



Use this form as a guide to charges and fees (in Australian dollars) for visas and services from 1 April 2008. If you have applied prior to 1 April 2008, please refer to the version that was applicable when you lodged your application. Earlier versions are available on [www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm)

Payment (or evidence of payment if made in Australia or elsewhere) must accompany your application and is generally not refunded if the application is unsuccessful.

All fees and charges are listed in Australian dollars (AUD) and correct at time of release. If you are paying fees and charges outside Australia, payment will need to be made in the currency and in the method accepted by the Australian High Commission, Embassy or Consulate, where the payment is being made. To find out the currencies and methods accepted in the country in which you are making your payment see

[www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i/converter.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i/converter.htm). Fees may be subject to adjustment at any time. Visa Application Charges may be subject to adjustment on 1 July each year. This may increase the cost of a visa.

### Internet applications – payment methods

Payment for any internet application must be made in Australian dollars by credit card online, or for some application types, by Bpay using an Australian telephone or internet banking service. Bpay is only available for students in Australia applying for their initial student visa or further stay student visa. If you already have a visa and it will expire within the next 7 days, do not use Bpay because the payment will not be received before your visa expires. For more information, see [www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm)

### Paper applications – payment methods

#### A. Lodged in Australia

Acceptable payment methods for applications lodged in Australia are:

- credit card;
- debit card in person; or
- bank cheque or money order made payable to the 'Department of Immigration and Citizenship'.

Payment by cash or personal cheque may delay processing. Please do **not** send cash through the post.

#### B. Lodged at a processing centre in Australia

Acceptable payment methods for applications lodged in Australia at a processing centre are:

- credit card;
- Australia Post money order made payable to the 'Department of Immigration and Citizenship';
- bank cheque:
  - drawn on a bank with representation in Australia,
  - in Australian dollars, and made payable to the 'Department of Immigration and Citizenship'; or
- International Money Order:
  - drawn on a bank with representation in Australia,
  - in Australian dollars, and made payable to the 'Department of Immigration and Citizenship'.

#### Note:

1. Personal cheques are **not** accepted.
2. Travellers' cheques are **not** accepted.

### C. Lodged outside Australia

For clients outside Australia, before you pay your application charge, see [www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm) to check the acceptable methods of payment at the Australian High Commission, Embassy or Consulate.

Payment for a visa application lodged outside Australia may also be made in Australia. To find out how to make a payment in Australia for an application lodged outside Australia, see [www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm)

### Medical and radiological examination costs

Permanent and some temporary visa applicants may be required to undertake and pay for radiological and medical examinations. All costs are paid by the applicant directly to the doctors or clinics undertaking the examination. The cost of these examinations undertaken in Australia is approximately AUD360. Costs of examinations undertaken outside Australia may vary from country to country. There may be additional costs if further tests or couriers are required. The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (the department) does not regulate such charges but where allegations of excessive charging are made, the department may contact the doctor and request that charges be amended in line with prices charged in that country for similar medical examinations.

For people being examined in Australia, there is also a fee payable to Health Services Australia Ltd for a digital photo of each person examined.

### Application charges and related costs

#### Printed Booklets

Child, Parent, Partner and other Family migration booklets	\$10 each <sup>1a</sup>
All other migration/temporary entry booklets	\$20 each <sup>1a</sup>
Booklets on the department's website	Nil

<sup>1a</sup> GST is included in this charge.

#### Maritime crew

Maritime crew visa, subclass 988	Nil
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**Note:** The maritime crew visa is only available to crew of non-military ships and is not valid for air travel to Australia. Applicants must be outside Australia. Applications must be either lodged over the internet or mailed to the Brisbane Global Processing Centre.

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## Visitor/Tourism

### Type of visa

#### Lodged outside Australia

Electronic Travel Authority (Visitor) (subclass 976) <sup>2a</sup>	Nil <sup>2b</sup>
Tourist (subclass 676) <sup>2a</sup>	\$75
Tourist (subclass 676) – online (e676) application by EU passport holder wishing to visit Australia for 3 months or less	Nil

#### Lodged in Australia

Sponsored Family Visitor (subclass 679)	\$75
Tourist (subclass 676) <sup>2a</sup>	\$215

## Medical treatment

### Lodged outside Australia

Visa valid for stay of up to 3 months and travel for up to one year	Nil
Visa valid for stay of more than 3 months and/or for travel of more than one year	\$45

