



Australian Government

Department of Immigration and  
Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

# Application to visit Australia for tourism or other recreational activities

Form  
**48R**

Please read the following information carefully **BEFORE** you complete your application.

## Who should use this form?

Use this form if you are outside Australia to apply for a visa to visit Australia for tourism or other recreational activities (holiday, sightseeing, social or recreational reasons, to visit relatives or friends, or other short-term non-work purposes including study).

- If you want to apply for a Sponsored Family Visitor visa, you will need to complete form 48S, and your sponsor will need to complete form 1149.
- If you intend visiting Australia for medical treatment you should use form 48ME.
- If you intend to study in Australia for more than 3 months you should apply for a student visa. Please contact the nearest Australian overseas mission for information on student visa applications, including the correct application form.
- If you intend visiting Australia for a short business trip (including attending a conference) you should use form 456.

You must complete all questions in all sections. Failure to answer any question completely and accurately may result in the application being refused, or the visa may be cancelled at a later date.

## Types of visitor visas

A visa must be obtained **BEFORE** travelling to Australia. A visitor visa granted following the processing of this application will be in the form of a label, placed in your passport. A visa may be for a single entry or for multiple entries. Following an assessment of your application by a visa officer, a decision will be made on whether or not to grant a visa and for what period of time. The type of visa, length of stay, conditions and a number of entries will be indicated on your visa label.

You can apply for the following types of visa using this form:

**SHORT STAY VISITOR VISA** is for a stay in Australia of up to 3 months.

**LONG STAY VISITOR VISA** is for any period longer than 3 months. Generally a Long Stay Visitor visa is granted for a stay of 6 months, however, a stay up to 12 months can be granted depending on the applicant's circumstances. A stay beyond 12 months is **ONLY** granted where 'exceptional' circumstances exist.

## Application Charge

There is a non-refundable application charge which must accompany each application.

- The application cannot be processed until this charge has been received.
- The fee will not be refunded if a visa is not granted.

## Who can you include in this application?

Only one passport-holder can apply on one form. You can include in your application any children **on your passport** who will be travelling with you. If another adult is included in your passport they should complete a separate application form.

## Conditions for a tourist visa to Australia

Visitors to Australia must be willing and able to abide by the conditions listed below while in Australia. If you are unwilling or unable to abide by these conditions you should not apply for a visa. If you do not abide by these conditions, your visa may be cancelled or you may be subject to other penalties. If you have any questions or concerns about the conditions, you should ask for more information from an Australian overseas mission.

### CONDITIONS

**8101 – You must NOT work while in Australia.**

**8201 – You must NOT study for more than 3 months while in Australia.**

**8205 – Where this condition applies, and you intend to study for longer than 4 weeks, you are required to pass a chest x-ray examination before you are able to commence study.**

**8503 – No Further Stay.**

Following an assessment of your application, a visa officer may decide to apply the 8503 condition on your visa. The 8503 (or No Further Stay) condition means that the holder of the visa on which the condition has been imposed will not, after entering Australia, be entitled to be granted any other visa<sup>1</sup>, while the holder remains in Australia.

The effect of this visa condition is that it will not be possible for you to apply to remain in Australia beyond the authorised period of stay shown on your visa label. It is particularly important, if your visit to Australia is to attend a specific event, that you organise your travel so that you can attend these events within your authorised period of stay as you will not be able to extend your period of stay in Australia.

If the 8503 condition is imposed on your visa, it will be indicated on the visa label with the words 8503 – NO FURTHER STAY.

There may be other conditions depending on the purpose of your visit.

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<sup>1</sup> Except in extremely limited circumstances which are outside your control, or to engage Australia's protection obligation under the 1951 UN convention relating to the status of refugees.

## How to apply

- Complete the application form. Please note that false or misleading information may lead to refusal or cancellation of your visa, or penalties while in Australia. The completed application form can be lodged at your nearest Australian overseas mission.
- You may arrange for another person to help you complete the application form, but you must sign it. If you have been assisted in completing the application form, you should only sign the declaration(s) if the information in it is true and correct.
- Lodge your application form, the application charge, your passport and any attachments at the nearest Australian overseas mission. Your application may be lodged personally, by your representative or sent by mail.
- Please follow any directions given by the visa processing officer as to medical or x-ray examinations that may be required.
- On the return of your passport and visa, check the details and conditions on the visa label carefully. If you have any concerns or questions about the requirements or limitations, you should contact the office that granted the visa **before** travelling to Australia. You should not assume that any changes to your immigration status can be made after your arrival in Australia.

