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Information sheet for Australian Citizens

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CONSULAR SERVICES TO AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS IN SWITZERLAND : We hope you will find the following reference material a useful source of information. Please Note :

- The consular website (at the bottom of the page) will provide you with information on what is happening at the moment , such as : forthcoming elections / official functions where Australian citizens may participate / changes in Australian regulations, etc.
- You may register with the Consulate - the form is available 'on-line' <http://www.orao.dfat.gov.au> or, you may request a form at this office.

AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP / NATIONALITY please refer to the website www.immi.gov.au or, telephone the Citizenship section at the Australian Embassy in Berlin, Germany : Tel: +49 30 880088 151 Fax: +49 30 2248 9293.

LEGAL ADVICE IN SWITZERLAND a list of English-speaking lawyers in the Canton of your choice is available from this office. If this list is insufficient, you may also contact the Swiss Federation of Lawyers, Bollwerk 21, 3011 Berne, Switzerland.
Tel: (+41) 031 312 2505 Fax: (+41) 031 312 3103 E.mail: swisslawyers@hallweb.ch Internet: www.swisslawyers.com

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT - on-line directory - www.gold.gov.au

AUSTRALIAN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY - www.whitepages.com.au

VOTING OVERSEAS (federal) www.aec.gov.au (general information may be obtained from the Geneva Consulate's website)

AUSTRALIAN PENSIONS - Inquiries must be made direct to Centrelink. NB: Centrelink does not answer taxation issues for clients resident outside Australia - (see Taxation Office address below)

Centrelink-International Services, G.P.O. Box 273, Hobart, TAS, 7001, Australia Tel: 0061 3 6222 3455 Fax: 0061 3 6222 2799 / 2865
E.mail: international.services@centrelink.gov.au Internet: www.centrelink.gov.au

AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE GPO Box 9990, Hobart, TAS 7001, Australia Tel: 0061 3 62210000 Fax: 0061 3 62210162 Internet: www.ato.gov.au Tax returns may now be lodged online using the electronic system 'e-tax' (for further information, consult the ATO's website)

AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL INSURANCE / MEDICARE Department of Health & Aged Care, GPO Box 9485, Canberra, ACT 2601, Australia
Tel: 0061 2 6289 1555 Fax: 0061 2 6281 6946 Internet: www.health.gov.au

AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS & QUARANTINE REGULATIONS : please contact the Australian Embassy in Brussels, Belgium (an info.sheet may be obtained from this Consulate which provides contact details for Brussels and the state offices in Australia).

AUSTRALIAN TRAVELLERS INFORMATION - travel advices for Australian citizens are available on the following websites :
<www.dfat.gov.au/consular> <www.dfat.gov.au/zw-cgi/view/travelbulletins> <www.dfat.gov.au/zw-cgi/view/advice/general>

AUSTRALIAN NEWS FACILITIES

ABC Online - Internet gateway to Australian news, culture & current affairs - also provides information on the Arts, Science, Youth Culture, Children, Rural Affairs, Politics etc. Provides latest news from every ABC newsroom in Australia & across the world. <http://abc.net.au/>

Radio Australia - latest reports available on the following website <www.dfat.gov.au/divs/pcd/publicaffairs> Radio broadcasts can also be heard on the internet through computers with audio function <www.abc.net.au/ra/>

AUSTRALIAN / ENGLISH SPEAKING CLUBS IN SWITZERLAND The Australian Consulate-General in Geneva has a list of contacts in Switzerland , including English radio, which we are happy to make available on request. Please note, however, that the list is not an official document - it has simply been compiled from personal contacts by staff in the Mission and is provided as a community service.