



Use this form as a guide to charges and fees (in Australian dollars) for visas and services from 1 July 2005. If you have applied prior to 1 July 2005, please refer to the version that was applicable when you lodged your application. Earlier versions are available on

www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm

Payment must accompany your application and is generally not refunded if the application is unsuccessful.

All prices are in Australian dollars (A\$) and correct at time of release.

Internet applications – payment methods

Payment for any Internet application must be made in Australian dollars by credit card online, or for some application types, by BPAY using an Australian telephone or Internet banking service. For more information, see 'Online Services' at http://www.immi.gov.au/e_visa/index.htm

Paper applications – payment methods

A. Lodged in Australia

Acceptable payment methods for applications lodged in Australia are:

- credit card;
- debit card in person; or
- bank cheque or money order made payable to the 'Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs'.

Payment by cash or personal cheque may delay processing. Please do **not** send cash through the post.

B. Lodged at a processing centre in Australia

Acceptable payment methods for applications lodged in Australia at a processing centre are:

- credit card;
- Australia Post money order made payable to 'DIMIA';
- bank cheque:
 - drawn on a bank with representation in Australia,
 - in Australian dollars, and made payable to the 'Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs'; or
- International Money Order:
 - drawn on a bank with representation in Australia,
 - in Australian dollars, and made payable to the 'Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs'.

C. Lodged outside Australia

For clients outside Australia, before you pay your application charge, please visit www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm to check the acceptable methods of payment at the Australian High Commission, Embassy or Consulate.

Payment for a visa application lodged outside Australia may also be made in Australia. To find out how to make a payment in Australia for an application lodged outside Australia, see www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm

Note:

1. Personal cheques are **not** accepted.
2. Travellers' cheques are **not** accepted.

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Application charges and related costs

Printed Booklets

Child, Parent, Partner and other Family migration booklets	\$10 each*
All other migration/temporary entry booklets	\$20 each*
Booklets on the department's website	Nil

* GST is included in this charge.

Visitor/Tourism

Lodged outside Australia

Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) ^a	Nil**
Tourist visa, subclass 676 ^a	\$70

Lodged in Australia

Sponsored family visitor	\$70
Tourist visa, subclass 676 ^a	\$200

Medical treatment

Lodged outside Australia

Visa valid for stay of up to 3 months and travel for up to one year	Nil
Visa valid for stay of more than 3 months and/or for travel of more than one year	\$40

Lodged in Australia

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Working holiday

Lodged outside Australia

Working holiday maker ^a	\$180
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Business

Lodged outside Australia

Business (short stay)	\$70
Electronic Travel Authority - (Business Entrant-Short Validity) ^a	Nil**
Electronic Travel Authority - (Business Entrant-Long Validity)	\$70

Lodged in Australia

Sponsored Business Visitor - (short stay)	\$70
Temporary Business Entry - (long stay)	
Independent Executive Further Application Onshore	\$180

^a Applications for these visas can be made using the internet. For more information, see 'Online Services' at www.immi.gov.au

** All Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) applications processed over the internet are subject to a service charge. For more information, see 'Australian Electronic Travel Authority' at www.eta.immi.gov.au

Australian Passport Holders - Application for APEC Business Travel Card

Lodged in Australia

Application charge for the APEC Business travel card	\$155*
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* GST is included in this charge.

Sponsored Training

Lodged in Australia

Sponsorship fee	\$1,050
Professional Development visa	\$180

Students

Lodged outside Australia

Form 157A or 157E <i>Application for a student (temporary) visa</i>	
Approved schemes	Nil
All other cases ^b	\$420
Form 157G <i>Application for a student guardian visa</i>	
All cases ^b	\$420

Lodged in Australia

Form 157A or 157A (Internet) <i>Application for a student (temporary) visa</i>	
Approved schemes	Nil
All other cases ^b	\$420
Form 157G <i>Application for a student guardian visa</i>	
All cases ^b	\$420
Form 157P or 157P (Internet) <i>Application for a student visa with permission to work</i>	
Approved schemes	Nil
All other cases	\$60
Form 157C <i>Application for a student visa with permission to change education provider</i>	
Approved schemes	Nil
Where provider cannot provide course	Nil
All other cases	\$140

^b This student visa application charge includes the International Education Contribution of \$115, which contributes to the Australian Government's initiatives to support international education through the activities of the Department of Education, Science and Training.

