

**Charges — April 2001****990i**

THIS INFORMATION FORM is a guide to charges (in Australian dollars) for visas and services from 1 April 2001. Payment must accompany your application and is generally not refunded if the application is unsuccessful. In Australia charges are payable by electronic funds transfer (EFTPOS), or credit card. Overseas, the post will tell you the currency amount and method of payment.

TEMPORARY VISA — application charges**Visitor**♦ **offshore:**

- sponsored family visitor \$60
- Short stay - up to 3 months \$60
- Long stay - up to 1 year \$60

♦ **onshore**

- Short stay - up to 3 months \$155
- Long stay - up to 1 year \$180
- ♦ Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) nil

Medical treatment**Offshore**

- ♦ visa valid for stay of up to 3 months and travel for up to 1 year nil
- ♦ visa valid for stay of more than 3 months and/or for travel of more than 1 year \$40

Onshore \$155**Temporary business entry****Short stay (offshore)**

- up to 3 months \$60
- sponsored business visitor \$60

Long validity - ETA \$60**Long stay - 3 month - 4 years** \$155**Sponsorship charge**

- ♦ application for pre-qualified business sponsor status (valid initially for 2 years) \$3250
- ♦ renewal of pre-qualified business sponsor status (for 1 year) \$1085
- ♦ standard business sponsor status application including applications from overseas businesses not operating in Australia) nil
- ♦ business nomination from pre-qualified business sponsor nil
- ♦ business nomination from standard business sponsor (including overseas businesses) \$225

Temporary residence**Cultural/social — on/offshore**

- ♦ satisfies requirements for subclass 411 visa - offshore nil
- onshore \$155
- ♦ satisfies requirements for subclass 416 visa (on/offshore) — Special Program \$155

- ♦ satisfies specific requirements in regulations nil
- ♦ offshore:
 - 11 or more applications, lodged together - \$1540
 - ♦ fewer than 11 applications - each application \$155
 - ♦ domestic worker, expatriate, family relationship, New Zealand citizen family relationship \$155
 - ♦ retirement, supported dependant \$155
 - ♦ educational \$155
 - ♦ working holiday \$155
 - ♦ medical practitioner \$155
 - ♦ sports people, entertainers \$155

Extended eligibility (Temporary)

- ♦ on form 918 lodged overseas \$120

Prospective marriage (Temporary) \$1125**Student****offshore**

- ♦ approved schemes nil
- ♦ other cases \$290

onshore

- ♦ approved schemes nil
- ♦ application for permission to work \$50
- ♦ application for permission to change education provider \$125
- ♦ application for permission to change education provider where the provider cannot provide the course nil
- ♦ other cases \$290

Bridging

- ♦ bridging visas A, C, D, E nil
- ♦ bridging visa B \$60

Other

- ♦ border, confirmatory, diplomatic, transit nil
- ♦ emergency nil

Temporary residence (non business) sponsorship

- ♦ fewer than 11 applications - each application \$225
- ♦ 11 or more applications lodged together \$2230

Certificate of Status for New Zealand Citizen in Australia

- ♦ Application for certificate evidencing residence status in Australia as at 26 February 2001 \$55#

Evidence of permanent residence

- ♦ Application for evidence of resident status \$70#

APEC Business travel card

- ♦ Application for the APEC Business Travel Card \$145#

Return documents for Australian permanent residents**Resident return visa**

- ♦ application in Australia* \$70
- ♦ application outside Australia \$90

Application for replacement evidence of resident return visa

- ♦ lodged in Australia* \$60
- ♦ lodged overseas \$70

* Usually available 'on the spot' when paying with cash, credit card or EFTPOS

Return document for Australians travelling on foreign passports**lodged in Australia**

- ♦ child \$120#
- ♦ adult \$185#

lodged overseas

- ♦ child \$185
- ♦ adult \$240

PERMANENT VISA — application charges**Migration or****Grant of residence in Australia**

- ♦ Migration Booklet \$10#

All applicants for migration/grant of permanent residence must pay a visa application charge - see the table on the next page for details. Those who applied prior to 1 November 1998 should see earlier versions of this form.

DIMA enquiry 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 the nearest Australian mission.

