



**Partner Migration Checklist
(December 2018)**

APPLICANTS AND DEPENDENTS

- Electronically completed application form
- Appropriate application fee – We accept credit card payments in Australian Dollar
- Completed Form(s) 47A for all dependent children who are 18 years of age and above, and evidence of their dependency on you
- One passport-sized photograph, with the names written on the back
- Personal particulars page of current passport showing photo, personal details and issue and expiry dates
- Birth certificate
- Identity card(s)
- Evidence of name change (if applicable)
- Current residence permit / visa if not a citizen of your country of residence
- Proof of current residential address
- Written consent for children under 18:
(a) a statutory declaration of consent from each parent or legal guardian not included in the application, and a certified copy of the non-migrating parent's valid passport and identity card(s) with their photograph and signature, **OR**
(b) a completed Form 1229 if the non-migrating parent's passport and identity card(s) are signature bearing, and a certified copy of the non-migrating parent's valid passport and identity card(s) with their photograph and signature, **OR**
(c) a court order stating you have the parental right to remove the children for migration, **OR**
(d) death certificate of the non-migrating parent
- Full Household registration if any of the applicants live in Taiwan
- Divorce certificate or death certificate of previous spouse if previously married

SPONSOR

- Electronically completed sponsorship form
- One passport-sized photograph, with the names written on the back
- Evidence that the sponsor is an Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen
- Personal particulars page of current passport showing photo, personal details and issue and expiry dates
- Identity card(s) and driver license(s)
- Proof of current residential address
- Evidence of employment and income
- Evidence of name change (if applicable)
- Divorce certificate or death certificate of previous spouse if previously married

AUTHORISATION TO COMMUNICATE

(if applicable)

- Form 956 *Advice by a migration agent/exempt person of providing immigration assistance*
OR
- Form 956A *Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient*



EVIDENCE OF RELATIONSHIP

Provide documentary evidence of the following aspects of your marriage / de facto relationship:

History of your relationship

Provide signed statements or statutory declarations from you and your sponsor about how, when and where you first met, how your relationship developed, when you decided to commit to a mutually exclusive relationship to the exclusion of all others, your domestic arrangements (how you support each other financially, physically and emotionally and when this level of commitment began), any periods of separation – when and why the separation occurred, for how long and how you maintained your relationship during the period of separation, and your future plans.

Financial aspects of your relationship

This may include any joint ownership of real estate or other major assets, any joint liabilities, the extent of any pooling of financial resources, especially in relation to major financial commitments, whether you or your sponsor owe any legal obligation in respect of the other, and the basis of any sharing of day-to-day household expenses.

Nature of your household

This may include any joint responsibility for care and support of children (if any), your living arrangements, any sharing of responsibility for housework.

Social aspects of your relationship

This may include whether you and your sponsor represent yourselves to other people as being in a relationship with each other, any basis on which you and your sponsor plan and undertake joint social activities, and photos taken with friends and family throughout your relationship.

Nature of your commitment to each other

This may include the duration of your relationship, the length of time you and your sponsor have lived together, the degree of companionship and emotional support that you draw from each other, and whether you and your sponsor see the relationship as a long-term one.

At least two completed Forms 888 or statutory declarations from relatives and friends attesting to the relationship, with copies of their passport or identity documents

Any other relationship evidence you think is relevant in support of your application

If you and your sponsor are married:

Marriage certificate

If you are in a de facto relationship:

Dated evidence demonstrating that you and your sponsor have been in a de facto relationship for at least the entire 12 months before lodging your application (unless provisions for waiver exist)

Note: Periods of 'dating' do not count towards the 12-month requirement.

If you are intending to get married:

Evidence that you intend to marry your sponsor within 9 months of being granted the visa
This might be a signed and dated letter from an authorised marriage celebrant stating the date and venue of the marriage ceremony and confirmation that a Notice of Intended Marriage (NOIM) has been lodged with the celebrant.

Evidence that you and your sponsor have met in person, and are personally known to each other prior to application

Evidence that both you and your sponsor are free to marry

Evidence of a genuine relationship



HEALTH AND CHARACTER

The Department will contact you regarding instructions for the health and character clearances when your application has entered the assessment stage.

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- Immigration Health Examinations
- Police certificates from each country in which you or any dependents have spent a cumulative total of 12 months or more in the last 10 years since turning 16 years of age.

SPONSOR

- A complete disclosure of the sponsor's Australian Federal Police (AFP) National Police Check if the sponsor has spent a cumulative total of 12 months or more in Australia since turning 16 years of age
- Police certificates from each country in which the sponsor has spent a cumulative total of 12 months or more in the last 10 year since turning 16 years of age

Processing your visa

All applications for a Partner (Provisional) (subclass 309) / Partner (Migrant) (subclass 100) visa must be lodged online at www.homeaffairs.gov.au

Refer to www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about/access-accountability/service-standards/global-visa-citizenship-processing-times for more information on Departmental processing times. Please note enquiries regarding the status of an application will not be responded to if the application is within the stated processing times.

You may also be required to attend an interview. All applicants including dependants must be outside of Australia at the time of lodgement and decision. All forms can be downloaded from www.homeaffairs.gov.au/

Providing documents

The Department may make a decision on your application without requesting additional information. You should provide us with all the information you feel is relevant at the time of lodgement.

If insufficient documents or fraudulent documents or claims are provided with your application, your application may face processing delays and possibly be refused.

Ensure all the documents are scanned, translated accordingly, and are in high quality and full colour. Provide complete pages for all the documents. Do not crop or leave out any parts of the documents.

Do not send us original documents unless we ask you for them. If you provide us with fraudulent documents or claims, this may result in processing delays and possibly your application being refused.

Translating your documents

Any document in a language other than English must be accompanied by a certified English translation:

- a translator in Australia must be accredited by the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters
- 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.

You must provide a scan of the original document along with the translation.



For forms and further information, please visit our Departmental website at www.homeaffairs.gov.au and the links below.

Partner (Provisional) visa (subclass 309) and Partner (Migrant) visa (subclass 100)
www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa-1/309-

Prospective Marriage visa (subclass 300)
www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa-1/300-

Family Migration – Questions and Answers
www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about/corporate/information/faqs/family-migration-questions-and-answers

Bringing your family or partners
<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/bringing-someone/bringing-partner-or-family>

Global visa and citizenship processing times
www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about/access-accountability/service-standards/global-visa-citizenship-processing-times

Australian Consulate-General Hong Kong - Family Migration
https://hongkong.consulate.gov.au/hkng/Visas_and_Migration.html

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