



# Australian Citizenship

Becoming an Australian citizen is an important step in your migration story. You are choosing to make an ongoing commitment to Australia and all that Australia stands for.

If you are not sure which citizenship option is for you, use the Citizenship Wizard at [www.border.gov.au/Trav/Citi/Appl/Citizenship-wizard](http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Citi/Appl/Citizenship-wizard).

The Citizenship Wizard asks you a series of questions to determine what option is suitable to apply for Australian citizenship.

## How to apply

Online applications can be found at: [www.border.gov.au/Trav/Citi/Appl/How-to-apply](http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Citi/Appl/How-to-apply).

Paper application forms can be downloaded at: [www.border.gov.au/Forms/Documents/1300t.pdf](http://www.border.gov.au/Forms/Documents/1300t.pdf) and [www.border.gov.au/Forms/Documents/1290.pdf](http://www.border.gov.au/Forms/Documents/1290.pdf).

Information about supporting documents for application forms 1300t and 1290 can be located online at: [www.border.gov.au/Trav/Citi/Appl/What-documents-do-you-need/supporting-documents-for-1300t-and-1290-applications](http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Citi/Appl/What-documents-do-you-need/supporting-documents-for-1300t-and-1290-applications).

All applications must include the application charge upon lodgement. The applicant charge can be paid via credit card (online and paper applications), bank cheque or money order (paper applications). Information about the fee associated with these applications can be located online at: [www.border.gov.au/Trav/Citi/Appl/Application-fees-forms-and-appeals](http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Citi/Appl/Application-fees-forms-and-appeals).

## Where to send form 1300t and 1290

We prefer you lodge the application online.

If you would like to post the application, the forms and supporting documentation can be posted to the following address:

<b>ACT</b> GPO Box 717 Canberra ACT 2601	<b>SA</b> GPO Box 2399 Adelaide SA 5001	<b>NSW</b> GPO Box 9984 Sydney NSW 2001	<b>TAS</b> GPO Box 794 Hobart TAS 7001	<b>NT</b> GPO Box 864 Darwin NT 0801
<b>VIC</b> GPO Box 241 Melbourne VIC 3001	<b>QLD</b> GPO Box 9984 Brisbane QLD 4001	<b>WA</b> Locked Bag 7 Northbridge WA 6865	<b>Cairns</b> PO Box 1269 Cairns QLD 4875	<b>Thursday Island</b> PO Box 299 Thursday Island QLD 4875

## Processing time

Your application may take up to 80 calendar days to process.

More information about the application process for Australian citizenship can be located online at: [www.border.gov.au/Trav/Citi/Appl/How-to-apply/Application-process-for-Australian-citizenship](http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Citi/Appl/How-to-apply/Application-process-for-Australian-citizenship)

## Evidence of Australian citizenship

You can apply for evidence of your Australian citizenship if you were previously issued with a citizenship certificate which has been lost, stoled, you are requesting to amend your personal details or you are required to confirm your Australian citizenship status. To determine if you are eligible you can check the details online at [www.border.gov.au/Trav/Citi/Curr/Proof-of-citizenship](http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Citi/Curr/Proof-of-citizenship)

### How to apply

The application form 119 can be downloaded from [www.border.gov.au/Forms/Documents/119.pdf](http://www.border.gov.au/Forms/Documents/119.pdf).

Information about supporting documents for application form 119 can be located online at: [www.border.gov.au/Trav/Citi/Appl/What-documents-do-you-need/document-checklist-for-evidence-of-australian-citizenship](http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Citi/Appl/What-documents-do-you-need/document-checklist-for-evidence-of-australian-citizenship)

### Where to send form 119

Post your application form to:

Evidence Processing Unit Parramatta  
Department of Immigration and Border Protection  
GPO Box 9984  
Sydney NSW 2001

All applications must include the application charge. The applicant charge can be paid via credit card, bank cheque or money order. Information about the fee associated with these applications can be located online at: [www.border.gov.au/Trav/Citi/Appl/Application-fees-forms-and-appeals](http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Citi/Appl/Application-fees-forms-and-appeals).

## Processing time

We aim to finalise your application within one week. Your certificate will be sent to you by registered post from our printing centre in Canberra. After the processing of your application, allow an additional 10 days for the printing and postage of your certificate. If you are outside Australia, this is likely to take longer.

## Citizenship by Descent

To apply for Australian citizenship by descent you need to complete form 118 which is available on our website. The preferred method for lodging an application is online. See: [www.border.gov.au/Forms/Documents/118.pdf](http://www.border.gov.au/Forms/Documents/118.pdf)

If you are unable to apply online, post your application form, certified copies of the required documents and the correct fee directly to:

Hobart Citizenship Unit  
Department of Immigration and Border Protection GPO Box 794  
Hobart Tas 7001

## Visa entitlement verification online (VEVO)

If you require your current visa status and details, you can use VEVO for free. You will need your passport details and one of the reference numbers that we have provided to you to check your details. For more information go to [www.border.gov.au/Busi/Visa](http://www.border.gov.au/Busi/Visa)

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