#### Lodged in Australia

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## Working holiday

Working holiday visa (subclass 417) <sup>2a</sup> For people from Belgium, Canada, Republic of Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong SAR, Republic of Ireland, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Taiwan and United Kingdom.	\$190
Work and holiday visa (subclass 462) For tertiary educated people from Chile, Thailand, Turkey and USA to holiday and work in Australia.	\$180

## Business

### Type of visa

#### Lodged outside Australia

Business (Short Stay) (subclass 456)	\$75
Business (Short Stay) (subclass 456) – application by EU passport holder	Nil
Electronic Travel Authority (Business Entrant–Short Validity) (subclass 977) <sup>2a</sup>	Nil <sup>2b</sup>
Electronic Travel Authority (Business Entrant–Long Validity) (subclass 956)	\$75

#### Lodged in Australia

Sponsored Business Visitor (Short Stay) (subclass 459)	\$75
Temporary Business Entry (Long Stay) (subclass 457) – Independent Executive Further Application Onshore	\$190

<sup>2a</sup> Applications for these visas may be made using the internet. For more information, see [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)

<sup>2b</sup> All Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) applications processed over the internet are subject to a service charge. For more information, see 'Australian Electronic Travel Authority' [www.eta.immi.gov.au](http://www.eta.immi.gov.au)

## Australian Passport Holders – Application for APEC Business Travel Card

### Lodged in Australia

Application charge for the APEC Business travel card	\$200 <sup>2c</sup>
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<sup>2c</sup> GST is included in this charge.

## Sponsored Training

### Occupational Trainee

Nomination of occupational trainee	Nil
Occupational trainee visa	\$190

### Professional Development

Professional Development sponsorship fee	\$1,120
Professional Development sponsorship by Commonwealth agency	Nil
Professional Development visa	\$190

**Note:** Professional Development sponsorship and visa applications are lodged and processed at the Hobart Professional Development visa Processing Centre.

## Students

### Lodged outside Australia

Form 157A or 157E <i>Application for a student (temporary) visa</i> Approved schemes	Nil
All other cases <sup>2d</sup>	\$430
Form 157G <i>Application for a student guardian visa</i> All cases <sup>2d</sup>	\$430

<sup>2d</sup> This student Visa Application Charge includes the International Education Contribution of \$115, which contributes to the Australian Government's initiatives to support international education through the activities of the Department of Education, Science and Training.

### Lodged in Australia

Form 157A or 157A (Internet) <i>Application for a student (temporary) visa</i> Approved schemes	Nil
All other cases <sup>2c</sup>	\$450
Form 157G <i>Application for a student guardian visa</i> All cases <sup>2c</sup>	\$450
Form 157P or 157P (Internet) <i>Application for a student visa with permission to work</i> Approved schemes	Nil
All other cases	\$60

<sup>2c</sup> This student Visa Application Charge includes the International Education Contribution of \$115, which contributes to the Australian Government's initiatives to support international education through the activities of the Department of Education, Science and Training.

### Medical and radiological examination costs

Permanent and some temporary visa applicants may be required to undertake and pay for radiological and medical examinations. All costs are paid by the applicant directly to the doctors or clinics undertaking the examination. The cost of these examinations undertaken in Australia is approximately AUD360. Costs of examinations undertaken outside Australia may vary from country to country. There may be additional costs if further tests or couriers are required. The department does not regulate such charges but where allegations of excessive charging are made, the department may contact the doctor and request that charges be amended in line with prices charged in that country for similar medical examinations.

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## Temporary residence (non-business) sponsorship/nomination

### Lodgement of applications

Where 1–10 applicants will be sponsored	\$270
Where 11 or more applicants will be sponsored	\$2,700

**Note:** Nil sponsorship fee required if the visa application does not attract a charge.

## Temporary residence (non-business)

### Type of visa

#### Lodged outside Australia

Exchange	Nil
Sport	\$190
Sport – 11 or more applicants applying together	\$1,900
Foreign government agency	\$190

– Applicants holding a diplomatic, official or service passport who present a third person note from their home government in support of their application Nil

Domestic worker (diplomatic or consular), domestic worker (executive), educational, media and film staff, investor retirement, medical practitioner, New Zealand citizen family relationship, religious worker, visiting academic \$190

Investor Retirement – once processing has commenced, applicants will be asked to pay a second Visa Application Charge. This charge will also be applicable to the applicant's spouse \$8,505

