



Australian Government

Department of Immigration and Citizenship

Resident Return Visas (Subclasses 155 and 157)

Application Document Checklist

This application document checklist details the information and supporting documents (personal, health and character) required to assist with the lodgement of a complete application with the department. You may also need to provide additional information and documentation after you have made your application if the department requires it.

More information about this visa is available.

See: [www.immi.gov.au/migrants/residents/155 and 157](http://www.immi.gov.au/migrants/residents/155_and_157)

Important: Original documents should not be provided unless requested. Please provide 'certified copies' of original documentation. Documents not in English must be accompanied by accredited English translations.

See: www.immi.gov.au/migrants/residents/return-documents.htm

Complete applications

You should ensure that you lodge a completed visa application. While the department may ask you to provide more information in order to determine whether you meet the criteria for grant of the visa, a decision on the visa application may be made solely on the information provided at the time of application.

Note: The Visa Application Charge will not be refunded if a decision is made to refuse to grant the visa because the applicant did not satisfy the criteria for grant of the visa.

More information to help you prepare your application is available.

See: www.immi.gov.au/migrants/residents/155/additional-information.htm

Important: Application requirements differ from one country to another. If you are applying outside Australia, you should contact your nearest departmental office and check exactly how to submit your application and what documents to provide.

See: www.immi.gov.au/contacts/overseas/

After completing this checklist, please attach it to the front of the application.

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| Forms, fees and charges | ✓ |
| A complete form 1085 <i>Application for a resident return visa (RRV)</i> See: http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/1085.pdf | |
| Payment of the visa application charge. See: www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i/returning-residents.htm | |
| Valid passport. | |
| Evidence of current or former permanent residence visa. | |
| Documents as evidence of substantial business ties | ✓ |
| You are expected to demonstrate you have substantial ownership interests in business and that you are personally involved at a senior level in the day to day operations and management of the business. The business should be an Australian business or a branch of a business which has connections with Australia. Documents can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • company reports defining your role and authority • business transactions • partnership/joint venture agreements • contracts showing your signature • business or personal records. | |
| Documents as evidence of substantial cultural ties | ✓ |
| Evidence to support a claim of cultural ties may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • publications written by you • contracts • evidence of membership of cultural associations • newspaper articles about you • programs listing your artistic or cultural performances. | |
| Documents as evidence of employment ties | ✓ |
| You are expected to demonstrate that you are currently employed, or have a formal offer of employment in Australia, or are employed overseas by the Australian government or a commercial organisation. Documents can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • letter of offer from employers • employment contracts • recent official documents such as group certificates • employee identification/security pass. | |

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| Documents as evidence of personal ties | ✓ |
| <p>Evidence to support a claim of personal ties may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • birth certificates, citizenship certificates or evidence of permanent residence of close family members who reside in Australia • proof of children attending school in Australia • proof of relationships with those close family members who reside in Australia • evidence of ownership of property in Australia, such as rates notices or property contracts. | |
| Documents as evidence of family unit | ✓ |
| <p>Evidence to support that you are an immediate member of a family group where the family head holds a current RRV.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • certified copy of the family member's passport data page and valid RRV • current proof of relationship. | |