



# Required assurance of support

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Before you fill in this form, you should read the information below or the assurance of support information contained in the General Skilled Migration Booklet.

## What is an assurance of support?

An assurance of support is a commitment to provide financial support to the person applying to migrate so that the migrant will not have to rely on any government forms of support.

It is also a legal commitment by a person to repay to the Commonwealth of Australia any recoverable social security payments made by Centrelink to those covered by the assurance. The assurance is in force for two years, from the date of the assuree's arrival in Australia or is granted a relevant visa, whichever happens later.

Assurances cover the principal applicant and the family included in the application.

**If you sign this form, you are making an undertaking to provide assistance and a legal commitment to repay the Commonwealth of Australia any recoverable social security payments made to those it covers while in force. The recoverable payments are:**

- ♦ **Special Benefit**
- ♦ **Newstart Allowance**
- ♦ **Partner Allowance**
- ♦ **Widow Allowance**
- ♦ **Mature Age Allowance**
- ♦ **Parenting Payment to a Member of a Couple**
- ♦ **Youth Allowance**
- ♦ **Austudy Payment, and**
- ♦ **Crisis Payment**

For advice on social security payments made through Centrelink visit their website at: [www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au)

Applicants living in Australia can phone Centrelink for the cost of a local call on 132 850 or for information in languages other than English, 131 202.

The relevant provisions of the Migration Regulations which relate to the assurance of support and the obligations undertaken by a person lodging the assurance are available from offices of the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA).

## Who needs an assurance of support?

The Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs requires that an assurance of support be given in relation to a person applying to enter or stay in Australia if they are:

- 1 a Skilled-Australian Sponsored or Skilled Regional Sponsored applicant
- 2 a parent
- 3 an aged dependent relative
- 4 a last remaining brother, sister or non-dependent child outside Australia
- 5 a carer
- 6 an unmarried, orphaned relative under 18 at the time of application.

## Who can give an assurance?

An assurer must be:

- ♦ an adult (over 18) Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen\*;
- ♦ usually resident in Australia;
- ♦ earning taxable income at or above the level for eligibility; for maximum Family Allowance (see below);
- ♦ able to provide a notice of assessment issued by the Commissioner of Taxation for each of the last 2 financial years.

\* 'eligible New Zealand citizen' is one who holds a special category visa, is usually resident in Australia and would have met certain health and character requirements on last entry to Australia.

You should assess your circumstances and ability to meet the legal obligations placed on you by giving an assurance. You do not have to be the sponsor to give an assurance.

The level of income which you must demonstrate will depend on your family composition and the number of persons you are seeking to assure.

## Income test on assurer

An assurer is required to have a minimum annual income of \$28, 200 evidenced by their income tax assessment notices for the last two years. This amount is increased by:

- ♦ \$2,000 for each dependent adult and \$624 for each child in the assurer's family (except the first child which is already covered by the minimum income amount); and
- ♦ \$2,000 for each adult and \$624 for each child included in the migration application.

For example:

An assurer with a dependent spouse and one child who is lodging an AOS for a migrating family comprising 2 adults and 2 children would be required to have a minimum annual income of:

\$28, 200	(minimum amount which also covers the first child of the assurer)
\$ 2, 000	(for the assurers dependent spouse)
\$ 4, 000	(for 2 adults in the migrating family)
\$ 1, 248	(for 2 children in the migrating family)

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**\$35, 448**

If you are already an assurer you should add the amount/s required for that assurance to this calculation. You should remember that you cannot assure more than two adults at any one time.

These rates are valid from 1 July 2000 to 1 July 2001. (Rates may be subject to adjustment).

## Giving an assurance of support

You cannot assure more than 2 adults at any one time. If there are more than 2 adults in the application, another person will need to give a separate assurance. The spouse of an assurer can give a separate assurance, provided the financial

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circumstances of both support the 2 assurances. Children under 18 in an application are listed in principal applicant's assurance.

### **What bonds apply?**

The person giving the assurance for applicants in groups 1-5 above must lodge a refundable bond with the Commonwealth Bank.