Home page www.immi.gov.au

Visa class	Skill matching fee	1st instalment	2nd instalment			
			> (primary applicant has less than functional English)	< (spouse/child over 18 has less than functional English)	(health costs)	(skill matching)
Lodged overseas						
Spouse, Child and Interdependent Partner		\$1125				
Parent, Remaining relative, Aged dependent relative		\$1125			\$1005	
Carer*		\$690			\$1005	
Orphan relative		\$690				
Skilled-Australian sponsored and Skilled - Independent		\$1125	\$2380 (can apply to subclass 138)	\$2380		
Skilled-Australian linked			\$2380 (Excluding subclass 106)	\$2380		
Independent			\$2380	\$2380		
Skill matching	\$155			\$2380		\$1125
Employer nomination**, RSMS and Labour agreement**		\$1125	\$4770	\$2380		
Business skills		\$3240	\$4770	\$2380		
Distinguished talent, Special eligibility (Former resident)		\$1125	\$2380	\$2380		
Lodged in Australia						
Spouse/Interdependent Partner and Child		\$1670				
Prospective marriage spouse		\$690				
Aged parents, Remaining relative and Aged Dependent Relative		\$1670			\$1005	
Carer*		\$690			\$1005	
Orphan relative		\$690			\$1005	
Skilled - New Zealand Citizen		\$1670				
Confirmatory (Residence)‡						
Employer nomination, Labour agreement and Distinguished talent RSMS		\$1670				
Business skills		\$3240				

<p>* 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.</p>	<p>is seeking to remain permanently in Australia on the basis of that marriage but their visa has since ceased, pay a lesser charge of \$690</p> <p>- An applicant who holds a transitional (temporary) visa granted on the basis that the holder satisfied the criteria for the grant of an extended eligibility entry permit under the Migration (1989) Regulations pay a lesser charge of \$195</p> <p>- Applicants for a Spouse or Interdependency visa who hold a Dependent Child Visa do not pay a visa application charge.</p>	<p>The second instalment of the visa application charge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ may have more than one component ♦ is payable only by some applicants who have already met most criteria for grant of a visa, and ♦ is payable immediately before the grant of a visa.
<p>** Excluding Religious Workers</p> <p>For persons deemed to apply for RSMS under regulation 2.08C - 1st instalment is nil and 2nd instalment is \$1125.</p> <p>There are a number of technical exceptions for these classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An applicant for a spouse visa who entered as a fiancée, married their sponsor and seeks to remain permanently in Australia on the basis of that marriage and continues to hold a Class TO visa, pay a lesser charge of \$545 - An applicant for a spouse visa who entered as a fiancée, married their sponsor while their visa was valid and 	<p>‡ 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 \$130.</p> <p>The first instalment or skill matching fee is paid at the time of application and must be paid in order for an application to be valid.</p>	<p>Where the 2nd instalment of the visa application charge relates to English language proficiency, the charge will only apply where the primary or secondary applicant has been assessed as having less than a functional level of English.</p> <p>Employer nomination Fee paid by nominating employer</p> <p>In addition to the charges set out in the table, employers who lodge nominations under the Employer Nomination class pay a charge of \$300.</p>

Humanitarian program applications

Applications lodged offshore under the humanitarian program are not subject to charges.

Applications lodged onshore for Protection visas attract a visa application charge of **\$30**

- ♦ An exception is made for applicants who are in immigration detention but not immigration cleared. They pay no charge.

Adult Migrant English Program (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 charge is:

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| ♦ classroom or distance learning students | \$285 |
| ♦ informal learning, (home tutor scheme or individual learning centres | \$60 |

The annual administrative charge is only payable by persons who are not liable to pay the visa application charge. Exemption from payment of the charge exists under some circumstances.

Assurance of support bond

In certain migrant visa subclasses an assurance of support is a requirement which must be met prior to visa grant. An assurance covers the principal applicant and other family members included in the application.

In some cases, persons providing an assurance of support are required to lodge a refundable bond in Australia with the Commonwealth Bank of:

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| ♦ principal applicant | \$3500## |
| ♦ other family members included in the application who must be covered by a bond | \$1500## |

Lodging a bond with the bank

The Commonwealth Bank will provide a bank guarantee to cover the assurance of support bond. It is the only bank approved to provide this service.

The bank charges a fee for each bond to cover the cost of establishing and managing the bond. As the charge is not part of the bond, it is non-refundable. The bank does, however, offer a discount where two bonds are lodged at the same time by one person.

Currently, the charge is \$150 for the first bond and \$50 for the second, a total of \$200.