#### Lodged in Australia

Exchange	\$190
Retirement <sup>3a</sup>	\$190
Sport	\$190
Entertainment <sup>3b</sup>	\$190
Entertainment – 11 or more applicants outside Australia at time of application <sup>3b</sup>	\$1,900
Foreign government agency	\$190

Applicants holding a diplomatic, official or service passport who present a third person note from their home government in support of their application Nil

Domestic worker (diplomatic or consular), domestic worker (executive), educational, media and film staff, medical practitioner, New Zealand citizen family relationship, religious worker, investor retirement, special program <sup>3c</sup>, visiting academic \$190

Investor Retirement – once processing has commenced, applicants will be asked to pay a second Visa Application Charge. This charge will also be applicable to the applicant's spouse \$8,505

<sup>3a</sup> From 1 July 2005 the subclass 410 Retirement (temporary) visa was closed to all initial (new or first time) visa applicants. Existing holders will continue to be able to apply for further subclass 410 visas. Nil fee for holders of Retirement visas issued before 1 March 2003 who wish to access limited work rights.

<sup>3b</sup> All Entertainment visas must be lodged at the Sydney Entertainment Processing Centre (SEPC).

<sup>3c</sup> All Special Program visas must be lodged at the Hobart Special Program Processing Centre (HSPPC).

## Bridging

### Type of visa

#### Lodged in Australia

Bridging visas A, C, D, E, F	Nil
Bridging visa B	\$75

**Note:** Bridging visas can only be applied for in Australia.

## Other

### Type of visa

#### Lodged outside/in Australia

Border, transit, emergency	Nil
Diplomatic	Nil
Domestic worker (diplomatic or consular)	\$190
Domestic worker (executive)	\$190
Confirmatory (residence) <sup>3d</sup>	Nil

<sup>3d</sup> Applicants for a confirmatory visa who are holders of a subclass 773 border visa are required to pay a Visa Application Charge (first instalment) of \$150.00.

## Resident Return

	In Australia	Overseas
Resident Return visa <sup>3e</sup>	\$120	\$120
Replacement evidence of Resident Return visa <sup>3e</sup>	\$60	\$70
Australian Declaratory visa		
Adult	\$185 <sup>3f</sup>	\$240
Child	\$120 <sup>3f</sup>	\$185

<sup>3e</sup> You can apply for a Resident Return visa on the internet in Australia only.

<sup>3f</sup> GST is included in this charge.

## Humanitarian Programme applications

Refugee and Humanitarian visa applications made under the offshore component of the Humanitarian Programme	Nil
Protection visas lodged in Australia	\$30
Protection visas lodged in Australia by applicants who are in immigration detention but not immigration cleared	Nil

## Medical and radiological examination costs

Permanent and some temporary visa applicants may be required to undertake and pay for radiological and medical examinations. All costs are paid by the applicant directly to the doctors or clinics undertaking the examination. The cost of these examinations undertaken in Australia is approximately AUD\$360. Costs of examinations undertaken outside Australia may vary from country to country. There may be additional costs if further tests or couriers are required. The department does not regulate such charges but where allegations of excessive charging are made, the department may contact the doctor and request that charges be amended in line with prices charged in that country for similar medical examinations.

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## Temporary Business Entry (Booklet 11)

Sponsor status	Sponsorship application charge	Nomination application charge	Length of sponsorship	Visa Application Charge
Standard Business Sponsor (Application made before 1 July 2003)	N/A (No new applications will be accepted after 30 June 2003)	\$275 per nomination	1 year or until nominations are filled, whichever happens earlier	\$190
Overseas Business Sponsor (Application made before 1 July 2003)	N/A (No new applications will be accepted after 30 June 2003)	\$275 per nomination	1 year or until nominations are filled, whichever happens earlier	\$190
Business Sponsorship (Australian <b>or</b> Overseas Businesses) (Application made on or after 1 July 2003)	\$280	\$55 per nomination	2 years or until nominations are filled, whichever happens earlier	\$190
Labour Agreement (Agreement made before 1 July 2003)	N/A	Nil	2–3 years, with an annual ceiling for number of nominations	\$190
Labour Agreement (Agreement made on or after 1 July 2003)	Nil	\$55 per nomination	2–3 years, with an annual ceiling for number of nominations	\$190
Regional Headquarters Agreement (Agreement made at any time)	Nil	Nil	5 years or until nominations are filled, whichever happens earlier	\$190
Invest Australia Supported Skills Agreement	Nil	Nil	3 years or until nominations are filled, whichever happens earlier	\$190

### Medical and radiological examination costs

Permanent and some temporary visa applicants may be required to undertake and pay for radiological and medical examinations. All costs are paid by the applicant directly to the doctors or clinics undertaking the examination. The cost of these examinations undertaken in Australia is approximately AUD360. Costs of examinations undertaken outside Australia may vary from country to country. There may be additional costs if further tests or couriers are required. The department does not regulate such charges but where allegations of excessive charging are made, the department may contact the doctor and request that charges be amended in line with prices charged in that country for similar medical examinations.