The bond is held by the bank for 2 years from the date the assuree arrives in Australia, or if the visa is granted in Australia, from the date the relevant visa is granted. It will be released at the end of that time by Centrelink, less any amount needed to repay recoverable benefits and allowances paid to the assuree during the 2 year period.

If the entire bond is withheld by Centrelink, but does not cover the total debt, Centrelink will use its debt recovery powers under the *Social Security Act 1991*, which may include taking court action, to recover the debt from the assurer.

The bond amount is A\$3500 for the principal applicant and A\$1500 for each other person (if 18 years of age or over) included in the application. DIMA will advise the applicant of the bond details in writing when it is due. The bond must be taken out in the approved form by the person giving the assurance.

Evidence of lodgement of the bond must be provided to DIMA before an assurance can be approved. For further information on the bond, where to lodge it and release of the bond see information form 990i *Charges*.

**The assurer should not lodge the bond until requested to do so in writing by DIMA.**

### **What other charges apply?**

Applicants in group 2-5 above including children under 18 years of age must pay the second instalment of the visa application charge (to cover potential initial health services costs in Australia) if their application is to be successful. DIMA will advise the applicant of the details of this charge in writing when it is due. For further information see information form 990i *Charges*.

**The health services charge should not be paid until it is asked for by DIMA in writing.**

### **For how long is the assurance?**

An assurance of support must be given for 2 years commencing on the day when that person enters Australia or is granted the relevant visa, whichever happens later.

### **Where will I lodge this form?**

For migration applications lodged offshore on or after 1 July 1999 this form with supporting documents is to be provided to the applicant for lodgement at the overseas mission.

For applications lodged offshore before 1 July 1999 this form with supporting documents is to be lodged in Australia at an office of DIMA.

For applicants in Australia, this form with supporting documents is to be lodged in Australia at an office of DIMA.

**Whoever gives the assurance of support should be aware that they are giving a legal undertaking.**

### **About the information you give**

DIMA 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 will be used for assessing your eligibility to provide an assurance of support in respect of a person or persons applying for a visa and for other purposes relating to the administration of the Migration Act, for example, to assist migrants with settling in Australia or for ensuring compliance with visa conditions.

Once a permanent visa is granted the information provided in this form will be forwarded to Centrelink for the purpose of facilitating release of bonds paid or identification and recovery of debts incurred.

The information form 993i *Safeguarding your personal information*, available from DIMA offices, gives details of agencies to which your information might also be disclosed.

## **DIMA enquiry line - 131 881**

for the cost of a local call in Australia. Overseas, contact the nearest Australian mission.

Our home page address is: - [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)

**Required assurance of support**

Assurance of support — required and given under the Migration Regulations.

**By completing this form you are giving a legal undertaking. If you are not completely sure about what you are agreeing to by signing this form, you should get advice from a qualified person such as a lawyer or migration agent. You should understand that your undertakings in this assurance cannot be withdrawn after persons covered by this assurance are granted visas.**

**Details of the visa applicants covered by this assurance**

**Note:** If there are more than 2 persons aged 18 years and over included in the visa application, the additional applicants will require a separate *assurance of support* to be provided by another assurer.

**1 Details of the first adult covered by this assurance**

Family name

Given names

Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Country of birth

Sex

Male ☐Female ☐

Home address

  
  

Postcode

**2 Details of the second adult covered by this assurance (if applicable)**

Family name

Given names

Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Country of birth

Sex

Male ☐Female ☐

Home address

  
  

Postcode

**3 Details of dependants under the age of 18 years covered by this assurance**

If space is inadequate, please provide details on a separate sheet.

Family name

Given names

Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Country of birth

Sex

Male ☐Female ☐

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**DIMA Office use only**

File no.