Temporary residence (non-business) sponsorship/nomination

Lodgement of applications

Where 1–10 applicants will be sponsored	\$250
Where 11 or more applicants will be sponsored	\$2,500
Nomination for occupational trainee	Nil

Temporary residence (non-business)

Type of visa

Lodged outside Australia

Exchange	Nil
Occupational trainee	\$180
Sport	\$180
Sport – 11 or more applicants applying together	\$1,800
Foreign government agency	\$180
Applicants holding a diplomatic, official or service passport who present a third person note from their home government in support of their application	Nil
Domestic worker (executive), educational, expatriate, family relationship, media and film staff, medical practitioner, New Zealand citizen family relationship, public lecturer, religious worker, retirement, special program v , supported dependant, visiting academic	\$180

Lodged in Australia

Exchange	\$180
Occupational trainee	\$180
Retirement z	\$180
Sport	\$180
Entertainment c	\$180
Entertainment – 11 or more applicants outside Australia at time of application c	\$1,800
Foreign government agency	\$180
Applicants holding a diplomatic, official or service passport who present a third person note from their home government in support of their application	Nil
Domestic worker (executive), educational, expatriate, family relationship, media and film staff, medical practitioner, New Zealand citizen family relationship, public lecturer, religious worker, special program v , supported dependant, visiting academic	\$180

c All Entertainment visas must be lodged at the Sydney Entertainment Processing Centre (SEPC).

v All Special Program visas must be lodged at the Hobart Special Program Processing Centre (HSPPC).

z Nil fee for holders of Retirement visas issued before 1 March 2003 who wish to access limited work rights.

Bridging

Type of visa

Lodged in Australia

Bridging visas A, C, D, E, F	Nil
Bridging visa B	\$70

Note: Bridging visas can only be applied for in Australia.

Other

Type of visa

Lodged outside/in Australia

Border, transit, emergency, confirmatory	Nil
Diplomatic	Nil
Domestic worker (diplomatic, consular or executive)	\$180
Confirmatory (Residence) o	Nil

o Applicants for a confirmatory visa who are holders of a subclass 773 border visa are required to pay a visa application charge (first instalment) of \$150.

Resident Return

	In Australia	Overseas
Resident Return visa n	\$120	\$120
Replacement evidence of Resident Return visa n	\$60	\$70
Australian Declaratory visa		
Adult	\$185*	\$240
Child	\$120*	\$185

* GST is included in this charge.

n You can apply for a Resident Return visa on the internet in Australia only.

Humanitarian program applications

Refugee and Humanitarian visa applications made under the offshore component of the Humanitarian Program	No charge
Protection visas lodged in Australia	\$30
Protection visas lodged in Australia by applicants who are in immigration detention but not immigration cleared	No charge

Temporary Business Entry (Booklet 11)

Sponsor status	Sponsorship application charge	Nomination application charge	Length of sponsorship	Visa application charge
Pre-qualified Business Sponsor (Application made before 1 July 2003)	N/A (No new applications will be accepted after 30 June 2003)	Nil	2 Years for initial approval. 1 Year for renewed approval (No new renewals will be granted after 30 June 2003)	\$180
Standard Business Sponsor (Application made before 1 July 2003)	N/A (No new applications will be accepted after 30 June 2003)	\$260 per nomination	1 Year or until nominations are filled, whichever happens earlier	\$180
Overseas Business Sponsor (Application made before 1 July 2003)	N/A (No new applications will be accepted after 30 June 2003)	\$260 per nomination	1 Year or until nominations are filled, whichever happens earlier	\$180
Business Sponsorship (Australian or Overseas Businesses) (Application made on or after 1 July 2003)	\$265	\$55 per nomination	2 Years or until nominations are filled, whichever happens earlier	\$180
Labour Agreement (Agreement made before 1 July 2003)	N/A	Nil	2–3 Years, with an annual ceiling for number of nominations	\$180
Labour Agreement (Agreement made on or after 1 July 2003)	Nil	\$55 per nomination	2–3 Years, with an annual ceiling for number of nominations	\$180
Regional Headquarters Agreement (Agreement made at any time)	Nil	Nil	5 Years or until nominations are filled, whichever happens earlier	\$180
Invest Australia Supported Skills Agreement	Nil	Nil	3 Years or until nominations are filled, whichever happens earlier	\$180