## Residential address

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

## Health insurance

It is recommended that you take out health insurance for you and your family for the period of stay in Australia. You will not be covered by Australia's national health scheme, unless you are covered by a reciprocal health care agreement.

## Vaccinations

If it is your intention to enrol your child in an Australian school or childcare centre (creche or preschool) during your visit to Australia, you are strongly encouraged to carry certification of your child's vaccination status.

Vaccination is recommended against polio, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), Haemophilus influenzae hypo (Hib), and Hepatitis B.

Certification may be sought at time of enrolment.

**Note:** Vaccination against rubella is also recommended for women of child bearing age.

## Consent to communicate electronically

The Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (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.

## Authorisation of a person to receive written communications

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

DIMIA is required under section 494D of the *Migration Act 1958* to send to your authorised recipient any written communications relating to your application that would otherwise have been sent to you. DIMIA will only send to your authorised recipient information which 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 DIMIA in writing of the details of that person. You may use form 1231 *Appointment of authorised recipient* for this purpose.

## 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 you need to complete the sections with the heading *Options for receiving written communications* and *Migration agent details*. The migration agent will need to sign at the section *Migration agent details*.

Appointing a migration agent to act on your behalf includes authorising DIMIA to send to that agent any written communication about your 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 DIMIA by using form 956 *Appointment of migration agent or exempted agent*, which is available on the DIMIA 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 DIMIA to:

- discuss your application with your agent and seek further information via your agent; and
- send to your agent any written communication about your 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.

DIMIA 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 email. DIMIA 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 DIMIA staff will need to speak with you directly, rather than your migration agent, for example, if you are applying for a visa DIMIA may interview you about your personal circumstances relevant to the visa application. In some situations DIMIA staff 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 DIMIA.

## Using a migration agent

You are not required to use a migration agent to assist with your application. 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](http://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](mailto:themara@themara.com.au)

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 the 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.

## About the information you give in this form

DIMIA 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<sup>2</sup> will be used by DIMIA for assessing your eligibility for a visa to travel, enter and remain in Australia and for other purposes relating to the administration of the Migration Act, for example, to assist migrants with settling in Australia, to monitor the conduct of migration agents, or for 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 regulation of migration agents.

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 (by cancellation for breach of visa condition for example) or expires and you do not hold another visa authorising you to remain in Australia.

If your application for a visitor visa has also been supported by an Australian Member of Parliament or a Community Leader based in Australia, information on the outcome of your application and of your compliance with visa conditions, if your visa is granted, may be provided to the Member of Parliament or the Community Leader.

The collection, access, storage, use and disclosure by DIMIA 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 DIMIA offices, gives details of agencies to which your personal information might be disclosed.

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 DIMIA office in Australia. There is no fee for accessing your own information. If you are overseas, you must provide an address in Australia to which copies of your personal records can be sent. More information on how to make a request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* is given on the form 424 *Request for access to documents*.

<sup>2</sup> The information provided in relation to health on this form, and 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 may be disclosed to the relevant Commonwealth, State and Territory Health agencies.

## Application checklist

With your application you must include:

- your passport
- a recent passport photograph of yourself and any children included in your passport and travelling with you
- the application charge
- if required, authorisation for children to travel with you (refer to the section of the form 'Children included' for details)
- details of how you want your passport returned (if by mail, you should include a passport sized envelope with your address and sufficient postage)

**Separate this sheet and keep it for reference.**

**When you have lodged your application, you should attach your receipt to this sheet.**

## Additional documentation

Under the *Migration Act 1958*, decision-makers are not obliged to seek additional information from the applicant before making a decision on a visa application. It is therefore in the applicant's best interest to submit the following documentation with their application:

- evidence of funds;
- evidence of your medical/travel insurance;
- medical examination or tests;
- a letter from your employer confirming your leave;
- evidence of enrolment at school, college or university;
- if visiting close family in Australia (who is a citizen or permanent resident of Australia), a letter of invitation to visit;
- other information that you have an incentive and authority to return to your country of residence.

## Understanding your visa label



If you are granted a visa, the following information is provided to assist you with understanding the terms and conditions of your visa.