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## Partner Migration (Booklet 1)

Type of visa	Charge
<b>Lodged outside Australia</b>	
Prospective marriage, spouse or interdependent partner	\$1,390
<b>Lodged in Australia</b>	
Spouse/Interdependent partner <sup>5a</sup>	\$2,060
Prospective marriage lodging spouse application Applies to people who apply for a Spouse visa and who: – currently hold a valid Prospective Marriage visa (subclass 300); and – have married their spouse; and – seek to remain permanently in Australia on the basis of that marriage.	\$670
Prospective marriage lodging spouse application Applies to people who apply for a Spouse visa and who: – entered Australia as a fiancé(e) and <b>do not</b> currently hold a valid Prospective Marriage visa (subclass 300) or other substantive visa; and – who have married their sponsor while their visa was valid; and – seek to remain permanently in Australia on the basis of that marriage.	\$850
Spouse with transitional Extended Eligibility Temporary Visa (EETV) Applies to people who: – currently hold a Transitional (temporary) visa; and – were granted this visa on the basis that they satisfied the requirements for the grant of an extended eligibility entry permit under the Migration Regulations 1989.	\$240
Other costs – refer to pages 9–10	

## Child Migration (Booklet 2)

Type of visa	Charge
<b>Lodged outside Australia</b>	
Child	\$1,390
Adoption	\$1,390
Orphan relative	\$850
Extended Eligibility (temporary) <sup>5b</sup>	\$150
<b>Lodged in Australia</b>	
Child	\$2,060
Orphan relative	\$850
Extended Eligibility (temporary) <sup>5b</sup>	\$150
Other costs – refer to pages 9–10	

<sup>5a</sup> People who apply for a Spouse or Interdependency visa and who hold a Dependent Child visa (subclass 445) **do not** pay a Visa Application Charge.

<sup>5b</sup> If your previous medical was less than 12 months ago, you **may not** have to undergo another.

**Note:** Siblings who lodge their applications for a Child Migration visa at the same time and place as each other only need to pay **one** Visa Application Charge.

### Medical and radiological examination costs

Permanent and some temporary visa applicants may be required to undertake and pay for radiological and medical examinations. All costs are paid by the applicant directly to the doctors or clinics undertaking the examination. The cost of these examinations undertaken in Australia is approximately AUD\$360. Costs of examinations undertaken outside Australia may vary from country to country. There may be additional costs if further tests or couriers are required. The department does not regulate such charges but where allegations of excessive charging are made, the department may contact the doctor and request that charges be amended in line with prices charged in that country for similar medical examinations.

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## Parent Migration (Booklet 3)

Type of visa <sup>5c</sup>	1st instalment <sup>5d</sup>	2nd instalment <sup>5f, 5g</sup>	2nd instalment <sup>5f, 5g</sup> (if applicant is under 18 years)
Parent (Migrant)	\$1,390	\$1,205	\$1,205
Aged Parent (Residence)	\$2,060	\$1,205	\$1,205
Contributory Parent (Migrant)	\$1,390 <sup>5e</sup>	\$31,555	\$1,365
Contributory Parent (Temporary)	\$1,390 <sup>5e</sup>	\$18,935	\$1,365
Contributory Parent (Migrant) <i>if applicant is the holder of a Contributory Parent (Temporary) visa</i>	\$190	\$12,625	Nil
Contributory Aged Parent (Residence)	\$2,060 <sup>5e</sup>	\$31,555	\$1,365
Contributory Aged Parent (Temporary)	\$2,060 <sup>5e</sup>	\$18,935	\$1,365
Contributory Aged Parent (Residence) <i>if applicant is the holder of a Contributory Aged Parent (Temporary) visa</i>	\$190	\$12,625	Nil

Other costs (such as Assurance of Support bond) – refer to pages 9–10

<sup>5c</sup> For details on where you should lodge your parent visa application, see Booklet 3 – Parent Migration.

