



Use this form as a guide to charges and fees (in Australian dollars) for visas and services from 1 July 2010. If you have applied prior to 1 July 2010, 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 (or evidence of payment if made in Australia or elsewhere) must accompany your application and is generally not refunded if the application is unsuccessful.

All fees and charges are listed in Australian dollars (AUD) and correct at time of release. If you are paying fees and charges outside Australia, payment will need to be made in the currency and in the method accepted by the Australian High Commission, Embassy or Consulate, where the payment is being made. To find out the currencies and methods accepted in the country in which you are making your payment see

www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i/converter.htm. Fees may be subject to adjustment at any time. Visa Application Charges may be subject to adjustment on 1 July each year. This may increase the cost of a visa. For general information regarding Visa Application Charges, see www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i/vac.htm

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. Bpay is only available for students in Australia applying for their initial student visa or further stay student visa. If you already have a visa and it will expire within the next 7 days, do not use Bpay because the payment will not be received before your visa expires. For more information, see www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.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 Citizenship'.

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 the 'Department of Immigration and Citizenship';
- bank cheque:
 - drawn on a bank with representation in Australia,
 - in Australian dollars, and made payable to the 'Department of Immigration and Citizenship'; or
- International Money Order:
 - drawn on a bank with representation in Australia,
 - in Australian dollars, and made payable to the 'Department of Immigration and Citizenship'.

Note:

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

C. Lodged outside Australia

For clients outside Australia, before you pay your application charge, see 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

Medical and radiological examination costs

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Application charges and related costs

Printed booklets

Child, Parent, Partner and other Family migration booklets	\$10 each ^{1a}
All other migration/temporary entry booklets	\$20 each ^{1a}
Booklets on the department's website	Nil

^{1a} GST is included in this charge.

Maritime crew

Maritime Crew (Subclass 988)	Nil
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Note: The maritime crew visa is only available to crew of non-military ships and is not valid for air travel to Australia. Applicants must be outside Australia. Applications must be either lodged over the internet or mailed to the Brisbane Global Processing Centre.

Lodged outside Australia

Superyacht Crew (Subclass 488)	Nil
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Lodged in Australia

Superyacht Crew (Subclass 488)	Nil
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Visitor/Tourism

Type of visa

Lodged outside Australia

Electronic Travel Authority (Visitor) (Subclass 976)	Nil ^{2a}
Tourist (Subclass 676)	\$105
Tourist (Subclass 676) – online (e676) application by European Union (EU) passport holder wishing to visit Australia for 3 months or less	Nil
eVisitor (Subclass 651)(tourist)	Nil
Transit	Nil

Lodged in Australia

Sponsored Family Visitor (Subclass 679)	\$105
Tourist (Subclass 676)	\$255

Medical treatment

Lodged outside Australia

Visa valid for stay of up to 3 months and travel for up to one year (Subclass 675)	Nil
Visa valid for stay of more than 3 months and/or for travel of more than one year (Subclass 685)	\$55

Lodged in Australia	\$230
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Working holiday

Working Holiday (Subclass 417) For people from Belgium, Canada, Republic of Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong SAR, Republic of Ireland, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Taiwan and United Kingdom.	\$235
Work and Holiday (Subclass 462) For tertiary educated people from Bangladesh, Chile, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Turkey and USA to holiday and work in Australia.	\$235

Business

Type of visa

Lodged outside Australia

Business (Short Stay) (Subclass 456)	\$105
Business (Short Stay) (Subclass 456) – application by EU passport holder	Nil
Electronic Travel Authority (Business Entrant–Short Validity) (Subclass 977)	Nil ^{2a}
Electronic Travel Authority (Business Entrant–Long Validity) (Subclass 956)	\$90
eVisitor (Subclass 651)(Business)	Nil

Lodged in Australia

Sponsored Business Visitor (Short Stay) (Subclass 459)	\$105
Temporary Business Entry (Long Stay) (Subclass 457) – Independent Executive Further Application Onshore	\$265

^{2a} All Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) applications processed over the internet are subject to a service charge. For more information, see 'Australian Electronic Travel Authority' 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	\$200
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^{2c} GST is included in this charge.