The bond operates as a term deposit. The bank guarantees to pay to the Australian Government any amount (up to the limit of the bond) redeemable by the Government under the assurance of support agreement.

An initial period of 30 months is set for the bond. This represents the two years the assurance is in effect (from date of arrival in Australia, or approval to remain in Australia) plus six months to cover the period between lodging the bond, approving the application, visa issue and travel to Australia.

< < < < < < < **In Australia — pay by electronic funds transfer (EFTPOS), or credit card.** > > > > > > >

If bonds are required, the assurer should take the DIMA letter requesting the bond, the bond amount and the administrative fee to any branch of the Commonwealth Bank in Australia.

For applications assessed in Australia, the assurer, after the bond is lodged, will need to give the original documents of the bank guarantee - acknowledgement of term deposit and assurance of support - to the DIMA office where the assurance of support was lodged.

For applications assessed overseas the assurer will need to send an authorised true copy of the bank guarantee - acknowledgement of term deposit and assurance of support - to the applicant.

Release of the bond

Only Centrelink can authorise release of the bond. After two years the assurer should ask the nearest Centrelink office to release the bond money (less any claims by Centrelink).

A bond may be released (less Centrelink claims) before two years 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 within the period of the assurance of support.

Australian police records check

Form 1101 Consent to obtain personal information is used where applicants for temporary or permanent residence have spent 1 year or longer in Australia. The charge is \$36 payable by cheque, money order or bank draft to:

Australian Federal Police
Criminal History Branch
Locked Bag No 1
WESTON ACT 2611

Review

Application fees for appeal against certain Migration Act decisions

- review by Migration Review Tribunal (MRT) \$1400
- review by Refugee Review Tribunal (RRT) nil
- post decision charge (RRT) for unsuccessful applicants \$1000
- review by Administrative Appeals Tribunal (section 501 decisions) \$526

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 for another opinion by a Commonwealth Medical Officer at review stage \$330

Citizenship

Current charges are specified in the regulations made under the Australian Citizenship Act 1948.

- ♦ application for declaratory/evidentiary certificate of Australian citizenship \$55
- ♦ application for grant of Australian citizenship \$120
- ♦ application for resumption of Australian citizenship \$65
- ♦ application for registration of a child under 18 as an Australian citizen by descent \$110
 - additional children, where applications lodged simultaneously \$85
- ♦ application for registration as an Australian citizen by descent for a person born between 26 January 1949 and 15 January 1974 \$110
- ♦ concession for applicants for Australian citizenship who are recipients of age, wife, disability support, age service and invalidity service pensions; partner, mature age and mature age (partner) allowance \$20

There is no charge for citizenship for former British child migrants who came to Australia between 22 September 1947 and 31 December 1967 under the British child migrant scheme.

Freedom of information (FOI)

FOI fees and charges vary according to the nature of the service provided. In some cases they may be remitted (eg for personal information). Indicative fees are:

- ♦ application for access to documents under FOI Act \$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.

Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS)

Commonwealth and State agencies and authorities and private businesses are subject to TIS charges that vary according to the service. Indicative charges are below. The full range of charges is available from TIS - **telephone 131 450** and the DIMA web page - **<http://www.immi.gov.au/settlement/tischarges1.htm>**

Telephone interpreting

Non-commercial charges Commercial charges *
per 15 minutes, standard hours*
\$10.80# \$21.70#

* per 15 minutes, after hours**
\$17.35# \$34.70#

On-site interpreting

* first one and a half hours, standard hours*
\$70.45# \$119.35#

* each extra half hour
\$16.25# \$34.55#

* first one and a half hours, after hours**
\$112.75# \$191.00#

* each extra half hour
\$26.00# \$55.45#

* **Standard hours are** 8 am-6 pm, Monday-Friday
** **After hours are** 6 pm-8 am Monday-Friday;
Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.

Document Translations

- * 32.40 per 100 words (jobs less than 500 words)#
- * \$18.40 per 100 words (jobs greater than 500 words)#
- * \$43 minimum charge

GST is included in this charge.
GST included in this charge only if the bond is forfeited.

Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA)

From 21 March 1998, the Migration Agents Registration Authority took responsibility for the registration of migration agents. MARA's address is:
PO Box K366
HAYMARKET NSW 1240
Phone (02) 9211 4744
Fax (02) 9211 8212

Registration fees **can not** be paid at DIMA office.