



Important – Please read this information and form 1024i *Bridging visas* carefully before you complete your application. Once you have completed your application we strongly advise that you keep a copy for your records.

### How to apply

Please complete your application in English.

Answer all questions in full. If you need more space to answer any question, write the details on a separate sheet, sign it and attach it to the application form. You may also be asked to provide documentary evidence of some of your details.

This application will not be valid until you pay the charge.

If your circumstances change in any way after you lodge your application you must inform the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (the department) of the new circumstances.

The completed form may be lodged in person or sent by post to any office of the department in Australia.

For further information on visa applications and contacting the department, see information form 1025i *Visa applications*. This form is available from the department's website

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

### Integrity of application

The department is committed to maintaining the integrity of the visa and citizenship programs. Please be aware that if you provide us with fraudulent documents or claims, this may result in processing delays and possibly your application being refused.

### Residential address

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

### Charges

There is a visa application charge for this visa, see form 990i *Charges*.

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.

### Method of payment

In Australia, debit card or credit card are the preferred methods of payment. Debit cards cannot be used for applications lodged by mail. If paying by bank cheque or money order please make payable to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

### Requirements for grant of the Bridging visa B

The requirements to be satisfied in order to be granted a Bridging visa B include that:

- you must be the holder of a bridging visa A or B;
- you must have substantial reasons for wishing to leave and re-enter Australia; and
- your return to Australia would not be contrary to the public interest.

**Note:** If your application for a substantive visa is refused, and you seek review of that decision by a review body (eg. the MRT or RRT), and the review body affirms the decision to refuse the visa, your bridging visa will cease 28 days after you are taken to be notified of the decision of the review body. Therefore, if you apply for judicial review of the refusal decision, you must apply for a new bridging visa to remain lawful while those proceedings are being decided.

### About the information you give

The department 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 for a bridging visa and for other purposes relating to the administration of 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, superannuation, review of decisions and registration 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 a visa condition for example) or expires and you do not hold another visa authorising you to remain in Australia.

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

The information on this form, including 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(s) may be disclosed to the relevant Commonwealth, state and territory health agencies.

Form 1071i *Health requirements for permanent visas* and 1163i *Health requirements for temporary entry to Australia* provides additional information on Australia's visa health requirements.

Forms 1071i and 1163i are available at offices of the department or from the department's website [www.immi.gov.au/allforms/](http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/)

### Immigration assistance

A person gives immigration assistance to you if he or she uses, or claims to use, his or her knowledge or experience in migration procedure to assist you with your visa application, request for ministerial intervention, cancellation review application, sponsorship or nomination.

In Australia a person may only lawfully give immigration assistance if he or she is a registered migration agent or is exempt from being registered. Only registered migration agents may receive a fee or reward for providing immigration assistance.

If an unregistered person in Australia, who is not exempt from registration, gives you immigration assistance they are committing a criminal offence and may be prosecuted.

### Migration agents in Australia

Migration agents in Australia must be registered with the Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (Office of the MARA) unless they are exempt from registration.

### Migration agents outside Australia

Migration agents who operate outside Australia do not have to be registered. The department may give some overseas agents an ID number. This number does not mean that they are registered.

**Note:** Some Australian registered migration agents operate overseas.

### Migration agent information

A migration agent is someone who can:

- advise you on the visa that may best suit you;
- tell you the documents you need to submit with your application;
- help you fill in the application and submit it; and
- communicate with the department on your behalf.

If you appoint a migration agent, the department will assume that your migration agent will be your authorised recipient, unless you indicate otherwise.

Your migration agent will be the person with whom the department will discuss your application and from whom it will seek further information when required.

You are not required to use a migration agent. However, if you use a migration agent, the department encourages you to use a registered migration agent. Registered agents are bound by the Migration Agents Code of Conduct, which requires them to act professionally in their clients' lawful best interests.

Information on migration agents, including a list of registered migration agents, is available on the Office of the MARA website [www.mara.gov.au](http://www.mara.gov.au)

You can also access information about migration agents on the department's website [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)

### Exempt persons

The following people do not have to be a registered migration agent in order to provide immigration assistance, but they must not charge a fee for their service:

- a close family member (spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, brother or sister);
- a member of parliament or their staff;
- an official whose duties include providing immigration assistance (eg. a Legal Aid provider);
- a member of a diplomatic mission, consular post or international organisation.