Sponsored training

Occupational Trainee

Occupational Trainee sponsorship fee (Subclass 442)	\$350
Nomination of occupational trainee where 1–20 nominations are lodged together	\$145
Nomination of occupational trainee where 21 or more applicants are nominated together	\$2,850
Occupational Trainee visa	\$265

Professional Development (Subclass 470)

Professional Development sponsorship fee	\$1,395
Professional Development sponsorship by Commonwealth agency	Nil
Professional Development visa	\$265

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Students

Lodged outside Australia

Form 157A or 157E <i>Application for a student (temporary) visa</i>	
Approved schemes (Subclasses 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576)	Nil
All other cases ^{3a}	\$550
Form 157G <i>Application for a student guardian visa</i>	
All cases ^{3a} (Subclass 580)	\$550

^{3a} 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, Employment and Workplace Relations.

Lodged in Australia

Form 157A or 157A (Internet) <i>Application for a student (temporary) visa</i>	
Approved schemes	Nil
Reapplication due to education provider default ^{3b}	Nil
All other cases ^{3c}	\$550
Form 157G <i>Application for a student guardian visa</i>	
All cases ^{3c}	\$550
Form 157P or 157P (Internet) <i>Application for a student visa with permission to work</i>	
Approved schemes	Nil
All other cases	\$75

^{3b} 'Education provider default' is where a previous education provider's approval to deliver previous courses is removed. For more information, see www.immi.gov.au/students/education-providers-approval.htm

^{3c} 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, Employment and Workplace Relations.

Temporary residence (non-business) sponsorship

Lodgement of applications

Sponsorship applications	\$350
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Temporary residence (non-business) nomination

Lodgement of applications

Where 1–20 nomination are lodged together (per nominated person)	\$145
Where 21 or more applicants are nominated together	\$2,850

Note: Nil nomination fee required if the visa application does not attract a charge

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Temporary residence (non-business)

Type of visa

Domestic Worker (diplomatic or consular) (Subclass 426)	\$265
Domestic Worker (executive) (Subclass 427)	\$265
Entertainment (Subclass 420) (per applicant)	\$265
Where 11 or more applications from applicants outside Australia are lodged together ^{3d}	\$2,650
Exchange (Subclass 411)	\$265
Foreign Government Agency (Subclass 415)	\$265
Where applicant holds a diplomatic, official or service passport and presents a third person note from their home government in support of their application	Nil
Government Agreement (Subclass 406)	\$265
Investor Retirement (Subclass 405)	
First instalment (per application)	\$235
Second instalment (per applicant) – to be paid before the visa is granted	\$10,625
Media and Film Staff (Subclass 423)	\$265
Medical Practitioner (Subclass 422) ^{3e}	\$265
New Zealand citizen family relationship (Subclass 461)	\$235
Religious Worker (Subclass 428)	\$265
Retirement (Subclass 410) ^{3f}	\$265
Special Program (Subclass 416)	\$265
Sport (Subclass 421) (per applicant)	\$265
Where 11 or more applications from applicants outside Australia are lodged together	\$2,650
Visiting Academic (Subclass 419)	\$265

^{3d} All Entertainment visas must be lodged at the Sydney Entertainment Processing Centre (SEPC).

^{3e} From 1 July 2010 the Medical Practitioner (Subclass 422) visa will only be available for dependants of primary applicants.

^{3f} The Subclass 410 Retirement (temporary) visa is closed to initial (new or first time) visa applicants. Existing holders can continue to apply for further Subclass 410 visas.

Bridging

Type of visa

Lodged in Australia

Bridging visas A, C, D, E, F	Nil
Bridging visa B	\$95

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

Other

Type of visa

Lodged outside/in Australia

Border, Emergency (Subclasses 302, 303)	Nil
Diplomatic (Subclass 995)	Nil
Confirmatory (Residence) (Subclass 808)	Nil
Confirmatory (Residence) (Subclass 808) – was granted Subclass 773 on last arriving in Australia ^{4a}	\$200

^{4a} If you hold Emergency (Subclass 302) visa, you will be advised if a second instalment of the Visa Application Charge is payable.

Returning residents

	In Australia	Overseas
Resident Return visa (RRV) ^{4b}	\$260	\$260
Replacement evidence of RRV and BF111 (ATR or RE) ^{4c}	\$60	\$100
Australian Declaratory visa (zz 998)		
Adult ^{4d}	\$185	\$240
Child ^{4d}	\$120	\$185

^{4b} You can apply for a Resident Return visa on the internet in Australia only.

