Important – Please read this information carefully before you complete your application. Once you have completed your application we strongly advise that you keep a copy for your records.

No fee is payable for an application for an Australian transit visa.

Who completes this form?

You should complete this application form if you intend to remain in Australia no longer than 72 hours and if you can establish that the principal purpose in entering Australia is:

- to pass through Australia in transit to another country (where a 'stopover' is intended, you should apply for the appropriate visa in a visitor class instead); or

- to pass through Australia to join a vessel as a crew member (**Note**: Persons entering Australia to join a cruise ship as a passenger should apply for a visitor visa).

Children included in a parent's passport need not complete a separate application form. Details of such children can be included on their parent's/guardian's application form. Children not included in a parent's or guardian's passport **must** fill in a separate application.

Please answer all questions fully and correctly. An incorrect answer, or failure to provide an answer to any question, will be taken into account when your application is being considered and could lead to the refusal of your application.

Travel agents may complete this form for you but **you** must sign the declaration.

For information on the making and processing of visa applications, see the information form 1025i *Making and processing visa applications.*

Integrity of application

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (the department) is committed to maintaining the integrity of the visa and citizenship programs. Please be aware that if you provide us with fraudulent documents or claims, this may result in processing delays and possibly your application being refused.

What is needed with the application?

Persons other than the crew joining a vessel

You must enclose with your application:

- [ ] a passport valid for travel to Australia issued to, or including, each person in the application;

- [ ] a recent passport-type photograph of each person included in the application form (the photograph must be signed on the back by the person to whom it refers);

- [ ] an itinerary;

- [ ] evidence of confirmed onward booking to continue your journey from Australia to a third country within 72 hours of arrival; and/or

- [ ] correct documentation (eg. visa) for entry to that third country.

Persons joining as crew of a vessel

From 1 July 2007, foreign members of crew employed on foreign non-military ships which are in Australia during an international voyage are required to hold an Australian maritime crew visa. A maritime crew visa may only be applied for while the applicant is outside Australia. A maritime crew visa is valid for multiple entries to Australia for 3 years from the date it is granted and only permits travel to Australia by sea. Crew who need to travel to Australia by air to join a ship may apply for a transit visa to travel to Australia but applicants will be checked by immigration officials to ascertain if they hold a maritime crew visa. If you do not hold a maritime crew visa after 1 July 2007 when you apply for a transit visa, you may be refused a transit visa to travel to Australia.

Your application should be accompanied by:

- a passport; and

- documentary proof that you are employed on, or are to be employed on, the ship you are joining in Australia.

The following details are to be supplied by the local shipping/handling agent:

- the names of the person joining the vessel as crew;

- the names of the persons they are replacing;

- the name of the company employing the applicant;

- the name of the vessel being joined;

- the date of arrival in Australia of the persons to be visaed;

- the port and date they are expected to join the vessel;

- if they are not the vessel's owner, a copy of the request for crew from the vessel's agent in Australia. The request should contain the details of the crew members applying for visas.

Your transit visa, if granted will permit you to travel to Australia by air for single entry only. Your maritime crew visa will allow you a period of 5 days to sign onto your vessel after you arrive in Australia. If you fail to sign onto your vessel in that time, your maritime crew visa will cease and you may be liable to removal from Australia.

How you lodge the application

Your completed application accompanied by the passport and photograph may be lodged by you or by your representative or sent by mail. If the passport is to be returned by mail you must provide an addressed passport-size envelope and sufficient postage.

Residential address

You must provide the address where you and any children included on this application form intend to live while your application is being dealt with. Failure to give your residential address in this application will result in this application being invalid. A post office box address will not be accepted as your residential address.

Documents required on arrival

- Passport with a valid visa for travel to Australia and if crew joining a vessel, another document that identifies the holder as a seafarer.
- Return or onward ticket or other documentation for travel and entry to a destination beyond Australia.
- Completed incoming passenger card (will be available on ship/aircraft prior to arrival).

Period of stay in Australia

Your stay in Australia must be for no longer than 72 hours. Extensions of stay **will not** be granted.

Transit visa conditions

Transit visas have the following conditions attached to them. If you do not comply with the conditions, your visa may be cancelled and you will become an unlawful non-citizen.