### Appointing a migration agent/exempt person

To appoint a migration agent/exempt person you should complete Part H *Options for receiving written communications*.

Your migration agent/exempt person should complete form 956 *Advice by a migration agent/exempt person of providing immigration assistance*.

Form 956 is available from the department's website [www.immi.gov.au/allforms/](http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/)

## Options for receiving written communications

If you do not appoint a migration agent/exempt person you may still authorise another person, in writing, to receive written communications on your behalf. This person is called the authorised recipient.

### Authorised recipient information

All written communication about your application will be sent to your authorised recipient, unless you indicate that you wish to have health and/or character information sent directly to you.

The department will communicate with the most recently appointed authorised recipient as you may only appoint one authorised recipient at any time for a particular application.

You will be taken to have received any documents sent to that person as if they had been sent to you.

To appoint an authorised recipient you should complete:

- Part H *Options for receiving written communications*; and
- form 956A *Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient*.

**Note:** Migration agents/exempt persons do not need to complete form 956A.

Form 956A is available from the department's website [www.immi.gov.au/allforms/](http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/)

## Consent to communicate electronically

The department 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 the department 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 the department communicating with you by electronic means, the details you provide will only be used by the department 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 Australian Government accepts no responsibility for the security or integrity of any information sent to the department 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 form 956 or 956A to indicate their consent to this form of communication.

**Note:** Electronic communication is the fastest means of communication available and the department prefers to communicate electronically because this results in faster processing.

*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.

*Please keep these information pages for your reference*



**9** Do you, and the other applicants included in this application (if any), agree to the department communicating with you by fax, e-mail or other electronic means?

No

Yes  Give details

Fax number

E-mail address

## Part D – Application details

### 10 Your substantive visa application

What type of substantive visa (ie. a visa other than a bridging visa) have you applied for?

Where was the application lodged?

Please provide one of the following:

Substantive visa application receipt number

TRN

File number

### 11 Judicial review

(Please complete if you are awaiting the outcome of judicial review proceedings relating to your substantive visa application.)

Date of the letter from the department notifying you of the refusal of your substantive visa application.

If you sought merits review of that refusal, please provide the date of the letter notifying you of the decision of the review authority.

Date on which your judicial review application was lodged.

Please attach a copy of the application, and any notice of appeal, which shows the court registration number and endorsement by a Registrar.

If you are unable to provide this information the department will need to verify your claim by internal enquiries or by contacting a solicitor acting on your behalf.

If applicable, please provide the name and phone number of your solicitor.

Name of solicitor

Phone number

### 12 Intended overseas travel

**Note:** A Bridging visa B allows you to travel until a specified date UNLESS the visa ceases prior to that date.

A Bridging visa B will cease either 28 days after notification of a decision (either by the department or by a review authority) in relation to your substantive visa application, 28 days after withdrawal of your substantive visa application, or, if you have applied for judicial review of a decision in relation to your substantive visa application, 28 days after completion of the judicial review proceedings or withdrawal of the judicial review application.

Destination (Country and region/town/city)

Date of expected departure

Date of expected return

Purpose of intended travel

### 13 Notification of change of address during period of travel

If you are awaiting a decision on your substantive visa application (either from the department or a merits review authority) and you intend to reside at an address overseas, for a period of 14 days or more, you must advise of the address at which you will be and of the period that you intend to be there.

Overseas address

Period of intended stay

to

### 14 Address for correspondence during period of travel

(If the same as address given at Question 13, write 'AS ABOVE'.)

**Note:** Unless otherwise advised this will be the address that the department uses to correspond with you and the other applicants included in this application (if any) during the period of your intended overseas travel.

If you wish another person to receive communications from the department during the period of your intended travel, and you have not yet given authorisation for that person to receive communications, you must advise the department in writing (you may use form 956 *Appointment of a migration agent or exempt agent or other authorised recipient* for this purpose).