Visa subclass

Approved ☐Refused ☐

Signature

Name

Office

Date

**Details of dependants  
under the age of 18  
years covered by this  
assurance (continued)**

Family name	<input type="text"/>
Given names	<input type="text"/>
Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)	<input type="text"/>
Country of birth	<input type="text"/>
Sex	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Family name	<input type="text"/>
Given names	<input type="text"/>
Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)	<input type="text"/>
Country of birth	<input type="text"/>
Sex	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Family name	<input type="text"/>
Given names	<input type="text"/>
Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)	<input type="text"/>
Country of birth	<input type="text"/>
Sex	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Family name	<input type="text"/>
Given names	<input type="text"/>
Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)	<input type="text"/>
Country of birth	<input type="text"/>
Sex	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>

**4 Visa applied for:**

**Offshore**

Subclass 103 — Parent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subclass 114 — Aged Dependent Relative (Subclass 104, prior to November 1999)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subclass 115 — Remaining Relative) (Subclass 104, prior to November 1999)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subclass 116 — Carer (Subclass 104, prior to November 1999)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subclass 117 — Orphan Relative (Subclass 104, prior to November 1999)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subclass 118 — Designated	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subclass 138 — Skilled Australian Sponsored	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subclass 139 — Skilled Regional Sponsored	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Onshore**

Subclass 804 — Aged Parent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subclass 835 — Remaining Relative (Subclass 806, prior to November 1999)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subclass 836 — Carer (Subclass 806, prior to November 1999)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subclass 837 — Orphan Relative (Subclass 806, prior to November 1999)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subclass 838 — Aged Dependent Relative (Subclass 806, prior to November 1999)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subclass 859 — Designated Parent	<input type="checkbox"/>

**5 Office where the visa application was lodged**

**Details of the person giving this assurance**

This person need not be the sponsor, but must be an Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen. This person must be 18 years or over, usually residing in Australia and able to support the sponsored person.

**6 Full name**

Family name	<input type="text"/>
Given names	<input type="text"/>

**7 Have you been known by any other names?**

(such as name at birth, alias, previous married name)

No ☐ Yes ☐ > Give details

Family name	<input type="text"/>
Given names	<input type="text"/>

If you have been known by other names, attach a page giving the names

**8 Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)**

**9 Sex**

Male ☐ Female ☐

<b>10 Home address</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">Postcode</div>	
<b>11 Postal address</b> (if different from home address)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">Postcode</div>	
<b>12 Contact telephone numbers</b>	Home ( STD )	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
	Work ( STD )	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
<b>13 Country of birth</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	
<b>14 Are you an Australian citizen or eligible New Zealand citizen?</b>	No <input type="checkbox"/> > Citizenship <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>15 Are you a permanent resident of Australia?</b>	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>16 If born outside Australia date of arrival in Australia</b> (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	
<b>17 Full name of spouse giving this assurance</b>	Family name	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
	Given names	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
<b>18 Spouse's date of birth</b> (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	
<b>19 List any other home addresses you have had in the last 12 months</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">Postcode</div>	
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### Declaration of personal and financial details

The information you give in this section will be used to make an assessment of your ability to carry out undertakings given in this assurance of support.

The Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA) may require you to attend an interview or provide documentary evidence in relation to answers given in this form.

It is the usual practice of DIMA to disclose the information collected by this form to Centrelink which retains all accepted assurances of support to facilitate release of bonds paid or identify and recover debts incurred.

<b>20 Number of dependent children you have under 18 years of age</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>									
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**22 Details of your previous 2 financial years GROSS TAXABLE INCOME**  
(as per Income Tax Assessment Notices from the Australian Taxation Office)

Last financial year \$

Previous financial year \$

**23 Are you currently employed?**

No ☐ Yes ☐ > Give details


**24 Are you self-employed or do you have any other means of generating income?**

No ☐ Yes ☐ > Give details


**25 Do you owe the Commonwealth of Australia any money (e.g. Australian Tax Office, Centrelink/Social Security.)?**

No ☐ Yes ☐ > Give details


Amount \$

**26 Have you lodged any other assurances of support?**

No ☐ Yes ☐ > Give details

**Details of any other assurance currently being processed**

Name of person assured

Office lodged

Date lodged (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Name of person assured

Office lodged

Date lodged (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

**Details of any other assurance of support currently in force**

Name of person assured

Office lodged

Date lodged (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Name of person assured

Office lodged

Date lodged (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

## Supporting documents you must attach

**27** You should provide certified photocopies of the following documents: (Original documents should not be sent as they may not be returned. A 'certified copy' of a document is a copy which has been authorised or stamped as being a true copy of the original by a justice of the peace or a commissioner for declarations. You are not required to provide your tax file no. on any documents submitted.)

