



**Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional) visa (subclass 188)
Significant Investor Stream
Document checklist for visa applications**

For information on what this visa let you do and general eligibility, please see [Business Innovation and Investment \(Provisional\) visa \(subclass 188\)](#)

This application document checklist details the information and supporting documents required to assist with the lodgement of a complete visa application. You may be required to provide additional information and documentation after your application is lodged.

This checklist does not highlight all criteria required to be met for the grant of the visa; it only lists what documents are required to support your application.

For applicants with assets in the People's Republic of China, please refer to [Documentation Guide for Business Innovation and Investment Visa Applications from PRC residents](#) for guidelines on documentation requirements.

If your application is lodged before 13 November 2021:

You should provide your supporting documents to the Hong Kong Business Skills Processing Centre immediately after you have lodged your online application. Due to the volume of evidence required we cannot accept these documents by email. All documents must be sent by post or courier to the Australian Consulate-General Hong Kong at

Hong Kong Business Skills Processing Centre
23/F, Harbour Centre
25 Harbour Road
Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Please do not email attachments as this will cause delays in the processing of your application. We do not send acknowledgement advice for the receipt of attachments.

Certifying and translating documents

Unless asked to do otherwise, you should provide 'certified copies' of original documents, rather than the original documents. For further information on certified documents, please refer to [Certifying Documents](#)

Any document in a language other than English must be accompanied by accredited English translations.

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- A translator outside Australia does not need to be accredited, but they must endorse the translation with their full name, address, telephone number, and details of their qualifications and experience in the language being translated.

If your application is lodged on or after 13 November 2021:

You must lodge supporting documents for your visa application online through ImmiAccount. In most circumstances we will no longer be accepting supporting documentation by mail. For further information on attached documents to an application, please refer to [attach documents to an application](#).

Certifying and translating documents

Scan all original documents (English and non-English) in colour. If a document is more than one page, save it all as one file. Attach a document only once, even if you are using it to show more than one thing. You do not need to have any documents certified.

The scans must be legible and [meet our requirements](#). If you attach low quality scanned documents, processing of your application may be delayed.

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Can someone else assist me in relation to my visa application?

If you require assistance with your visa application you may consider engaging a registered migration agent to help you in your dealings with the department. The Office of the MARA website has a list of all agents with a valid registration. Please see "[Registered Migration Agent](#)"

Please note that claims made in the application and supporting documentation may be subject to verification checks. Site visit to the business premises may be conducted at any time during the assessment process. If you provide us with fraudulent documents or claims, this may result in processing delays and possibly your application being refused.

IMPORTANT: Please provide a selection of documents and supporting evidence that best support your claims, as processing may be delayed when excessive documents are provided.

Significant Investor stream

If you are applying for this stream, provide the following documentation.

A. ASSETS PROPOSED TO BE USED TO MAKE COMPLYING SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS	
<p>Provide evidence that the assets proposed to be used to make the complying significant investments are unencumbered and lawfully acquired.</p> <p>a) A Statement of Assets and Liabilities Position (SALP) Form 1139A completed at a date that is within three months preceding the lodgement of your application.</p> <p>b) Evidence of ownership and value of assets (minimum AUD5 million) proposed to be used to make the complying significant investments. You must include evidence of liabilities (if any) against each asset (for example mortgages, loans including unsecured and third party loans, credit cards). Evidence must be provided for each asset / liability recorded in the SALP. Each document must be clearly labelled identifying the asset / liability and cross-referencing it to the SALP.</p> <p>i) For cash assets, provide bank statements or certificate of deposits for the date nominated on your SALP</p> <p>ii) For real estate assets, for the date nominated on your SALP, provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• evidence of ownership (title deeds)• evidence of value (valuation certificate by an accredited property valuer)• evidence of relevant mortgage <p>iii) For business loans, for the date nominated on your SALP, provide loan agreements, loan statements indicating amount borrowed and repayment schedule, listed in business balance sheet</p> <p>iv) For ownership of business(es), for the date nominated on your SALP, provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• evidence of ownership of the business(es)• partnership /trust / franchise agreements• evidence of value of the business(es). For listed companies, the published annual report. For unlisted companies, financial statements prepared by an independent accountant to international accounting standards including balance sheet and notes to the accounts or a review report conducted in accordance with ISRE2400 by qualified accountants <p>v) For stocks and bonds: stocks trading account statements, stocks or bonds registers, stocks / fixed interest securities / debentures certificates, transfer certificates etc for the date nominated on your SALP</p> <p>vi) For assets held via a trust, provide a copy of the trust deeds, including all schedules</p> <p>c) A signed declaration on your proposed method of fund transfer to make the complying significant investments. Please note that you will need to demonstrate with the relevant transfer / bank records that the funds ultimately available to make the complying significant investments are originated from the assets nominated to make the complying significant investments. The trail of funds must also be reasonably established with supporting evidence.</p>	