Partner Migration (Booklet 1)

Type of visa	Charge	Related health costs ^d
Lodged outside Australia		
Prospective marriage, spouse and interdependent partner	\$1,305	\$300
Lodged in Australia		
Spouse/Interdependent partner ^e	\$1,935	\$300
Prospective marriage lodging spouse application ^f	\$630 or \$800 (as appropriate)	\$300
Spouse with transitional Extended Eligibility Temporary Visa (EETV) ^g	\$225	–
Other costs - refer to pages 9–11		

^d Permanent and some temporary visa applicants may be required to undertake and pay for radiological (approx. \$100) and medical (approx. \$150-\$200) examinations. The cost of these examinations may vary from country to country and there may be additional costs if further tests are required. These costs are paid directly to the doctors or clinics undertaking the examination. The department does not formally regulate such charges but where excessive charging by panel doctors comes to the department's attention, the department may contact the doctor and request that charges be amended in line with prices charged in that country for similar medical examinations.

For persons being examined in Australia, you will also be required to pay \$17.00 to Health Services Australia for a digital photo of each person examined.

^e People who apply for a Spouse or Interdependency visa and who hold a Dependent Child visa (subclass 445) **do not** pay a visa application charge.

^f • A charge of \$630 applies to people who apply for a Spouse visa and who:

- currently hold a valid Prospective Marriage visa (subclass 300); and
- have married their spouse; and
- seek to remain permanently in Australia on the basis of that marriage.

• A charge of \$800 applies to people who apply for a Spouse visa and who:

- entered Australia as a fiancé(e) and **do not** currently hold a valid Prospective Marriage visa (subclass 300) or other substantive visa; and
- who have married their sponsor while their visa was valid; and
- seek to remain permanently in Australia on the basis of that marriage.

^g A charge of \$225 applies to people who apply for a Spouse visa and who:

- currently hold a Transitional (temporary) visa; and
- were granted this visa on the basis that they satisfied the requirements for the grant of an extended eligibility entry permit under the Migration Regulations 1989.

^h If your previous medical was less than 12 months ago, you **may not** have to undergo another. Refer to note ^d above.

Child Migration (Booklet 2)

Type of visa	Charge	Related health costs ^d
Lodged outside Australia		
Child	\$1,305	\$300
Adoption	\$1,305	\$300
Orphan relative	\$800	\$300
Extended Eligibility (temporary) ^h	\$140	
Lodged in Australia		
Child	\$1,935	\$300
Orphan relative	\$800	\$300
Extended Eligibility (temporary) ^h	\$140	–
Other costs - refer to pages 9–11		

Parent Migration (Booklet 3)

Type of visa ^r	1st instalment ^s	2nd instalment ^u	2nd instalment ^u (if applicant is under 18 years)
Parent (Migrant)	\$1,305	\$1,135	\$1,135
Aged Parent (Residence)	\$1,935	\$1,135	\$1,135
Contributory Parent (Migrant)	\$1,305 ^t	\$27,850	\$1,205
Contributory Parent (Temporary)	\$1,305 ^t	\$16,710	\$1,205
Contributory Parent (Migrant) <i>if applicant is the holder of a Contributory Parent (Temporary) visa</i>	\$180	\$11,140	Nil
Contributory Aged Parent (Residence)	\$1,935 ^t	\$27,850	\$1,205
Contributory Aged Parent (Temporary)	\$1,935 ^t	\$16,710	\$1,205
Contributory Aged Parent (Residence) <i>if applicant is the holder of a Contributory Aged Parent (Temporary) visa</i>	\$180	\$11,140	Nil

Other costs (such as Assurance of Support bond) - refer to pages 9–11

^r For details on where you should lodge your parent visa application, see Booklet 3 – Parent Migration.