You must not:

- work in Australia; or
- undertake formal studies or training in Australia.

Immigration assistance

A person gives immigration assistance to you if he or she uses, or claims to use, his or her knowledge or experience in migration procedure to assist you with your visa application, request for ministerial intervention, cancellation review application, sponsorship or nomination.

In Australia a person may only lawfully give immigration assistance if he or she is a registered migration agent or is exempt from being registered. Only registered migration agents may receive a fee or reward for providing immigration assistance.

If an unregistered person in Australia, who is not exempt from registration, gives you immigration assistance they are committing a criminal offence and may be prosecuted.

Migration agents in Australia

Migration agents in Australia must be registered with the Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (Office of the MARA) unless they are exempt from registration.

Migration agents outside Australia

Migration agents who operate outside Australia do not have to be registered. The department may give some overseas agents an ID number. This number does not mean that they are registered.

Note: Some Australian registered migration agents operate overseas.

Migration agent information

A migration agent is someone who can:

- advise you on the visa that may best suit you;
- tell you the documents you need to submit with your application;
- help you fill in the application and submit it; and
- communicate with the department on your behalf.

If you appoint a migration agent, the department will assume that your migration agent will be your authorised recipient, unless you indicate otherwise.

Your migration agent will be the person with whom the department will discuss your application and from whom it will seek further information when required.

You are not required to use a migration agent. However, if you use a migration agent, the department encourages you to use a registered migration agent. Registered agents are bound by the Migration Agents Code of Conduct, which requires them to act professionally in their clients' lawful best interests.

Information on migration agents, including a list of registered migration agents, is available on the Office of the MARA website www.mara.gov.au

You can also access information about migration agents on the department's website **www.immi.gov.au**

Exempt persons

The following people do not have to be a registered migration agent in order to provide immigration assistance, but they must not charge a fee for their service:

- a close family member (spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, brother or sister);
- a member of parliament or their staff;
- an official whose duties include providing immigration assistance (eg. a Legal Aid provider);
- a member of a diplomatic mission, consular post or international organisation.

Appointing a migration agent/exempt person

To appoint a migration agent/exempt person you should complete Part C *Options for receiving written communications*.

Your migration agent/exempt person should complete form 956 *Advice by a migration agent/exempt person of providing immigration assistance*.

Form 956 is available from the department's website **www.immi.gov.au/allforms/**

Options for receiving written communications

If you do not appoint a migration agent/exempt person you may still authorise another person, in writing, to receive written communications on your behalf. This person is called the authorised recipient.

Authorised recipient information

All written communication about your application will be sent to your authorised recipient, unless you indicate that you wish to have health and/or character information sent directly to you.

The department will communicate with the most recently appointed authorised recipient as you may only appoint one authorised recipient at any time for a particular application.

You will be taken to have received any documents sent to that person as if they had been sent to you.

To appoint an authorised recipient you should complete:

• Part C *Options for receiving written communications*; and
• form 956A *Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient*.

Note: Migration agents/exempt persons do not need to complete form 956A.

Form 956A is available from the department's website **www.immi.gov.au/allforms/**

Consent to communicate electronically

The department may use a range of means to communicate with you. However, electronic means such as fax or e-mail will only be used if you indicate your agreement to receiving communication in this way.

To process your application the department may need to communicate with you about sensitive information, for example, health, police checks, financial viability and personal relationships. Electronic communications, unless adequately encrypted, are not secure and may be viewed by others or interfered with.

If you agree to the department communicating with you by electronic means, the details you provide will only be used by the department for the purpose for which you have provided them, unless there is a legal obligation or necessity to use them for another purpose, or you have consented to use for another purpose. They will not be added to any mailing list.

The Australian Government accepts no responsibility for the security or integrity of any information sent to the department over the internet or by other electronic means.

If you authorise another person to receive documents on your behalf and they wish to be contacted electronically, their signature is required on form 956 or 956A to indicate their consent to this form of communication.

Note: Electronic communication is the fastest means of communication available and the department prefers to communicate electronically because this results in faster processing.