Phone number

Fax number

## Part E – Additional applicants

**15** Give details of members of your family who are applying for a Bridging visa B and will be travelling.

**Note:**

- If any member of your family is travelling for different reasons, please provide reasons below.
- A post office box address is not acceptable as a residential address. Failure to give a residential address will result in your application being invalid.
- Unless otherwise advised in writing or on form 929 *Change of address and/or passport details*, the department will communicate with the additional applicants in the same manner, and at the same address, as has been requested by the main applicant (see Questions 7, 9 and 22).

**Applicant 2**

Family name

Given names

Date of birth  / /

Current residential address in Australia

POSTCODE

Reason(s) for travel if different to main applicant


**Applicant 3**

Family name

Given names

Date of birth  / /

Current residential address in Australia

POSTCODE

Reason(s) for travel if different to main applicant


**Applicant 4**

Family name

Given names

Date of birth  / /

Current residential address in Australia

POSTCODE

Reason(s) for travel if different to main applicant


**Applicant 5**

Family name

Given names

Date of birth  / /

Current residential address in Australia

POSTCODE

Reason(s) for travel if different to main applicant


**Applicant 6**

Family name

Given names

Date of birth  / /

Current residential address in Australia

POSTCODE

Reason(s) for travel if different to main applicant




## Part G – Assistance with this form

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

No  ▶ Go to Part H

Yes  ▶ Please give details of the person who assisted you

Title: Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Other

Family name

Given names

Address

POSTCODE

Telephone number or daytime contact

	COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
Office hours	( )	( )	
Mobile/cell			

**19** Is the person an agent registered with the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA)?

No

Yes  ▶ Go to Part H

**20** Is the person/agent in Australia?

No  ▶ Go to Part H

Yes

**21** Did you pay the person/agent and/or give a gift for this assistance?

No

Yes

## Part H – Options for receiving written communications

**22** All written communications about this application should be sent to:  
(Tick one box only)

Myself

**OR**

Authorised recipient  ▶ You should complete form 956A *Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient*

**OR**

Migration agent  ▶ Your migration agent/exempt person should complete form 956 *Advice by a migration agent/exempt person of providing immigration assistance*

**OR**

Exempt person

## Part I – Payment details

**23** How will you pay your application charge?

**Note:** In Australia, debit card or credit card are the preferred methods of payment. Debit cards cannot be used for applications lodged by mail.

Bank cheque  ▶ Please make payable to:  
Department of Immigration and Citizenship

Money order

Debit card  ▶ Cannot be used for applications lodged by mail

Credit card  ▶ Give details below

Payment by (tick one box)

MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/>	Diners Club <input type="checkbox"/>	Australian Dollars <input type="text"/>
American Express <input type="checkbox"/>	JCB <input type="checkbox"/>	
Visa <input type="checkbox"/>		

Credit card number

Expiry date MONTH  / YEAR

Cardholder's name

Telephone number (AREA CODE  )

Address

POSTCODE

**Signature of cardholder**

Credit card information will be used for charge paying purposes only.

## Part J – Declaration

**WARNING:** Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

- 24** The following declaration must be signed and dated by all applicants aged 18 or over included in this application

*I/we, the applicant(s), declare that the information I/we have given in this form is complete, correct and up-to-date in every detail.*

**Signature of main applicant**

Date  /  /

**Signature of applicant 2**

Date  /  /

**Signature of applicant 3**

Date  /  /

**Signature of applicant 4**

Date  /  /

**Signature of applicant 5**

Date  /  /

**Signature of applicant 6**

Date  /  /

We strongly advise that you keep a copy of your application and all attachments for your records.

### Office use only

**Note:** Each bridging visa must either relate to a specific substantive visa application or a judicial review proceeding.

File number

Fee paid? No  Yes

#### Visa Numbers

(This number is found at the top of the visa label eg. 6581000580T1 WA 010).

New BVB number

Previous BVA OR BVB number

Associated substantive visa application number

Current/previous subclass 785 holder?

No  Yes

If a subclass 497 applicant, is clause 020.222 satisfied?

No  Yes

Expiry date of visa  /  /

Expiry date of passport  /  /

Passport issued at

Date of issue  /  /

**Signature of issuing officer**

Date  /  /

Comments

  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  


Passport Held for collection  Returned by mail

Passport number

**Signature of returning officer**

Date  /  /

**Signature of applicant/ authorised representative**

Date  /  /