- 1** The name of the office that granted your visa.
- 2** Your name, and the names of any family members included in your application.
- 3** Visa validity information, including:
  - the date your visa was granted;
  - the date by which you must enter Australia;
  - the number of times you can travel to Australia within the validity of the visa; and
  - your authorised period of stay in Australia.
- 4** The type of visa you have been granted.
- 5** The conditions attached to your visa. Two visa conditions always appear:

8101 – NO WORK

8201 – MAX 3 MONTHS STUDY

A description of both these conditions is provided on page 1.

There may be another condition:

8503 – NO FURTHER STAY

If this condition is printed on your visa you will generally not be able to apply for another visa in Australia. A full description of this condition is provided on page 1.

**There may be other visa conditions, depending on the purpose of your visit.**

*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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1 When do you wish to visit Australia? From 

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

 to 

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

2 Are you applying for a: **Short stay visitor**  (up to 3 months) **Long stay visitor**  (more than 3 months)

## PHOTOGRAPH

Please attach a recent photograph of yourself AND any children who are on your passport and will be travelling with you.

### Your details

3 Name(s) as shown in your passport  
Family name   
Given names   
Other names you are, or have been, known by (including name at birth, previous married names, aliases)   
Name in your own language or script (if applicable)

4 Sex Male  Female

5 Date of birth 

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

*If you are 70 years or over, you will be asked to provide evidence from your doctor that you are fit to travel and show that you have medical insurance to cover your stay in Australia. Please contact an Australian overseas mission for further advice before lodging your application. If additional medical consultations are required, a decision on your visa application will be delayed.*

6 Marital status  
Married  Separated  Never married   
Engaged  Divorced   
De facto  Widowed

7 Place of birth Town/city   
Country

8 Passport details  
Passport number   
Country   
Expiry date 

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

*Make sure your passport is valid for the period of stay you are applying for.*

9 Of which countries are you a citizen?

10 Country of usual residence

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

12 Address for correspondence (if the same as your residential address, write 'AS ABOVE')  
  
  
 POSTCODE

13 Your telephone numbers  
Office hours 

COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
( )	( )	

  
After hours or mobile/cell 

COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
( )	( )	

14 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

**Note:** If this visa application is refused, you will be notified by mail

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## Children included

You can include in this application any **children included in your passport who will be travelling with you**. Children under 18 years of age, travelling alone or without one or both of their parents or legal guardians, require notarised authorisation from the non-accompanying parent(s) or guardian(s) to travel to Australia.

15 Are there any children included in your passport who will be travelling with you?

No  Yes  Give details

Full name	Sex	Date of birth			Country of birth
	M/F	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
		/	/		
		/	/		
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If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet with the details.

## Family NOT travelling with you

16 Do you have a spouse, de facto, any children, or fiancé who will NOT be travelling with you?

No  Yes  Give details

Full name	Relationship to you	Date of birth			Their address while you are in Australia
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
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		/	/		
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If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet with the details.

## Details of your visit to Australia

17 Is it likely you will be travelling from Australia to a neighbouring country (eg. New Zealand, Singapore, Papua New Guinea) and back to Australia?

No  Yes  Please attach itinerary details

18 Do you have any relatives, friends or contacts in Australia?

No  Yes  Give details

Full name	Relationship to you	Date of birth			Address	Citizen or permanent resident of Australia? (YES or NO)
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR		
		/	/			
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If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet with the details.

19 Why do you want to visit Australia?

Include details of any dates that are of special significance to your visit.

20 Do you intend to do a course of study of more than 4 weeks while in Australia?

No  Yes  Give details

Name of the course

Name of the institution

How long will the course last?



## Employment status

26 What is your employment status?

Employed/self-employed  Details of employer/business

Name

Address

Telephone number

Position you hold

How long have you been employed by this employer/business?  YEARS  MONTHS

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Retired  Year of retirement  DAY  MONTH  YEAR

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Student  Your current course

Name of educational institution

How long have you been studying at this institution?  YEARS  MONTHS

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Other  Please provide details

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Unemployed  Please provide details of your last employment (if applicable)

## Evidence of funds

All visitors to Australia must be able to demonstrate they have adequate funds to cover all costs associated with their visit. Providing evidence of funds with a completed application will often help expedite the processing of a visitor visa application. Examples include showing personal bank statements, pay slips, audited accounts, taxation records or details of the funds that visitors will be taking with them or available to them (ie. how much in cash, traveller cheques and credit card limit).

