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Journalist Visa Checklist

Place a tick in the box for documents you are submitting or if the statement is applicable to your case.		
Section A: Standard documents	You	Staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Online Application form fully filled available at www.vfsglobal.com/india/australia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Download all forms, print and sign where applicable. ○ Any Errors on the printed form cannot be modified by Pen/Pencil at the time of Submission. ○ Applicants are advised to ensure accuracy of the details entered in the online Form. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ONE recent photograph (2 inch x 2 inch), meeting strict specifications. see www.vfsglobal.com/india/australia for more details. IPVSC Centres in Australia provide photography services as per the guidelines of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO). This service is chargeable and available for standard photographs of Adult and children. (Assistance may not be available for Infant and applicants' with Special Needs). 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Current Original passport with a minimum validity of six months from the date of Application and must have at least two blank page. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Except Czech National – See details under section C 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If your occupation selected on your Visa Application form is, "Journalist", you may only apply for a Journalist Visa, even if you intend to travel for tourism or any work or non-work related purpose. Check Occupation on Form. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Appointment Letter:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All Applicants visiting the application centre for submitting their applications in person are required to schedule an appointment. (Applications sent by Post/Courier do not require scheduling an appointment) ○ Visit www.vfsglobal.com/india/australia to schedule appointment or Click here. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mode of payment:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eftpos / Credit card - MasterCard or Visa Card issued in Australia (at VFS counters) ○ Cash (at VFS Counters only) ○ Money / Postal Order payable to "VFS Services Australia Pty Ltd" only ○ Post Applications- Complete Credit Card Authorization form Note: - Personal Cheque and company Cheque are not acceptable. - Courier Fee is mandatory (Applications received by post will be returned by post) 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section B : Additional documents based on specific conditions		
Condition 1: Details of Journalist Activity Planned and will any filming be carried out?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Letter from the Australian company or applicant indicating the nature of the story to be covered, detailed schedule, interviews planned etc, and stating the purpose of visit for journalism. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If any still or motion filming is to be carried out, then complete FORM F - One additional Photo will be required on this form. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Condition 2: Are you planning to apply on a Foreign Passport? [Non- Australian Passport]		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Current Visa Status required for Non Australian Passport holders. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VEVO or Visa Grant Notice or Visa sticker is an acceptable proof for a valid visa status. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EXCEPTION: For example, if you are a DUAL national – Australia and UK, and wish to apply on your UK passport, submit a copy of the photo page of your Australian passport. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Condition 3: Do you need to complete FORM D?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All Australian/Foreign passport holders who were previously nationals of Pakistan, Afghanistan and DPRK must fill in the FORM-D. (Download form at www.vfsglobal.com/india/australia) ● All nationals of Iran, China, Macau, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Pakistan, Afghanistan and DPRK (whether Permanent Residents in Australia or not) must fill in the FORM-D. ● All foreign nationals who are not Permanent Residents in Australia must fill in the FORM-D. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Condition 4: Proof of Renunciation of your Indian Citizenship, if you were previously an Indian National (Indian Passport Law does not permit Dual Citizenship; therefore all Indian Nationals obtaining a Foreign Citizenship must renounce their Indian Citizenship)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a copy of any consular service availed after 1st June 2010 from the Indian mission in Australia (i.e. Visa / OCI / PIO) OR provide one of the following:- 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o If your Indian passport is officially cancelled, provide a photocopy of the bio page [page with photo and passport details]. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o If your Indian Passport is not officially cancelled, submit the original Indian Passport for cancellation, a copy of your Australian OR Foreign Citizenship Certificate along with One Photograph (2"x2" size), Online Application Form and Form XXII available at www.vfsglobal.com/india/australia Download and print the online filled form.(Register on the website (https://embassy.passportindia.gov.in/) and create your User Id for filling an online application form) Note: Renunciation and Surrender of Indian passport application will be processed separately. o Also provide FORM J if your appearance in the Indian Passport and Australian Passport differs from the form. (Download form at www.vfsglobal.com/india/australia) o If your name is different in the Australian/ Foreign passport from that of the Indian passport, submit a copy of your name change certificate (attested by a Justice of Peace or Notary) OR a Statutory Declaration attested by a Justice of Peace or Notary o If your Indian passport is not cancelled, penalty may apply –For More information visit- www.vfsglobal.com/india/australia/renunciation_of_indian_citizenship_and_surrender_of_India_n_passports.html) 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o If your Indian Passport is lost and not in your possession, submit a Statutory Declaration attested by a Justice of Peace or Notary with details on the reason for the passport not being in your possession. Also submit a copy of your Australian OR Foreign Citizenship Certificate and FORM XXII 		
Section C: Specific Nationality Criteria (Only if you are a national/ex-national or hold dual nationality with one of the countries listed here below)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you currently hold dual nationality of Pakistan and another country, both passports need to be submitted. Visa will be issued on your Pakistani passport. • If you are ex-national & do not hold dual nationality of Pakistan and another country, submit a statutory Declaration duly attested by a Justice of Peace or Notary stating that you do not hold Pakistani nationality. • As a national of Pakistan if you are only visiting one city in India, you must submit your application in quadruplet (four sets). If visiting two cities in India, you must submit in quintuplet (five sets). If visiting three cities in India, you must submit in six sets. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you currently hold dual nationality of Bangladesh and another country, both passports need to be submitted. Visa will be issued on your Bangladeshi passport. • If you are ex-national & do not hold dual nationality of Bangladesh and another country, submit a Statutory Declaration duly attested by a Justice of Peace or Notary stating that you do not hold Bangladeshi nationality. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you currently hold dual nationality of Sri Lanka and another country, both passports need to be submitted. Visa will be issued on your Sri Lankan passport. • If you are ex-national & do not hold dual nationality of Sri Lanka and another country, submit a Statutory Declaration duly attested by a Justice of Peace or Notary stating that you do not hold Sri Lankan nationality. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you currently hold a New Zealand Passport and are a permanent resident of Australia, submit a copy of your Medicare card. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you currently hold a Czech Republic Passport, you may apply only if you meet the following 		



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Credit Card Authorization (to be completed for applications sent by post)

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Cardholder's Signature	<input type="text"/>
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