^s Payment must accompany your application and is generally not refunded if the application is unsuccessful. This payment is known as the first visa application charge (1st visa application charge). If members of your family unit are included in your application, only one 1st visa application charge is payable for the entire family unit. If a separate application is made by them at a later date, a separate 1st application charge is payable.

^t Existing Parent or Aged Parent visa applicants may be eligible to apply for a Contributory Parent visa free of the first instalment of the visa application charge. For more details, see the Booklet 3 – Parent Migration.

^u Before your visa is granted, you must pay a second instalment of the visa application charge (2nd visa application charge) for each person included on the application.

Medical and radiological examination costs

Permanent and some temporary visa applicants may be required to undertake and pay for radiological (approx. \$100) and medical (approx. \$150-\$200) examinations. The cost of these examinations may vary from country to country and there may be additional costs if further tests are required. These costs are paid directly to the doctors or clinics undertaking the examination. The department does not formally regulate such charges but where excessive charging by panel doctors comes to the department's attention, the department may contact the doctor and request that charges be amended in line with prices charged in that country for similar medical examinations.

For persons being examined in Australia, you will also be required to pay \$17.00 to Health Services Australia for a digital photo of each person examined.

Other Family Migration (Booklet 4)

Type of visa	1st instalment	2nd instalment	Related health costs ^d
Lodged outside Australia			
Aged Dependent Relative, Remaining Relative	\$1,305	\$1,135	\$300
Carer ^{i, j}	\$800	\$1,135	\$300
Lodged in Australia			
Aged Dependent Relative, Remaining Relative	\$1,935	\$1,135	\$300
Carer ^{i, j}	\$800	\$1,135	\$300

Other costs - refer to pages 9–11

^d Permanent and some temporary visa applicants may be required to undertake and pay for radiological (approx. \$100) and medical (approx. \$150-\$200) examinations. The cost of these examinations may vary from country to country and there may be additional costs if further tests are required. These costs are paid directly to the doctors or clinics undertaking the examination. The department does not formally regulate such charges but where excessive charging by panel doctors comes to the department's attention, the department may contact the doctor and request that charges be amended in line with prices charged in that country for similar medical examinations.

For persons being examined in Australia, you will also be required to pay \$17.00 to Health Services Australia for a digital photo of each person examined.

ⁱ A fee is directly payable to Health Services Australia for a medical assessment of the person requiring care.

^j A delegated officer may waive the second instalment of the application charge for a Carer applicant where he/she is satisfied that payment of the charge would cause severe financial hardship.

Employer Sponsored Migration (Booklet 5)

Type of visa	1st instalment	2nd instalment		Related costs	
		Primary applicant has less than functional English	Any dependants (included in application) 18 years or over with less than functional English	Health costs ^d	Language costs ^q
Applicant outside Australia					
Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS) ^k , Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS) ^k , Labour Agreement (LA), Regional Headquarters (RHQ) Agreement ^{j, k} and Invest Australia Supported Skills (IASS) Agreement	\$1,305	\$5,395	\$2,690	\$300	\$150-\$400
Applicant in Australia					
Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS) ^j , Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS), Labour Agreement (LA), Regional Headquarters (RHQ) Agreement ^j and Invest Australia Supported Skills (IASS) Agreement	\$1,935	\$5,395	\$2,690	\$300	\$150-\$350
In addition to the charges set out in the table above, only employers who lodge nominations under the ENS pay a charge of					\$340

^d Permanent and some temporary visa applicants may be required to undertake and pay for radiological (approx. \$100) and medical (approx. \$150-\$200) examinations. The cost of these examinations may vary from country to country and there may be additional costs if further tests are required. These costs are paid directly to the doctors or clinics undertaking the examination. The department does not formally regulate such charges but where excessive charging by panel doctors comes to the department's attention, the department may contact the doctor and request that charges be amended in line with prices charged in that country for similar medical examinations.