About the information you give

The department is authorised to collect information provided on this form under Part 2 of the *Migration Act 1958* 'Control of Arrival and Presence of Non-Citizens'. The information provided will be used for assessing your eligibility for a visa to travel to, enter and/or remain in Australia and for other purposes relating to the administration of the Migration Act.

The information provided might also be disclosed to agencies who are authorised to receive information relating to adoption, border control, business skills, citizenship, education, health assessment, health insurance, health services, law enforcement, pensions and benefits, refugee services, taxation, superannuation, review of decisions and registration of migration agents.

Relevant information about you will be disclosed to federal, state and territory police to assist in your location and possible detention in the event that you become an unlawful non-citizen. You will become an unlawful non-citizen if your visa ceases (by cancellation for breach of visa condition for example) or expires and you do not hold another visa authorising you to remain in Australia.

The information provided on this form, including any information on your health, will be used to assess your health for an Australian visa and may be disclosed to the relevant Commonwealth, state and territory health agencies and examining doctor(s).

Form 1163i *Health requirement for temporary entry to Australia* provides additional information on Australia's visa health requirements. This form is available at offices of the department or from the department's website **www.immi.gov.au/allforms/**

You should read the information form 993i *Safeguarding your personal information*, which is available from offices of the department, for details of agencies to which your information might be disclosed.

The department is authorised under the *Migration Act 1958*, in certain circumstances, to collect a range of personal identifiers including a facial image, fingerprints and a signature from non-citizens, including from visa applicants. The department requires personal identifiers to assist in assessing your identity. The department is authorised to disclose your personal identifiers and information relating to your name and other relevant biographical data to a number of agencies including law enforcement and health agencies and to other agencies who may need to check your identity with this department. Where the department obtains personal identifiers they will become part of your official record with the department.

The department is involved in international information exchanges with a number of countries, including the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada and New Zealand. These international information exchanges may involve the sharing of personal identifiers, including facial images and fingerprint data, collected by immigration agencies such as this department. If, as a result of this sharing between countries, there is a match with your personal identifiers, the department will disclose your biographical data, copies of travel and other identity documents or information from such documents, your immigration status and immigration history (which may include any immigration abuse and offences) and any criminal history information relevant to immigration purposes. The purpose of such disclosure would be to help confirm your identity and determine if you have presented to the department and the other agency under the same identity and with similar claims.

For more detailed information you should read information form 1243i *Your personal identifying information*, which is available from the department's website **www.immi.gov.au/allforms/** or from any office of the department or Australian mission overseas.

Home page	**www.immi.gov.au**
General enquiry line	Telephone **131 881** during business hours in Australia to speak to an operator (recorded information available outside these hours). If you are outside Australia, please contact your nearest Australian mission.

Please keep these information pages for your reference

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Application for Transit visa for Australia (subclass 771)

Australian Government
Department of Immigration and Citizenship

Form
876

Please use a pen, and write neatly in English using BLOCK LETTERS.

Tick where applicable ✓

PHOTOGRAPH

Please attach a recent passport photograph of yourself

AND

of children over 2 years of age included in this application and in your passport

Part A – Your details

1 Reason for transit

2 Crew joining a vessel – Do you have a valid maritime crew visa?

No ☐ ▶ You must have a valid maritime crew visa before you can be granted a transit visa. You should apply for a maritime crew visa immediately.

Yes ☐

3 Your full name

Family name

Given names

4 Name in ethnic script *(if applicable)*

5 Sex   Male ☐   Female ☐

6 Relationship status

Married ☐   Separated ☐   Never married or been in a de facto relationship ☐

Engaged ☐   Divorced ☐

De facto ☐   Widowed ☐

7 Place of birth

Town

Country

8 Date of birth   DAY / MONTH / YEAR

9 Citizenship

10 Details from your passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue   DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Date of expiry   DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Issuing authority/ Place of issue as shown in your passport

11 Country of residence

12 Full residential address

Note: A post office box address is not acceptable as a residential address. Failure to give your residential address will result in this application being invalid.