<sup>5d</sup> Payment must accompany your application and is generally not refunded if the application is unsuccessful. This payment is known as the first Visa Application Charge (1st Visa Application Charge). If members of your family unit are included in your application, only one 1st Visa Application Charge is payable for the entire family unit. If a separate application is made by them at a later date, a separate 1st Visa Application Charge is payable.

<sup>5e</sup> Existing Parent or Aged Parent visa applicants may be eligible to apply for a Contributory Parent visa free of the first instalment of the Visa Application Charge. For more details, see the Booklet 3 – Parent Migration.

<sup>5f</sup> Before your visa is granted, you must pay a second instalment of the Visa Application Charge (2nd Visa Application Charge) for each person included on the application. Please refer to the form 990i version that was applicable when you lodged your application. See [www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm)

<sup>5g</sup> Migrant Health Service Charge (MHSC) only applies to applications lodged before 1 May 1997. It applies to all applicants, including children. The MHSC amount is determined by the **date of notification** of the MHSC liability (refer to page 9).

## Other Family Migration (Booklet 4)

Type of visa	1st instalment	2nd instalment
<b>Lodged outside Australia</b>		
Aged Dependent Relative, Remaining Relative	\$1,390	\$1,205
Carer <sup>6a, 6b</sup>	\$850	\$1,205
<b>Lodged in Australia</b>		
Aged Dependent Relative, Remaining Relative	\$2,060	\$1,205
Carer <sup>6a, 6b</sup>	\$850	\$1,205
Other costs – refer to pages 9–10		

<sup>6a</sup> A fee is directly payable to Health Services Australia for a medical assessment of the person requiring care.

<sup>6b</sup> A delegated officer may waive the second instalment of the application charge for a Carer applicant where he/she is satisfied that payment of the charge would cause severe financial hardship.

## Employer Sponsored Migration (Booklet 5)

Type of visa	1st instalment	2nd instalment		Related costs
		Primary applicant has less than functional English	Any dependants (included in application) 18 years or over with less than functional English	
<b>Applicant outside Australia</b>				
Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS) <sup>6c</sup> , Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS) <sup>6c</sup> , Labour Agreement (LA), Regional Headquarters (RHQ) Agreement <sup>6c, 6d</sup> and Invest Australia Supported Skills (IASS) Agreement	\$1,390	\$5,735	\$2,860	\$150–\$400
<b>Applicant in Australia</b>				
Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS) <sup>6d</sup> , Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS), Labour Agreement (LA), Regional Headquarters (RHQ) Agreement <sup>6d</sup> and Invest Australia Supported Skills (IASS) Agreement	\$2,060	\$5,735	\$2,860	\$150–\$350
In addition to the charges set out in the table above, only employers who lodge nominations under the ENS pay a charge of				\$365

<sup>6c</sup> Applicants deemed to have applied for RSMS or LA/RHQ/IASS visa while applying for certain other visas, may have already paid the first instalment of the Visa Application Charge. If this is the case they are not required to pay the RSMS or LA/RHQ/IASS first instalment. Second instalment charges apply to those people assessed as not having functional English.

<sup>6d</sup> Religious workers are excluded from paying the second instalment of the Visa Application Charge for the ENS, RSMS and LA.

<sup>6e</sup> You may be required to undertake the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test to determine your ability in the English language (approx. \$150–\$300, although this may vary from country to country). These costs are paid directly to the test centre.

### Medical and radiological examination costs

Permanent and some temporary visa applicants may be required to undertake and pay for radiological and medical examinations. All costs are paid by the applicant directly to the doctors or clinics undertaking the examination. The cost of these examinations undertaken in Australia is approximately AUD360. Costs of examinations undertaken outside Australia may vary from country to country. There may be additional costs if further tests or couriers are required. The department does not regulate such charges but where allegations of excessive charging are made, the department may contact the doctor and request that charges be amended in line with prices charged in that country for similar medical examinations.