B. SOURCE OF FUNDS

- a) A signed declaration that assets proposed to be used to make the complying significant investments have been lawfully acquired including details on the “source of funds” for these assets.
- b) Evidence to substantiate claims made in your source of funds declaration. This may include one or more of the following:
- i) For business income: evidence supporting business ownership, performance and profit distribution (e.g. company registration and shareholder records, financial statements, taxation records etc.)
 - ii) For investment income: evidence supporting investment activities and performance (e.g. statements issued by stocks trading company, property purchase and sale contracts, leases, investment product contracts etc.)
 - iii) For gifted / inherited assets, duly witnessed gift deeds / wills, evidence demonstrating how the gift provider accumulated such assets and evidence demonstrating the receipt of the gifted/inherited assets from the gift provider
 - iv) For historical accumulation of wealth where official verifiable evidence is no longer available, bank records demonstrating continuous ownership of funds over a substantial period may assist.
- c) For assets held in Australia, evidence to link the assets to the declared sources will also be required.

C. COMPLYING SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS

Note: The complying significant investments must not be investments made prior to the time that you apply. You will be advised when you are required to make the complying significant investments and when this evidence is required.

- a) Documents showing the liquidation of assets evidenced in section A and transfer of those funds to make the complying significant investments including bank statements showing the dates, the amount, the names of the funds depositor, the beneficiary and the financial institutions involved in the funds transfer, should be provided

- b) Evidence that you have made the complying significant investments:

[Form 1413D](#) Declaration in relation to each investment component signed by the responsible fund manager

Notes on completion of the Form:

- i) Declarations should be dated after the relevant investments have been made
- ii) If the declaring fund manager does not hold an official position with the responsible entity of the managed fund, a letter issued by the responsible entity authorising the signing of the Form on its behalf will be required

<p>iii) For Part B of the Form (Venture Capital and Growth Private Equity (VCPE) Funds) where you have not committed to a particular VCPE fund at the time you submit evidence that you have made the complying significant investment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. for funds held in a cash management trust, Part B is to be signed by the manager of the trust; or 2. for funds held in an Australian Authorised Deposit Taking Institution (ADI) (refer to: Lists of ADIs), an account statement confirming the funds have been deposited and a declaration signed by you confirming that the funds will be used for investing in VCPE funds. <p>c) An original signed and witnessed Form 1412 Deed of Acknowledgement, Undertaking and Release.</p>	
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Documents for all applications

You should provide the documents in sections D to E.

D. ENGLISH LANGUAGE ABILITY		
<p>a) All applicant aged 18 years or older at the time of application should have at least functional English. "How can I prove I have functional English?" explains how you can demonstrate your language ability.</p> <p>b) If you or your dependants have less than functional English, provide a statement indicating your intention to pay the second visa application charge for each person with less than functional English.</p>		

E. PERSONAL DOCUMENTS		
<p>a) Copies of the biographical pages of the current passports for each applicant (where passport is renewed after application lodgement, certified copy of the renewed passport is required to be submitted)</p>		
<p>b) Identity cards issued by the relevant authority</p>		
<p>c) Notarial certificates of birth for all applicants (and hospital issued birth certificates where available)</p>		
<p>d) If any applicant included in the application has changed their names, provide a notarial certificate of the name change</p>		
<p>e) Household registration</p>		
<p>f) Marriage certificate or evidence of de facto relationship for at least 12 months (e.g. joint bank account statements, joint ownership of major assets)</p>		
<p>g) Divorce certificate and evidence of custody for children where appropriate</p>		
<p>h) Evidence of financial dependency for all dependents who aged 18 or older</p>		

<p>i) If you want to bring a child younger than 18 years of age with you to Australia, and that child's other parent is not included in the application, provide documentary evidence that you have the legal right to bring that child to Australia, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a notarial statement of consent from the non-migrating parent together with contact number of the parent giving consent; or • a completed form 1229 (consent form to grant an Australian visa to a child under the age of 18 years) with a certified copy of the non-migrating parent's government-issued identification document (e.g. passport) with their photograph and signature; or • Certified copies of official legal documents, such as a court-issued order permitting the removal of the child for settlement in Australia 	
<p>j) If any dependent child included in the application is adopted, provide the official adoption certificate and adoption papers</p>	
<p>k) 1 recent (not more than 12 months) passport sized photo of each applicant (print the name of the person on the back of each photo)</p>	
<p>l) Applicant's address in Chinese characters</p>	
<p>m) Certified copy of military discharge certificate for applicants who have served in the armed forces of any country for any length of time, in either a voluntary or compulsory capacity, in the past 10 years</p>	