POSTCODE

13 Postal address *(If same as residential address, write 'AS ABOVE')*

POSTCODE

14 Telephone numbers

Office hours   (AREA CODE   )

After hours   (AREA CODE   )

15 Do you agree to the department communicating with you by fax, e-mail or other electronic means?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details

Fax number ((AREA CODE))

E-mail address

Note: If this application is refused, you will be notified by mail

16 Address while in Australia

POSTCODE

17 Length of stay

18 Occupation

19 Employer's name

20 Employer's address

POSTCODE

21 Details of children included in this application and in your passport

Note: If the residential address for any of these children is different to the address provided at Question 12, please attach a sheet showing each child's residential address. If a child has more than one address, all addresses must be shown. A post office box address is not acceptable as a residential address.

Family name

Given names

Sex   Male ☐   Female ☐

Date of birth   DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Country of birth

Family name

Given names

Sex   Male ☐   Female ☐

Date of birth   DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Country of birth

Family name

Given names

Sex   Male ☐   Female ☐

Date of birth   DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Country of birth

Family name

Given names

Sex   Male ☐   Female ☐

Date of birth   DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Country of birth

If you need more space, attach a sheet giving the required details

22 Total number of persons included in this application [   ]

23 Contacts in Australia

Name [   ]

Relationship [   ]

Address [   ]

[   ]

[POSTCODE   ]

Telephone (AREA CODE   )

Name [   ]

Relationship [   ]

Address [   ]

[   ]

[POSTCODE   ]

Telephone (AREA CODE   )

Name [   ]

Relationship [   ]

Address [   ]

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[POSTCODE   ]

Telephone (AREA CODE   )

Name [   ]

Relationship [   ]

Address [   ]

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[POSTCODE   ]

Telephone (AREA CODE   )

24 Arrival/Departure details

DAY   MONTH   YEAR

Arrival date [/   /   ]

City/port of arrival [   ]

Flight/Ship [   ]

DAY   MONTH   YEAR

Departure date [/   /   ]

City/port of departure [   ]

Flight/Ship [   ]

Country of destination [   ]

DAY   MONTH   YEAR

Arrival date [/   /   ]

City/port of arrival [   ]

Flight/Ship [   ]

DAY   MONTH   YEAR

Departure date [/   /   ]

City/port of departure [   ]

Flight/Ship [   ]

Country of destination [   ]

DAY   MONTH   YEAR

Arrival date [/   /   ]

City/port of arrival [   ]

Flight/Ship [   ]

DAY   MONTH   YEAR

Departure date [/   /   ]

City/port of departure [   ]

Flight/Ship [   ]

Country of destination [   ]

25 Have you or anyone included in this application ever previously applied for a visa or travelled to Australia?

No [   ]

Yes [   ] ▶ Provide dates of previous visits to or residence in Australia

DAY MONTH YEAR   DAY MONTH YEAR

[/   /   ] to [/   /   ]

[/   /   ] to [/   /   ]

[/   /   ] to [/   /   ]

26 In the last 5 years, have you, or any other person included in this application, visited, or lived, outside your country of passport for more than 3 consecutive months?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details

1. Name ☐

   Country(s) ☐

	DAY	MONTH	YEAR		DAY	MONTH	YEAR
Date from	/	/		to	/	/	

2. Name ☐

   Country(s) ☐

	DAY	MONTH	YEAR		DAY	MONTH	YEAR
Date from	/	/		to	/	/	

3. Name ☐

   Country(s) ☐

	DAY	MONTH	YEAR		DAY	MONTH	YEAR
Date from	/	/		to	/	/	

27 Do you, or any other person included in this application, intend to enter a hospital or a health care facility (including nursing homes) while in Australia?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details

28 Have you, or any other person included in this application:
- ever had, or currently have, tuberculosis?
- been in close contact with a family member that has active tuberculosis?
- ever had a chest x-ray which showed an abnormality?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details

29 During your proposed visit to Australia, do you, or any other person included in this application, expect to incur medical costs, or require treatment or medical follow up for:
- blood disorder;
- cancer;
- heart disease;
- hepatitis B or C and/or liver disease;
- HIV infection, including AIDS;
- kidney disease, including dialysis;
- mental illness;
- pregnancy;
- respiratory disease that has required hospital admission or oxygen therapy;
- other?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Give details