For persons being examined in Australia, you will also be required to pay \$17.00 to Health Services Australia for a digital photo of each person examined.

^j Religious workers are excluded from paying the second instalment of the visa application charge for the ENS, RSMS and LA.

^k Applicants deemed to have applied for RSMS or LA/RHQ/IASS visa while applying for certain other visas, may have already paid the first instalment of the visa application charge. If this is the case they are not required to pay the RSMS or LA/RHQ/IASS first instalment. Second instalment charges apply to those persons assessed as not having functional English.

^q You may be required to undertake the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test to determine your ability in the English language (approx. \$150-\$400, although this may vary from country to country). These costs are paid directly to the test centre.

General Skilled Migration – see www.immi.gov.au/migration/skilled

Type of visa	1st instalment ^l	2nd instalment ^m	
		Skill matching primary applicant only	Any dependants (included in application) 18 years or over with less than functional English
Skilled - Independent	\$1,935		\$2,690 ^w
Skilled - Independent Regional (Provisional)			
Skilled - State Territory Nominated Independent			
Skilled - Designated Area Sponsored			
Skilled - Australian Sponsored			
Skill Matching	–	\$1,885	\$2,690
Skilled - Independent Overseas Student	\$1,935		\$2,690
Skilled - Designated Area Sponsored Overseas Student			
Skilled - Australian Sponsored Overseas Student			
Skilled - Onshore Independent New Zealand Citizen	\$1,935		\$2,690
Skilled - Onshore Designated area Sponsored New Zealand Citizen			
Skilled - Onshore Australian Sponsored New Zealand Citizen			
Graduate Skilled (Temporary)	\$180		
Skilled - Independent Regional (Provisional) - Invited applicant	\$180		\$2,690 ^w
Skilled - Independent Regional (Provisional) visa holder applying for a further SIR visa			
Other costs - refer to pages 9–11			

^l The first instalment of the visa application charge is paid at the time of application and must be paid in order for an application to be valid.

^m The second instalment of the visa application charge:

- is payable only by some applicants who have already met most criteria for grant of a visa;
- is payable immediately before the grant of a visa; and

where the second instalment of the visa application charge relates to English language proficiency, the charge will apply only to those dependants included in the application who have been assessed as having less than a functional level of English.

^w Skilled - Independent Regional (SIR) Provisional visa holders who:

- paid the second instalment of the visa application charge in respect of their first SIR visa; and
- are applying for:
 - a second SIR Provisional visa, or
 - permanent residence through the Skilled - State Territory Nominated Independent (STNI) category;

will not be required to pay the second instalment of the visa application charge for the subsequent SIR or STNI visa application.

Related costs

- For permanent and some temporary applications, each family member included in the application will need to undertake a medical examination. The charge for this is approximately A\$300 for each person, although this may vary from country to country. If further tests are required there will be additional costs. These costs are paid directly to the doctors and are not departmental charges. Applicants being examined in Australia must pay \$17.00 to Health Services Australia for a digital photo of each person. If your previous medical was less than 12 months ago, you may not have to undergo another.
- You must be required to undertake the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test to determine your English language ability. The cost of this test is approximately A\$150 - A\$400, although this may vary from country to country. Costs are not paid to the department, costs are paid directly to the test centre.

Business Skills Migration (Booklet 7)