- ♦ Your latest two income tax assessment notices from the Australian Taxation Office.
- ♦ Evidence of your employment status.
- ♦ Evidence of Australian citizenship/permanent residence.

You should also provide a letter from the Australian office overseas (for visa subclasses 103, 114, 115, 116, 117 and 118) or regional office in Australia (for visa subclasses 804, 835, 836, 837, 839 and 859) requesting completion of the assurance of support.

**If supporting documents are not attached, the assurance of support will not be accepted.**

## Statutory declaration by person giving this assurance

**28** This declaration must be made before an authorised person. An authorised person is a person who is authorised to witness statutory declarations under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* as listed below:

**Within Australia** - a magistrate, justice of the peace, commissioner for declarations, commissioner for affidavits, notary public, or any other person before whom a statutory declaration may be made under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* or under the law of the state or territory in which the declaration is made.

**Outside Australia** - an Australian consular officer or an Australian diplomatic officer as defined by the *Consular Fees Act 1985*.

**Warning:** The provision of false or misleading information in this declaration is subject to penalties under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* and the *Migration Act 1958*. The *Statutory Declarations Act*, for example, provides for penalties of up to 4 years imprisonment.

## Commonwealth of Australia Statutory declaration

I, Name	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Occupation	<input type="text"/>

### do solemnly and sincerely declare:

- I undertake to provide sufficient direct or indirect financial assistance to the person/s covered by this assurance to ensure they will not rely on any form of Australian social security benefit as listed below;
- I undertake to repay to the Commonwealth the funds paid where any Special Benefit, Newstart Allowance, Partner Allowance, Widow Allowance, Mature Age Allowance, Parenting Payment to a Member of a Couple, Youth Allowance, Austudy Payment, or Crisis Payment is paid under the *Social Security Act 1991* to a person covered by this assurance, during the period for which the assurance of support is given;
- I understand that Centrelink, on behalf of the Department of Family and Community Services, may use its debt recovery powers under the *Social Security Act 1991* or that action may be taken in a court to recover from me such funds as a debt due pursuant to the Migration Regulations;
- I understand that the support of a person covered by this assurance is defined in the Migration Regulations;
- I understand and agree that the period for which this assurance of support is given is a period of 2 years commencing from the date of entry to Australia of the persons granted migrant visas overseas or the date of grant of permanent residence visa to persons in Australia (whichever happens later) covered by this assurance.
- I understand that my undertakings in this assurance cannot be withdrawn by me after persons covered by this assurance are granted their visas.
- The information supplied on this form and any attachments, is complete, correct and up-to-date in every detail. I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*, and subject to the penalties provided by that Act for the making of false statements in statutory declarations, conscientiously believing the statements contained in this declaration to be true in every particular.

Signature of person making declaration	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
Declared at:	<input type="text"/>		
City or place	<input type="text"/>		
Before me: (details of person before whom declaration is made)			
Name	<input type="text"/>		
Title	<input type="text"/>		
Signature	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>

**Checklist (see Question 27)**

**You must check that the following sections are completed and the documents are attached for this application to be accepted. Do not attach originals as these may not be returned. Submit certified copies.**

**You must have completed:**

- ♦ The whole form (do not use liquid paper, initial any changes). No ☐ Yes ☐
- ♦ Is the statutory declaration signed and witnessed? No ☐ Yes ☐

**You must attach:**

- ♦ Proof of Australian Citizenship/permanent residence. No ☐ Yes ☐
- ♦ Most recent two consecutive Tax Assessment Notices from the Australian Taxation Office. No ☐ Yes ☐
- ♦ Evidence of your employment status, ie latest payslip or letter from accountant stating net income per week ( if self employed). No ☐ Yes ☐