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## General Skilled Migration – see [www.immi.gov.au/skilled/general-skilled-migration/](http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/general-skilled-migration/)

Type of visa	1st instalment <sup>7a</sup>	2nd instalment <sup>7b</sup>
		<b>Any dependants (included in application) 18 years or over with less than functional English</b>
Skilled – Independent 175 (Migrant)	\$2,060	\$2,860
Skilled – Sponsored 176 (Migrant)		
Skilled – Regional Sponsored 475 (Provisional)		
Skilled – Regional Sponsored 487 (Provisional) (first application)		
Skilled – Independent 885 (Residence)	\$2,060	\$2,860
Skilled – Sponsored 886 (Residence)		
Skilled – Recognised Graduate 476 (Provisional)	\$190	Nil
Skilled – Graduate 485 (Provisional)		
Skilled – Regional 887 (Residence) <sup>7d</sup>	\$190	\$2,860 <sup>7c</sup>
Skilled – Regional Sponsored 487 (12 month renewal) <sup>7d</sup>		
Skilled – Independent Regional 495 (Provisional) and Skilled – Regional Sponsored 475/487 (Provisional) visa holder applying for permanent residence – Employer Nomination Scheme, Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	\$190	\$2,860 <sup>7c</sup>
Other costs – refer to pages 9–10		

<sup>7a</sup> The first instalment of the Visa Application Charge is paid at the time of application and must be paid in order for an application to be valid.

<sup>7b</sup> The second instalment of the Visa Application Charge:

- is payable only by some applicants who have already met most criteria for grant of a visa;
- is payable immediately before the grant of a visa; and

where the second instalment of the Visa Application Charge relates to English language proficiency, the charge will apply only to those dependants included in the application who have been assessed as having less than a functional level of English.

<sup>7c</sup> Skilled – Regional Sponsored (Provisional) and Skilled – Independent Regional (Provisional) visa holders who:

- paid the second instalment of the Visa Application Charge in respect of their first provisional visa; and
- are applying for:
  - a second provisional visa, or
  - permanent residence;

will not be required to pay the second instalment of the Visa Application Charge for the subsequent visa application.

<sup>7d</sup> Skilled – Designated Area Sponsored (SDAS) (Provisional) visa holders who:

- paid the second instalment of the Visa Application Charge in respect of their first provisional visa; and
- are applying for:
  - a second provisional visa, or
  - permanent residence;

will not be required to pay the second instalment of the Visa Application Charge for the subsequent application.

### Related costs

- Permanent and some temporary visa applicants may be required to undertake and pay for radiological and medical examinations. All costs are paid by the applicant directly to the doctors or clinics undertaking the examination. The cost of these examinations undertaken in Australia is approximately AUD360. Costs of examinations undertaken outside Australia may vary from country to country. There may be additional costs if further tests or couriers are required. The department does not regulate such charges but where allegations of excessive charging are made, the department may contact the doctor and request that charges be amended in line with prices charged in that country for similar medical examinations.

For people being examined in Australia, there is also a fee payable to Health Services Australia Ltd for a digital photo of each person examined.

- You may be required to undertake the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test to determine your English language ability. The cost of this test is approximately AUD150–AUD300, although this may vary from country to country. Costs are not paid to the department, costs are paid directly to the test centre.

## Business Skills Migration (Booklet 7 and form 1215i)

Type of visa	1st instalment	2nd instalment		Related costs
		Primary applicant has less than functional English	Any dependants (included in application) 18 years or over, with less than functional English	Language costs <sup>8b</sup>
Business Owner (Provisional)	\$2,735	N/A	\$2,860	\$150–\$400
State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (Provisional)	\$2,735	\$5,735	\$2,860	\$150–\$400
Senior Executive (Provisional)	\$2,735	N/A	\$2,860	\$150–\$400
State/Territory Sponsored Senior Executive (Provisional)	\$2,735	\$5,735	\$2,860	\$150–\$400
Investor (Provisional)	\$2,735	N/A	\$2,860	\$150–\$400
State/Territory Sponsored Investor (Provisional)	\$2,735	\$5,735	\$2,860	\$150–\$400
Business Talent (Migrant)	\$3,995	\$5,735	\$2,860	\$150–\$400
Business Owner (Residence)	\$1,145 <sup>8c</sup>	N/A	\$2,860 <sup>8a</sup>	\$150–\$400 <sup>8a</sup>
State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (Residence)	\$1,145 <sup>8c</sup>	N/A	\$2,860 <sup>8a</sup>	\$150–\$400 <sup>8a</sup>
Investor (Residence)	\$1,145 <sup>8c</sup>	N/A	\$2,860 <sup>8a</sup>	\$150–\$400 <sup>8a</sup>
State/Territory Sponsored Investor (Residence)	\$1,145 <sup>8c</sup>	N/A	\$2,860 <sup>8a</sup>	\$150–\$400 <sup>8a</sup>
Established Business in Australia	\$3,995	\$5,735	\$2,860	N/A <sup>8a</sup>
State/Territory Sponsored Regional Established Business in Australia	\$3,995	\$5,735	\$2,860	N/A <sup>8a</sup>

<sup>8a</sup> This charge is not applicable provided an applicant has been granted a Business Skills (Provisional) Class visa or a Skilled – Independent Regional (SIR) (Provisional) visa.