Type of visa	1st instalment	2nd instalment		Related costs	
		Primary applicant has less than functional English	Any dependants (included in application) 18 years or over, with less than functional English	Health costs ^d	Language costs ^q
Business Owner (Provisional)	\$2,575	N/A	\$2,690	\$300	\$150-\$400
State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (Provisional)	\$2,575	\$5,395	\$2,690	\$300	\$150-\$400
Senior Executive (Provisional)	\$2,575	N/A	\$2,690	\$300	\$150-\$400
State/Territory Sponsored Senior Executive (Provisional)	\$2,575	\$5,395	\$2,690	\$300	\$150-\$400
Investor (Provisional)	\$2,575	N/A	\$2,690	\$300	\$150-\$400
State/Territory Sponsored Investor (Provisional)	\$2,575	\$5,395	\$2,690	\$300	\$150-\$400
Business Talent (Migrant)	\$3,760	\$5,395	\$2,690	\$300	\$150-\$400
Business Owner (Residence)	\$1,080	N/A	N/A ^P	\$300	N/A ^P
State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (Residence)	\$1,080	N/A ^P	N/A ^P	\$300	N/A ^P
Investor (Residence)	\$1,080	N/A	N/A ^P	\$300	N/A ^P
State/Territory Sponsored Investor (Residence)	\$1,080	N/A ^P	N/A ^P	\$300	N/A ^P
Established Business in Australia	\$3,760	\$5,395	\$2,690	\$300	N/A ^P
State/Territory Sponsored Regional Established Business in Australia	\$3,760	\$5,395	\$2,690	\$300	N/A ^P

^d Permanent and some temporary visa applicants may be required to undertake and pay for radiological (approx. \$100) and medical (approx. \$150-\$200) examinations. The cost of these examinations may vary from country to country and there may be additional costs if further tests are required. These costs are paid directly to the doctors or clinics undertaking the examination. The department does not formally regulate such charges but where excessive charging by panel doctors comes to the department's attention, the department may contact the doctor and request that charges be amended in line with prices charged in that country for similar medical examinations.

For persons being examined in Australia, you will also be required to pay \$17.00 to Health Services Australia for a digital photo of each person examined.

^P This charge is not applicable provided an applicant has satisfied these requirements by being granted a Business Skills (Provisional) Class visa.

^q You may be required to undertake the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test to determine your ability in the English language (approx. \$150-\$400, although this may vary from country to country). These costs are paid directly to the test centre.

Special Migration (Booklet 8)

Type of visa	1st instalment	2nd instalment		Related costs	
		Primary applicant has less than functional English	Any dependants (included in application) 18 years or over with less than functional English	Health costs ^d	Language costs ^q
Applicant outside Australia					
Special eligibility (former resident)	\$1,305	\$2,690	\$2,690	\$300	
Distinguished talent	\$1,305	\$2,690	\$2,690	\$300	\$150-\$400
Applicant in Australia					
Special eligibility (Close ties)	\$1,935	\$2,690	\$2,690	\$300	
Distinguished talent	\$1,935	\$2,690	\$2,690	\$300	\$150-\$350

^d Permanent and some temporary visa applicants may be required to undertake and pay for radiological (approx. \$100) and medical (approx. \$150-\$200) examinations. The cost of these examinations may vary from country to country and there may be additional costs if further tests are required. These costs are paid directly to the doctors or clinics undertaking the examination. The department does not formally regulate such charges but where excessive charging by panel doctors comes to the department's attention, the department may contact the doctor and request that charges be amended in line with prices charged in that country for similar medical examinations.

For persons being examined in Australia, you will also be required to pay \$17.00 to Health Services Australia for a digital photo of each person examined.

^q You may be required to undertake the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test to determine your ability in the English language (approx. \$150-\$400, although this may vary from country to country). These costs are paid directly to the test centre.

Assurance of support

In certain migrant visa subclasses an Assurance of Support (AoS) is a mandatory requirement which must be met prior to visa grant. An assurance covers the principal applicant and other family members included in the application. Fact Sheet 34 explains the AoS scheme in more detail.

If you have applied for a visa with a mandatory AoS requirement, your assurer must also lodge a refundable bond with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

On 1 July 2004, Centrelink assumed responsibility for the assessment of AoS applications, including bond lodgement. The current bond amounts for visa subclasses with a mandatory AoS requirement are:

Primary applicant

Contributory Parent visa	\$10,000
All other visas	\$3,500

Other family members 18 years of age or over included in the application who must be covered by the bond

Contributory Parent visa	\$4,000
All other visas	\$1,500

Note: GST is included in this charge only if the bond is forfeited.

You should contact Centrelink on 132 850 for more information about the AoS scheme, including up-to-date bond amounts. Information is also available on the Centrelink website at www.centrelink.gov.au. Centrelink will advise when to lodge the bond(s) and how much must be deposited.

