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## **Australian citizenship by resumption**

### **Eligibility**

**See:** [Resumption](#)

### **Documentation**

All documents must be originals, photocopies are not acceptable.

Certified copies of the documents must also be provided with the application. The people that can certify documents are the same as those that can endorse photographs – see below. The original documents will be returned.

If documents are not in English, an official translation also must be provided. In Australia translations should be done by translators accredited by the National Accreditation Authority of Translators and Interpreters (NAATI).

**See:** NAATI

The following documents will be required to support an application:

an endorsed passport size photograph – for full details on photograph requirements

**See:** Endorsed Photographs

evidence of former possession of Australian citizenship (such as full birth certificate if born in Australia, or certificate of Australian citizenship) - must be original certificate or certified copy

passport held, if any - must be original passport or certified copy of the personal particulars page

evidence of acquisition of foreign citizenship (such as naturalisation certificate or a statement from the authorities of the other country stating how and when the applicant acquired the citizenship of that country) - evidence is not required if the applicant renounced their Australian citizenship to acquire a foreign citizenship for applicants aged 16 or over, a police certificate from all countries they have lived in (except Australia) since the age of 16 if the absences totalled 12 months or more. Information about how to obtain police certificates is available in the form 47P

See: Form 47P Character requirements - penal clearance certificates or call the Citizenship Information Line

Telephone: 131 880 (Australia only).

If applicable, official evidence of any name change (such as an official change of name certificate issued by an Australian Registry of Births, Deaths or Marriages (RBDM) or a marriage certificate issued by an Australian RBDM. Overseas marriage certificates are not acceptable evidence of a change of name).

Applicants who are resident overseas can provide overseas marriage certificates as acceptable evidence of a change of name.

Adult applicants who think they may have lost their citizenship as a child also need to provide the following documents:

evidence that the applicant held another citizenship when a responsible parent lost Australian citizenship (such as their name on responsible parent's naturalisation certificate, statement from the authorities of the other country stating how and when the citizenship of that country was acquired)

and

evidence that a responsible parent ceased to be an Australian citizen, (such as a naturalisation certificate, or statement from the authorities of the other country stating how and when the parent acquired the citizenship of that country).

If an applicant was born in Papua prior to 16 September 1975 and has PNG grandparents, they will need to show:

a letter of authority to enter Australia for permanent residence issued prior to 16 September 1975

or

a 'PNG Entry Permit' booklet, 'Declaration as to Status' permit or a 'Permit to Enter the Territory of Papua and New Guinea' showing approval for permanent residence in Australia issued prior to 16 September 1975.

An applicant may also be required to obtain evidence from the PNG Government stating that they made a Declaration of Loyalty to PNG.

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## Endorsed Photographs

All applications must be accompanied by an endorsed photograph.

The photograph should be a passport sized colour photograph that is no more than 6 months old.

The photograph must be a full front view of the applicant's head and shoulders without any head covering or tinted glasses. If the applicant wears a head covering for religious reasons, a photograph that shows the applicant's facial features will be accepted. If the applicant normally wears prescription glasses, then glasses with untinted lens should be worn in the photograph. The photograph must have a plain, light coloured background.

The Department will not accept a poor quality photograph or a laser print.

The photograph must be signed on the back by an Australian citizen\* and also inscribed with 'This is a true photograph of (applicant's name in full)'.

The Australian citizen\* must have known the applicant for at least 12 months (unless the applicant is less than 6 years old) and belong to one of the occupations listed below.

1. Australian Consular Officer or Australian Diplomatic Officer (within the meaning of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*)
2. Bailiff
3. Bank officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
4. Building society officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
5. Chiropractor (licensed or registered)
6. Clerk of court
7. Commissioner for Affidavits
8. Commissioner for Declarations
9. Credit union officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
10. Dentist (licensed or registered)
11. Fellow of the National Tax Accountant's Association
12. Finance company officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
13. Judge of a court
14. Justice of the peace
15. Legal practitioner (licensed or registered)
16. Magistrate

17. Marriage celebrant licensed or registered under Subdivision C of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*
18. Master of a court
19. Medical practitioner (licensed or registered)
20. Member of Chartered Secretaries Australia
21. Member of Engineers Australia, other than at the grade of student
22. Member of the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants
23. Member of the Australian Defence Force with 5 or more years of continuous service
24. Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants or the National Institute of Accountants
25. Member of the Parliament of the Commonwealth, a State, a Territory Legislature, or a local government authority of a State or Territory
26. Minister of religion licensed or registered under Subdivision A of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*
27. Nurse (licensed or registered)
28. Optometrist (licensed or registered)
29. Permanent employee of Commonwealth, State or local government authority with at least 5 or more years of continuous service.
30. Permanent employee of the Australian Postal Corporation with 5 or more years of continuous service
31. Pharmacist (licensed or registered)
32. Physiotherapist (licensed or registered)
33. Police officer
34. Psychologist (licensed or registered)
35. Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, of a court
36. Sheriff
37. Teacher employed on a full-time basis
38. Veterinary surgeon (licensed or registered)

**\* Applicants living overseas**

Where the applicant lives overseas and does not know an Australian citizen, the photograph may be signed by a citizen in the applicant's country of residence who is employed in one of the occupational groups listed above and who has known the applicant for at least 12 months if the applicant is over six years of age.