<sup>8b</sup> You may be required to undertake the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test to determine your ability in the English language (approx. \$150–\$300, although this may vary from country to country). These costs are paid directly to the test centre.

<sup>8c</sup> Skilled – Independent Regional (SIR) (Provisional) visa holders are eligible for a reduced 1st instalment of \$190.

## Special Migration (Booklet 8)

Type of visa	1st instalment	2nd instalment		Related costs
		Primary applicant has less than functional English	Any dependants (included in application) 18 years or over with less than functional English	Language costs <sup>8d</sup>
<b>Applicant outside Australia</b>				
Special eligibility (former resident)	\$1,390	\$2,860	\$2,860	
Distinguished talent	\$1,390	\$2,860	\$2,860	\$150–\$400
<b>Applicant in Australia</b>				
Special eligibility (former resident)	\$2,060	\$2,860	\$2,860	
Distinguished talent	\$2,060	\$2,860	\$2,860	\$150–\$350

<sup>8d</sup> You may be required to undertake the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test to determine your ability in the English language (approx. \$150–\$300, although this may vary from country to country). These costs are paid directly to the test centre.

### Medical and radiological examination costs

Permanent and some temporary visa applicants may be required to undertake and pay for radiological and medical examinations. All costs are paid by the applicant directly to the doctors or clinics undertaking the examination. The cost of these examinations undertaken in Australia is approximately AUD\$360. Costs of examinations undertaken outside Australia may vary from country to country. There may be additional costs if further tests or couriers are required. The department does not regulate such charges but where allegations of excessive charging are made, the department may contact the doctor and request that charges be amended in line with prices charged in that country for similar medical examinations.

For people being examined in Australia, there is also a fee payable to Health Services Australia Ltd for a digital photo of each person examined.

## Assurance of Support

An Assurance of Support (AoS) covers the principal applicant and other family members included in the application.

In certain migrant visa subclasses an AoS is a mandatory requirement which must be met prior to visa grant. If you applied for one of these visas, your assurer must also lodge a refundable bond with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Other visa subclasses may have an AoS as a discretionary requirement only.

For these visa subclasses, a bond will not be required.

See Fact sheet 34 *Assurance of Support*.

## AoS assessments and AoS period

On 1 July 2004, Centrelink assumed responsibility for the assessment of AoS applications, including bond lodgement.

See [www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au)

An AoS bond is held for the duration of the AoS period.

For applicants applying for a permanent Contributory Parent visa, the AoS period runs for 10 years from:

- the date you arrived in Australia (if you applied from outside Australia); or
- the date you were granted a permanent visa (if you applied from within Australia).

For applicants of all other visas, the AoS period is 2 years from:

- the date you arrived in Australia (if you applied from outside of Australia); or
- the date you were granted a visa (if you applied from within Australia).

## Release of bond

### After 1 July 2004 – AoS cases accepted by Centrelink

For all AoS cases accepted by Centrelink, only Centrelink can authorise release of the bond. Release of the bond will depend upon whether the visa holder (the assuree) has claimed any recoverable Centrelink payments during the life of the AoS. After the AoS period has expired, the assurer should ask the nearest Centrelink office to release the bond money (less any claims by Centrelink).

### Before 1 July 2004 – AoS cases accepted by the department

For all AoS cases accepted by the department, a bond may be released by the department before the AoS period begins. This only applies if the person for whom the bond was paid:

- does not travel to Australia before cancellation or expiry of the visa;
- withdraws their visa application;
- is not accepted for permanent entry to, or stay in, Australia; or
- dies before the AoS comes into effect.

**Important:** In all other circumstances, if the AoS period has already begun, only Centrelink can authorise the bond release.

## Further information

Please contact Centrelink for more information about the AoS scheme, including up-to-date bond amounts. Centrelink will advise when to lodge the bond(s) and how much must be deposited.