For applicants applying for a permanent Contributory Parent visa the AoS bond is held for 10 years from the date you arrive in Australia or, if you applied in Australia, from the date you were granted a permanent visa. All other AoS bonds are held for 2 years from the date you arrived in Australia, or if you applied in Australia, from the date you were granted a permanent visa.

Lodging the bond

The Commonwealth Bank of Australia will provide a bank guarantee to cover the AoS bond. It is the only bank approved to provide this service.

There are no charges for establishing bonds for Contributory Parent visa subclasses. For all other visas, the bank charges a fee for each bond to cover the cost of establishing and managing the bond. As the charge is not part of the bond, it is non-refundable. The bank does, however, offer a discount where 2 bonds are lodged at the same time by one person. Currently, the charge is A\$150 for the first bond and A\$50 for the second, a total of A\$200.

The bond operates as a term deposit. The bank guarantees to pay to the Australian Government any amount (up to the limit of the bond) redeemable by the Government under the AoS agreement. The initial period for the bond is:

- Contributory Parent visa 126 months;
- all other visas 30 months.

This represents the period the AoS is in effect (from the date of arrival in Australia or approval to stay in Australia) plus 6 months to cover the period between lodging the bond, approving the application and issue of the visa to travel to or stay in Australia.

Release of bond

Only Centrelink can authorise release of the bond. Release of the bond will depend upon whether the visa holder (the assuree) has claimed any recoverable Centrelink payments during the life of the AoS. After bond period the assurer should ask the nearest Centrelink office to release the bond money (less any claims by Centrelink).

For AoS cases accepted before 1 July 2004, a bond may be released by the department before the bond period begins if the person for whom the bond was paid:

- does not travel to Australia before cancellation or expiry of the visa;
- withdraws their visa application;
- is not accepted for permanent entry to, or stay in, Australia; or
- dies before the AoS comes into effect.

Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP)

User charging applies to AMEP English tuition. A flat annual administrative charge is required for the following Australian residents who arrived in Australia after 1 July 1991 and applied to:

- migrate before 1 January 1993;
- change their resident status before 1 January 1993;
- migrate after 1 January 1993 and were issued with a visa before 1 March 1993;
- change their resident status after 1 January 1993 and were granted permanent residence before 1 March 1993.

The charge is also payable by holders of 'gazetted' temporary visas.

The annual fee is:

Classroom or distance learning students	\$305
Informal learning (home tutor scheme or individual learning centre)	\$70

The annual fee administrative charge is only payable by persons who are not liable to pay the visa application charge. Exemption from payment of the charge exists under some circumstances.

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Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS)

Commonwealth and State agencies and authorities and private businesses are subject to TIS charges that vary according to the service. Indicative charges are listed below:

Telephone interpreting	Standard hours ^x	After hours ^y
<i>(Rate per 15 minutes)</i>		
Non-commercial charge	\$10.80	\$17.35
Commercial charge	\$21.70	\$34.70
On-site interpreting	Standard hours ^x	After hours ^y
<i>(First one and a half hours)</i>		
Non-commercial charge	\$70.45	\$112.75
Commercial charge	\$141.05	\$225.70
<i>(Each extra half hour)</i>		
Non-commercial charge	\$16.25	\$26.00
Commercial charge	\$46.65	\$74.85

Note: All TIS charges include GST.

The full range of charges is available from TIS:

Telephone **131 450**

Website **www.immi.gov.au/tis/tischarges1.htm**

^x Standard hours - 8am-6pm, Monday - Friday

^y After hours - 6pm-8am, Monday - Friday; Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays

Australian Police records check

Form 1101 *Consent to obtain personal information* is used where applicants for temporary or permanent residence have spent one year or longer in Australia. The charge is \$36 payable by cheque, money order or bank draft to:

Australian Federal Police
Criminal History Branch
Locked Bag No. 1
WESTON ACT 2611

Evidence of permanent residence

Certificate of Evidence of Residence Status

Certificate of evidence of resident status	\$70*
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Certificate of status - New Zealand citizen in Australia

Application for certificate evidencing residence status in Australia as at 26 February 2001	\$55*
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Verification of status - Superannuation contributions

Verification of immigration status of former temporary residents for refund of superannuation contributions	\$55*
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* GST is included in this charge.

