

# The Southern Cross Group

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## Obtaining Australian Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates

For use with applications for citizenship under the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*

If you are a **former** Australian citizen planning to apply to **resume** your Australian citizenship, you will need to show evidence that you were previously an Australian citizen. If you were born in Australia, an original full birth certificate will satisfy this requirement. If you do not have an original full Australian birth certificate, you will need to order one from Australia.

If you were **born outside Australia** and had an Australian-citizen natural parent at the **date of your birth**, and will be applying for citizenship by **descent**, you will need to provide evidence that at least one parent was an Australian citizen at the time of your birth. If your parent was born in Australia, an original full copy of their Australian birth certificate will satisfy this requirement.

If you were **born outside Australia** to someone who had **lost their Australian citizenship before your birth because they naturalised in another country**, and you will be applying for citizenship by **conferral**, you will need to provide evidence that at least one natural parent was an Australian citizen before your birth. If your parent was born in Australia, their full original Australian birth certificate will fulfill this requirement. You will also need to provide evidence that your parent lost Australian citizenship before you were born – e.g. their naturalisation certificate.

If you were **married** in Australia and are female, your Australian marriage certificate will also be required as official evidence of any name change. If you were born outside Australia, and your mother was married in Australia, then you will also require her Australian marriage certificate to show her name change.

Note that original documents such as birth and marriage certificates will be returned to you once sighted by the Australian consular authorities.

In Australia, birth, death and marriage records are maintained by the individual States and Territories. The requirements for ordering certificates from each jurisdiction vary, but we set out below basic information that should help you to get started.

Due to privacy laws, there are proof of identity requirements in place in all States and Territories, [even if you are ordering your own certificate](#).

If you encounter difficulties in obtaining a certificate from a State or Territory BDM office, please write to us: [info@southern-cross-group.org](mailto:info@southern-cross-group.org).

**Date of publication: 22 April 2007.** Note that fees vary from State to State and can change over time, as can website addresses. It is your responsibility to visit the website of the State/Territory authority in question to obtain a current application form for the certificate you wish to order and details of current fees and arrangements for ordering from overseas.

State/Territory	Postal Address	Web Address	Comments
ACT (Canberra)	The Registrar-General's Office PO Box 225, CIVIC SQUARE ACT 2608  Tel: +61-2- 6207 0460	<a href="http://www.rgo.act.gov.au">www.rgo.act.gov.au</a>	One application form for birth, death and marriage certificates.  Unrestricted access only for births that occurred over 100 years ago, deaths over 30 years ago and marriages over 60 years ago. Otherwise, restrictions apply. Consult the application form.  Standard birth certificate AU\$34. Overseas mail surcharge AU\$16. Payment by credit card possible.
New South Wales	NSW Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages GPO Box 30 SYDNEY NSW 2001  Tel: +61-2-9354 1370 Fax: +61-2-9699 5120	<a href="http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au">www.bdm.nsw.gov.au</a>	Separate application forms for birth, death and marriage certificates.  Unrestricted access only for births that occurred over 100 years ago, deaths over 30 years ago and marriages over 50 years ago. Otherwise, restrictions apply.  Standard birth certificate AU\$38 without postage. Payment by credit card possible.
Northern Territory	Department of Justice The Registrar Births, Deaths and Marriages GPO Box 3021 Darwin NT 0801  Tel: +61-8-8999 6119 Fax: +61-8-8999 6324	<a href="http://www.nt.gov.au/justice">www.nt.gov.au/justice</a>	One application form for birth, death and marriage certificates.  Unrestricted access only for births that occurred over 80 years ago, deaths over 30 years ago and marriages over 60 years ago. Otherwise, restrictions apply.  Standard birth certificate AU\$25 without postage. Payment by credit card possible.
Queensland	Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages PO Box 15188 City East QLD 4002  Tel. +61-7-3247 9203 Fax. +61-7- 3247 5818	<a href="http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/bdm">www.justice.qld.gov.au/bdm</a>	Separate application forms for births, death and marriage certificates.  Unrestricted access for births that occurred over 100 years ago, deaths over 50 years ago and marriages over 80 years ago.  Standard birth certificate AU\$25.50 without postage. Payment by credit card possible.

<b>State/Territory</b>	<b>Postal Address</b>	<b>Web Address</b>	<b>Comments</b>
South Australia	Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Office, GPO Box 1351 Adelaide SA 5001  Tel. +61-8-8204 9599	<a href="http://www.ocba.sa.gov.au/bdm">www.ocba.sa.gov.au/bdm</a>	One application form for birth, death and marriage certificates.  Unrestricted access for births that occurred over 75 years ago, deaths over 25 years ago and marriages over 60 years ago.  Standard birth certification AU\$35.25 without postage. Payment by credit card possible.
Tasmania	Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages GPO Box 198 HOBART TAS 7001  Tel. +61- 3-6233 3793 Fax. +61-3-6233 6444	<a href="http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/bdm">www.justice.tas.gov.au/bdm</a>	Separate application forms for births, death and marriage certificates.  Unrestricted access for births that occurred over 75 years ago, deaths over 25 years ago and marriages over 75 years ago.  Standard birth certification AU\$33.88 without postage. Payment by credit card possible.
Victoria	Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages GPO Box 4332 Melbourne VIC 3001  Tel. +61-3- 9613 5999 Fax. + 61 3 9613 5880	<a href="http://www.justice.vic.gov.au">www.justice.vic.gov.au</a>	Separate application forms for births, death and marriage certificates.  Unrestricted access for births that occurred over 75 years ago, deaths over 10 years ago and marriages over 60 years ago.  Standard birth certification AU\$25.80 without postage. Payment by credit card possible.
Western Australia	Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages PO Box 7720 Cloister Square, Perth WA 6850  Tel. +61- 8 9264 1555 Fax. + 61 8 9264 1599	<a href="http://www.justice.wa.gov.au">www.justice.wa.gov.au</a>	One application form for birth, death and marriage certificates.  Unrestricted access for births that occurred over 75 years ago, deaths over 25 years ago and marriages over 60 years ago.  Standard birth certificate AU\$40 without postage. Payment by credit card possible.