbox"/>	
American Express <input type="checkbox"/>	JCB <input type="checkbox"/>	

Credit card number

Expiry date

MONTH	YEAR
<input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/>

Cardholder's name

Telephone no.

Address

POSTCODE

**Signature of cardholder**

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

### Office use only

Charge paid? No  Yes

Expiry date of passport

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	/

Class / subclass of visa issued

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	/

Previous visa no. (if applicable)

VIT / Visa number

Expiry date of visa Issued at

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	/

Date of issue

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	/

**Signature of issuing officer**

Comments (If applicable)

Passport Number

Passport

Held for collection

**Signature of applicant/  
authorised representative**

Returned by mail

**Signature of returning officer**



# Authorisation of person to act and receive communication

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

I, (Family name)

(Given names)

(Date of birth)  DAY / MONTH / YEAR

of (current residential address)   
  
 POSTCODE

authorise the following person to act on my behalf in relation to (tick one box only)  my application or sponsorship OR

any correspondence concerning my Business Skills visa (eg. monitoring and, where appropriate, cancellation)

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

Is this authorisation made in connection with an existing application?

No

Yes  Give details of your existing application

Client number or file number or application receipt number

At which office was that application made?

### Details of authorised person

Title: Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Other

Family name

Given names

Authorised person's postal address   
  
 POSTCODE

Telephone number  COUNTRY CODE ( ) ( ) AREA CODE NUMBER

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

### Applicant's signature

Date  DAY / MONTH / YEAR

## Consent by authorised person for e-communication

As the authorised person named on this form, do you agree to DIMIA communicating with you by facsimile, e-mail, or other electronic means?

No

Yes  Give details

Facsimile number  COUNTRY CODE ( ) ( ) AREA CODE NUMBER

E-mail address

### Authorised person's signature

Date  DAY / MONTH / YEAR