



Australian Government
Department of Immigration and Citizenship

Partner Visa: Onshore Temporary (Subclass 820) Application Document Checklist

This application document checklist details the information and supporting documents required to assist with the lodgement of a complete application with the department.

Note: You should use this checklist only if you are applying for a Partner (temporary) visa (Subclass 820). If you have already been granted a Partner (temporary) visa (subclass 820), the department will send you a checklist when you are eligible to be considered for the Partner (permanent) visa (subclass 801).

More information about this visa is available.

See: [About this Visa](#)

You must provide certified copies of original documents. However, Character documents must be originals. Documents not in English must be accompanied by accredited English translations.

See: [Booklet 1 Partner Migration](#)

You should ensure that you lodge a completed visa application. Lodging incomplete applications may result in delays in processing. While the department may ask you to provide more information in order to determine whether you meet the criteria for grant of the visa, a decision on the visa application may be made solely on the information provided at the time of application.

Note: The Visa Application Charge will not be refunded if a decision is made to refuse to grant the visa because the applicant did not satisfy the criteria for grant of the visa.

More information to help you prepare your application, including information on who can certify documents, is available.

See: [Information to Help You Prepare Your Application](#)

Important: Holders of subclass 300 (Prospective Marriage) visas - Please do not undertake a health examination unless requested to do so.

See: [The Health Requirement](#)

After completing this checklist, please attach it to the front of your application.

Forms, fees and charges	✓
A completed Form 47SP. See: Form 47SP <i>Application for migration to Australia by a partner</i>	
A completed Form 40SP from your sponsor. See: Form 40SP <i>Sponsorship for a partner to migrate to Australia</i>	
A completed Form 47A for each dependant aged 18 years or over (if applicable). See: Form 47A <i>Details of child or other dependent family member aged 18 years or over</i>	

Payment of the visa application charge. See: Partner Category Visa Charges	
If applicable; complete Form 956 or Form 956A. See: Form 956 <i>Advice by a migration agent/exempt person of providing immigration assistance</i> See: Form 956A <i>Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient</i>	

Personal documents	✓
Certified copies of the biographical data pages of passports or travel documents of all people included in your application.	
Documents to prove your identity – a certified copy of your birth registration showing both parents’ names. If you do not have a birth certificate and are unable to get one, you must provide a certified copy of the identification pages of at least one of the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passport • family book showing both parents’ names • identification document issued by the government • document issued by a court that verifies your identity. If you are unable to provide one of these documents, you must provide other acceptable evidence that you are who you claim to be.	
Two recent passport-size photographs (45mm x 35mm) of anyone included in this application, and your partner. These should be of the head and shoulders only, and should show the person facing the camera and against a plain background. You should print the name of the person on the back of each photograph.	
If you, your partner or anyone in your application is or has been married or in a registered relationship, certified copies of the marriage certificate(s) or registered relationship certificate(s).	
If you, your partner or anyone included in your application has been permanently separated, divorced or widowed, a certified copy of the statutory declaration/separation certificate, divorce decree absolute or the death certificate of the deceased partner (as appropriate).	
If you, your partner or anyone included in your application has changed his or her name (for example by marriage or deed poll), a certified copy of evidence of the name change.	
Certified copies of birth certificates or the family book, showing names of both parents, for all your children (including those who are already Australian citizens or permanent residents).	

<p>If you want to bring a child under 18 years of age with you to Australia, and that child's other parent is not included in the application, you must provide documentary evidence that you have the legal right to include that child in your application. Evidence may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • certified copies of official legal documents such as a court issued custody, access, or guardianship order • a statutory declaration from each person with a legal responsibility for the child, stating that they have no objection to the child migrating to Australia <p>A completed Form 1229 See: Form 1229 <i>Consent form to grant an Australian visa to a child under the age of 18 years.</i></p>	
<p>If any child included in your application is adopted, a certified copy of the adoption papers.</p>	
<p>Evidence of dependency for any dependent children aged 18 years or over or any other dependent relatives included in your application. See: Evidence of Dependency</p>	
<p>If you have served in the armed forces of any country, certified copies of military service records or discharge papers.</p>	
<p>Evidence that your relationship with your partner is genuine and continuing. See: Evidence of a genuine and continuing relationship</p> <p>Do not send photo albums, folders, computer disks, plastic sleeves, or long transcripts of skype or phone conversations as this will not be considered as evidence of your genuine and ongoing relationship.</p>	
<p>At least two statutory declarations, preferably from Australian citizens or permanent residents, who have personal knowledge of your partner relationship (such as a relative and a friend) and support your claim that the relationship is genuine and continuing. See: Form 888 <i>Statutory declaration by a supporting witness relating to a partner visa application</i></p>	
<p>If you are applying on marriage grounds, you will need to provide a certified copy of your official Marriage certificate. A commemorative (decorative) certificate is not sufficient evidence.</p> <p>If you were married in Australia, the certificate should be issued by the responsible state or territory registry office.</p>	
<p>If you are applying on de-facto grounds you will need to provide one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evidence that your de facto relationship has existed for an entire 12 months before lodging your Partner visa application. See: Fact Sheet 35 <i>One-year relationship requirement</i> • evidence of compelling and compassionate circumstances that apply to your situation and which warrant applying before the 12 months have passed (for example if you have children with your partner). • evidence that you and your partner have registered your de facto relationship in Australia. 	
<p>Character documents</p>	✓
<p>Evidence that you meet the Character and Penal Clearance Requirement (original documentation must be provided). See: Character and Penal Clearance Requirements</p>	

<p>A completed Form 80 must be provided. See: Form 80 <i>Personal particulars for character assessment</i></p>	
<p>Personal documents – sponsor</p>	✓
<p>Evidence that your sponsor is aged 18 years or older and is an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • certified copy of birth certificate • Australian passport or foreign passport containing evidence of permanent residence • evidence that your sponsor usually resides in Australia • for New Zealand citizens; evidence of length of residence in Australia and of continuing links with Australia. <p>See: Sponsor Eligibility</p>	
<p>One of the following documents to show your sponsor's employment during the last two years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian income and/or overseas tax assessment notice • a letter from their employer confirming length of employment and annual salary • payslips • if your sponsor is self-employed or self-funded from other sources, business documents or a letter from your sponsor's accountant. 	
<p>If applicable a statement from your sponsor regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any other person they have previously sponsored or nominated for a Partner, Spouse, Prospective Marriage or Interdependency visa. • any other person for whom your sponsor has signed a maintenance order and/or an Assurance of Support. <p>See: Fact Sheet 34 <i>Assurance of Support</i></p> <p>This statement must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • indicate your sponsor's relationship with this other person or persons • when, why and how the relationship(s) ceased • specify the dates of lodgement of any sponsorship or nominations (including any current sponsorship or nomination), maintenance guarantees or Assurances of Support. <p>Note: If you are married to your partner and your partner is under 18 years of age, they cannot be your sponsor. If your partner is aged 16 years or over, they may be able to nominate an eligible sponsor. If applicable, you should contact your nearest office of the department to find out what further documentation is required.</p>	
<p>If there is a child under 18 years of age included in the application, the sponsor must provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an Australian National Police Check, if the partner has spent a total of 12 months or more in Australia since turning 16 years of age • police certificates from each country in which the partner has spent a total of 12 months or more in the last 10 years since turning 16 years of age. <p>See: AFP National Police Checks Sponsor Eligibility Character Requirements Penal Clearance Certificates</p>	