Citizenship

Current charges are specified in the regulations made under the *Australian Citizenship Act 1948*.

Application for

Grant of Australian citizenship #	\$120
A certificate of evidence of Australian citizenship/Evidentiary certificate	\$55
Resumption of Australian citizenship	\$65
Registration of persons under 25 years of age as an Australian citizen by descent	\$110
– Additional persons (where applications lodged together)	\$85
Registration as an Australian citizen by descent for a person born between 26 January 1949 and 15 January 1974	\$110
Renunciation of Australian citizenship	\$260

Concessions for Grant of Australian Citizenship

British and Maltese former child migrants who came to Australia between 22 September 1947 and 31 December 1967 under the Commonwealth Child Migration Scheme	No charge
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Persons who have served in the Australian Defence Force for a period of no less than 3 months	No charge
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Holders of a Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) or Health Care Card (HCC) receiving the following payments	\$20
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Centrelink

- Age (PCC, Code AGE or AGE BLIND);
- Wife (PCC, Code WFA, WFD or WFW);
- Disability Support (PCC, Code DSP or DSP BLIND);
- Carer Payment (PCC, Code CAR);
- Mature Age Allowance (PCC, Code MAA or NMA);
- Special Benefit (HCC, Code SL); [^]
- Older benefit recipients (over 60 years of age and in receipt of Widow Allowance, Parenting Payment, Newstart Allowance, Sickness Allowance, Partner Allowance or Special Benefit, for more than 9 months) (PCC, Codes WDA, PPP, PPS, NSA, SAL, PTA or SPL);
- Partner Allowance (HCC, Code PA). [☆]

Your Centrelink card with the relevant payment code is generally sufficient evidence that you qualify for a charge concession. However, recipients of Special Benefit or Partner Allowance must also provide a letter from Centrelink confirming that they meet the requirements below.

[^] Must have been receiving Special Benefit for at least 46 of the previous 52 weeks.

[☆] Must be the partner of a recipient of Age, Wife, or Disability Support Pension, Carer Payment, Mature Age Allowance, or long term Special Benefit.

Department of Veterans' Affairs

- Age Service;
- Invalidity Service;
- Income Support Supplement;
- Partner Service Pension.

A letter from the Department of Veterans' Affairs, confirming that you are the recipient of one of the above payments, is required in order to receive a concession.

Freedom of Information (FOI)

FOI fees and charges vary according to the nature of the service provided. In some cases they may be remitted (eg. for personal information). Indicative fees are:

Application for access to documents	\$30
Application for internal review of a decision	\$40

There are a range of FOI charges (eg. for photocopying and searching). Details are available on request.

Review

Application fees for appeal against certain Migration Act decisions.

Review by Migration Review Tribunal (MRT)	\$1,400
Review by Refugee Review Tribunal (RRT)	No charge

Post decision charge (RRT) for unsuccessful applicants	\$1,400
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Review by Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) (section 501 decisions)	\$574
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Charges may be waived in cases of severe financial hardship of the review applicant. MRT and AAT charges will be refunded if the decision is favourable or if the review application was invalid.

Medical review charge - MRT

Additional charge at review stage for another opinion by a Medical Officer of the Commonwealth	\$330
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Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA)

The Migration Agents Registration Authority has responsibility for the registration of migration agents.

They can be contacted at:

Website: www.themara.com.au

Email: themara@themara.com.au

Migration Agents Registration Authority
PO Box Q1551
QVB NSW 1230

Telephone: 61 2 9299 5446

Fax: 61 2 9299 8448

Migration agent registration fees **cannot** be paid at any office of the department.

Home page www.immi.gov.au

DIMIA enquiry line

Telephone **131 881** (24 hours a day, 7 days a week). This number is available only in Australia. If you are outside Australia, please contact your nearest Australian mission.