30 Have you, or any children included in this application, ever:

- been convicted of a crime or offence in any country (including any conviction which is now removed from official records)? No ☐ Yes ☐

- been charged with any offence that is currently awaiting legal action? No ☐ Yes ☐

- been acquitted of any criminal offence or other offence on the grounds of mental illness, insanity or unsoundness of mind? No ☐ Yes ☐

- been removed or deported from any country (including Australia)? No ☐ Yes ☐

- left any country to avoid being removed or deported? No ☐ Yes ☐

- been excluded from or asked to leave any country (including Australia)? No ☐ Yes ☐

- committed, or been involved in the commission of war crimes or crimes against humanity or human rights? No ☐ Yes ☐

- been involved in any activities that would represent a risk to Australian national security? No ☐ Yes ☐

- had any outstanding debts to the Australian Government or any public authority in Australia? No ☐ Yes ☐

- been involved in any activity, or been convicted of any offence, relating to the illegal movement of people to any country (including Australia)? No ☐ Yes ☐

- served in a military force or state sponsored/private militia, undergone any military/paramilitary training, or been trained in weapons/explosives use (however described)? No ☐ Yes ☐

If you answered **'Yes'** to any of the above questions, you must state who it applies to and give ALL relevant details.

If the matter relates to a criminal conviction, please give the nature of the offence, full details of sentence and dates of any period of imprisonment or other detention.

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Part B – Assistance with this form

31 Did you receive assistance in completing this form?

No ☐ ▶ Go to Part C

Yes ☐ ▶ Please give details of the person who assisted you

Title: Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐ Other ☐

Family name ☐

Given names ☐

Address

| |
| |
| POSTCODE |

Telephone number or daytime contact

	COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
Office hours	( ) ( )
Mobile/cell	

32 Is the person an agent registered with the Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (Office of the MARA)?

No ☐

Yes ☐ ▶ Go to Part C

33 Is the person/agent in Australia?

No ☐ ▶ Go to Part C

Yes ☐

34 Did you pay the person/agent and/or give a gift for this assistance?

No ☐

Yes ☐

Part C – Options for receiving written communications

35 All written communications about this application should be sent to:
(Tick one box only)

Myself ☐

OR

Authorised recipient ☐ ▶ You should complete form 956A *Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient*

OR

Migration agent ☐

OR

Exempt person ☐

▶ Your migration agent/exempt person should complete form 956 *Advice by a migration agent/exempt person of providing immigration assistance*

Part D – Declaration and consent

WARNING: Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

36 *I declare that:*

- *the information provided on, or with this form, is complete and correct;*
- *I and my accompanying family members will, if granted a transit visa:*
  - *travel to Australia on fully paid tickets for travel to a third country beyond Australia and will provide these tickets on arrival in Australia and will retain them while in Australia;*
  - *will not seek authority to settle in Australia and will leave at or before the end of the authorised transit period; and*
  - *will not undertake employment or any formal studies or training before the end of the authorised transit period in Australia.*

For offshore applicants who are required to provide their fingerprints and facial image:

- *I understand that my fingerprints and facial image and my biographical information held by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship may be given to Australian law enforcement agencies to help identify me, to help determine my eligibility for grant of the visa I have applied for, and for law enforcement purposes.*
- *I consent to:*
  - *Australian law enforcement agencies disclosing my biometric, biographical and criminal record information to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship for any of the purposes outlined above; and*
  - *the Department of Immigration and Citizenship using the information obtained for the purposes of the* Migration Act 1958 *or the* Citizenship Act 2007*.*

Signature of applicant

Date   DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Signatures of all other persons included in this application aged 18 years or over.

Signature

Date   DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Signature

Date   DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Signature

Date   DAY / MONTH / YEAR

We strongly advise that you keep a copy of your application and all attachments for your records.

Office use only

Documents sighted   Itinerary ☐

Onward ticket ☐

Seafarer's identity document *(if crew)* ☐

Approved ☐

Not approved ☐ ▶ Reasons for refusal

Entry   Single ☐   Multiple ☐ ▶ Number

Comments

Date of grant   DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Validity

Length of stay

Conditions

Signature of authorised officer

Date   DAY / MONTH / YEAR