27 How will you be maintaining yourself financially while you are in Australia?

  
  
  


28 Is someone else providing support for your visit to Australia?

No  Go to Question 30

Yes  Give details

Full name	Relationship to you	Date of birth			Their address while you are in Australia
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
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		/	/		
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If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet with the details.

29 What support are they providing? Financial  Accommodation  Other  Please attach details

The person or people you have listed will need to provide evidence of their ability to provide this support.

## Previous applications

**30** Have you, or any children included in this application, ever:

- been in Australia and not complied with visa conditions or departed Australia outside your authorised period of stay?
- had an application for entry to or further stay in Australia refused, or had a visa for Australia cancelled?

No  Yes  ▶ Give details


**31** Complete the following details if you (or any children included in this application) have applied for **permanent** entry to Australia in the last 5 years

Was a visa granted?  
(YES or NO)

Month and year	Place of application	Type of visa applied for	Was a visa granted? (YES or NO)

**32** Complete the following details if you (or any children included in this application) have applied for **temporary** entry to Australia in the last 5 years

Was a visa granted?  
(YES or NO)

Month and year	Place of application	Type of visa applied for	Was a visa granted? (YES or NO)

## Assistance with this form

**33** Did you receive assistance in completing this form?

No  ▶ Go to Question 36

Yes  ▶ Please give details of the person who assisted you

Family name (not a business or company name)

Given names

Address

POSTCODE

**34** Is this person a registered migration agent?

No

Yes  ▶ Go to Question 36

**35** 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

**36** 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 44

Migration agent  ▶ Go to Question 41

Agents exempted from registration  ▶ You must complete form 956 *Appointment of migration agent or exempted agent* and attach it to this application. Go to Question 44

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.

**37** 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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## Authorised recipient details

**Note: Do NOT complete this section if you are a migration agent, go to Question 41**

**38** Provide the name and address of the person who is authorised on your behalf to receive all written communications about this application.

Title: Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Other

Family name

Given names

Address

<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
POSTCODE

**39** As the authorised recipient 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

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E-mail address

**40** I understand and accept that I am the person authorised by the applicant to receive all written communications about this application.

**Signature of authorised recipient**

Date

▶▶ Now go to Question 44

## Migration agent details

**41** Provide the details requested below about the migration agent who is authorised to act on your behalf and to receive all written communications about this application.

Migration Agent Registration Number (MARN)

7 DIGITS

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Title: Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Other

Family name

Given names

Business or company name

Postal address

<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
POSTCODE

Telephone number

COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER

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**42** As the migration agent 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

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E-mail address

**43** I understand and accept that I am the person appointed by the applicant to receive all written communications and act as his/her migration agent.

**Signature of migration agent**

Date

## Declaration

**44** Having read the 'Conditions for a tourist visa to Australia' on page 1 of this form:

- I understand that the visa I am applying for does not permit me to work or undertake business activities in Australia.
- I understand that the visa I am applying for does not permit me to study for longer than 3 months in Australia.
- My intention to visit Australia is genuine and I will abide by the conditions and period of stay of the visa.
- I have adequate funds to meet all costs associated with the visit to and from Australia for all those included in this application.
- I have truthfully declared all relevant details requested of me in this application.
- I understand that the effect of the 8503 visa condition is that it will not be possible for me to apply to remain in Australia beyond the authorised period of stay shown on my visa label. I agree to having this condition included on any visa issued to me as a result of this application.
- I acknowledge that I understand that if the 8503 visa condition is imposed on my visa, it will be indicated on the visa label by the condition code '8503' and by the short description 'No Further Stay'. I acknowledge that this means that the 8503 condition has been imposed on my visa, that I am required to depart Australia on or before the date or time period notified on my visa label and that I understand the restriction that Condition 8503 places on me.
- In any part of this form which has been completed with the assistance of another person, I declare that the information as set down is true and correct and has been included with my full knowledge, consent and understanding.
- If granted a visa, I will advise the overseas mission should my circumstances change prior to my travel to Australia.

**Signature  
of applicant**

Date  /  /

**If you are unable to collect your passport, you will need to make adequate arrangements for its return to you.**