Website: [www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au)

Telephone: 132 850

## Adult Migrant English Programme (AMEP)

User charging applies to AMEP English tuition. A flat annual administrative charge is required for the following Australian residents who arrived in Australia after 1 July 1991 and applied to:

- migrate before 1 January 1993;
- change their resident status before 1 January 1993;
- migrate after 1 January 1993 and were issued with a visa before 1 March 1993;
- change their resident status after 1 January 1993 and were granted permanent residence before 1 March 1993.

The charge is also payable by holders of 'gazetted' temporary visas.

The annual fee is:

Classroom or distance learning students	\$325
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Informal learning (home tutor scheme or individual learning centre)	\$75
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The annual fee administrative charge is only payable by people who are not liable to pay the Visa Application Charge. Exemption from payment of the charge exists under some circumstances.

## Migrant Health Services Charge (MHSC)

The Migrant Health Services Charge (MHSC) is governed by the *Migration (Health Services) Charges Act 1991* and applies to any unfinalised visa application lodged prior to 1 May 1997. Applications lodged on or after 1 May 1997 are subject to the Visa Application Charge. The MHSC is charged for each applicant included in the visa application.

The MHSC is indexed on 21 August each year. Indexation is based on the Consumer Price Index for the preceding March quarter. The MHSC payable by the visa applicant is the MHSC current on the date the MHSC liability notification letter is sent to the applicant.

Migrant Health Services Charge	
21 August 2007 – 20 August 2008	\$1206 per person (including children)

## Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National)

The Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) operates nationally and is available to any person or organisation requiring interpreting services. The interpreting service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TIS National is accessible from anywhere in Australia.

Ensure that you check the office hours of the government agency or business with which you wish to speak before contacting TIS National. Telephone 131 450 to be connected with a TIS National Contact Centre operator who can arrange a telephone interpreter to help you with your language needs.

Where a non-English speaker is making contact with a government agency, that agency will incur the costs of interpreting.

Requests for interpreting services are subject to charges which vary according to the nature and duration of the service provided. TIS National service charges are available from the department's website [www.immi.gov.au/tis](http://www.immi.gov.au/tis) or contact the TIS National Client Liaison and Promotions unit on 1300 655 820 for a Schedule of Service Charges.

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## Australian Police records check

Form 1101 *Consent to obtain personal information* is used where applicants for temporary or permanent residence have spent one year or longer in Australia. The charge is \$32.73 payable by cheque, money order or bank draft to:

Australian Federal Police  
Criminal Records  
Locked Bag No. 1  
WESTON ACT 2611

## Evidence of permanent residence

### Certificate of Evidence of Residence Status

Certificate of evidence of resident status \$70<sup>10a</sup>

### Certificate of status – New Zealand citizen in Australia

Application for certificate evidencing residence status in Australia as at 26 February 2001 \$55<sup>10a</sup>

### Verification of status – Superannuation contributions

Verification of immigration status of former temporary residents for refund of superannuation contributions \$55<sup>10a</sup>

<sup>10a</sup> GST is included in this charge.

## Citizenship

Current fees are specified in the Australian Citizenship Regulations 2007.

For all citizenship fees refer to form 1298i *Citizenship fees*.

## Freedom of Information (FOI)

Under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*, the department may impose an application fee.

FOI fees and charges vary according to the nature of the service provided. In some cases they may be remitted. Indicative fees are:

Application for access to documents \$30

Application for internal review of a decision \$40

There are a range of FOI charges (eg. for photocopying and searching). Details are available on request.

## Review

Application fees for appeal against certain Migration Act decisions.

Review by Migration Review Tribunal (MRT) \$1,400

Review by Refugee Review Tribunal (RRT) Nil

Post decision charge (RRT) for unsuccessful applicants \$1,400

Review by Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) (section 501 decisions) \$639

Charges may be waived in cases of severe financial hardship of the review applicant. MRT and AAT charges will be refunded if the decision is favourable or if the review application was invalid.

## Medical review charge – MRT

Additional charge at review stage for another opinion by a Medical Officer of the Commonwealth \$330

## Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA)

The Migration Agents Registration Authority has responsibility for the registration of migration agents.

They can be contacted at:

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

Email: [themara@themara.com.au](mailto:themara@themara.com.au)

Migration Agents Registration Authority  
PO Box Q1551  
QVB NSW 1230

Telephone: 61 2 9299 5446

Fax: 61 2 9299 8448

Migration agent registration fees **cannot** be paid at any office of the department.

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

*General enquiry line* Telephone **131 881** during business hours in Australia to speak to an operator (recorded information available outside these hours). If you are outside Australia, please contact your nearest Australian mission.