^{4c} ATR is an Authority to Return and RE is a Return Endorsement.

^{4d} GST is included in this charge.

Humanitarian Program applications

Refugee and Humanitarian visa applications made under the offshore component of the Humanitarian Program	Nil
Protection visas lodged in Australia	\$30
Protection visas lodged in Australia by applicants who are in immigration detention but not immigration cleared	Nil

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Temporary Business Entry

Sponsor status	Sponsorship application charge	Nomination charge	Visa Application Charge
Standard Business Sponsorship (Subclass 457)	\$350	\$70 per nomination	\$265
Labour Agreement	Nil	\$70 per nomination	\$265

Partner Migration (Booklet 1)

Type of visa	Charge
Lodged outside Australia	
Partner (Subclass 309/100) ^{5a, 5b}	\$1,735
Prospective Marriage (Subclass 300)	\$1,735
Lodged in Australia	
Partner (Subclass 820/801) ^{5a, 5b}	\$2,575
Prospective Marriage (Subclass 300) visa holder lodging partner application ^{5b}	\$840
Applies to people who apply for a partner visa and who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – currently hold a valid Prospective Marriage visa (Subclass 300); and – have married their intended spouse; and – seek to remain permanently in Australia on the basis of that marriage. 	
Former Prospective Marriage (Subclass 300) visa holder lodging partner application ^{5b}	\$1,060
Applies to people who apply for a Partner visa and who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – entered Australia as a Prospective Marriage visa holder and do not currently hold that visa (Subclass 300) or any other substantive visa; and – who have married their intended spouse while their Prospective Marriage visa was valid; and – seek to remain permanently in Australia on the basis of that marriage. 	
Spouse with transitional Extended Eligibility Temporary Visa (EETV)	\$300
Applies to people who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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. 	
Other costs – refer to pages 10–11	

Child Migration (Booklet 2)

Type of visa	Charge
Lodged outside Australia	
Child (Subclass 101)	\$1,735
Adoption (Subclass 102)	\$1,735
Orphan relative (Subclass 117)	\$1,060
Extended Eligibility (temporary) (Dependent Child)(Subclass 445) ^{5a}	\$185
Lodged in Australia	
Child (Subclass 802)	\$2,575
Orphan relative (Subclass 837)	\$1,060
Extended Eligibility (temporary) (Dependent Child)(Subclass 445) ^{5a}	\$185
Other costs – refer to pages 10–11	

^{5a} People who apply for a Partner visa and who hold an Extended Eligibility (Temporary) Dependent Child visa (Subclass 445) **do not** pay a Visa Application Charge.

^{5b} If your previous medical was less than 12 months ago, you **may not** have to undergo another.

Note: Siblings who lodge their applications for a Child Migration visa at the same time and place as each other only need to pay **one** Visa Application Charge.

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Parent Migration (Booklet 3)

Type of visa ^{6a}	1st instalment ^{6b}	2nd instalment ^{6d}	2nd instalment ^{6d} (if applicant is under 18 years)
Parent (Migrant) (Subclass 103)	\$1,735	\$1,510	\$1,510
Aged Parent (Residence) (Subclass 804)	\$2,575	\$1,510	\$1,510
Contributory Parent (Migrant) (Subclass 143)	\$1,735 ^{6c}	\$37,965	\$1,640
Contributory Parent (Temporary) (Subclass 173)	\$1,735 ^{6c}	\$22,780	\$1,640
Contributory Parent (Migrant) (Subclass 143) <i>if applicant is the holder of a Contributory Parent (Temporary) visa</i>	\$235	\$15,185	Nil
Contributory Aged Parent (Residence) (Subclass 864)	\$2,575 ^{6c}	\$37,965	\$1,640
Contributory Aged Parent (Temporary) (Subclass 884)	\$2,575 ^{6c}	\$22,780	\$1,640
Contributory Aged Parent (Residence) (Subclass 864) <i>if applicant is the holder of a Contributory Aged Parent (Temporary) visa</i>	\$235	\$15,185	Nil

Other costs (such as Assurance of Support bond) – refer to pages 10–11

^{6a} For details on where you should lodge your parent visa application, see Booklet 3 – *Parent Migration*.

^{6b} 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 Visa Application Charge is payable.

^{6c} 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 Booklet 3 – *Parent Migration*.

^{6d} 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. Please refer to the form 990i version that was applicable when you lodged your application. See www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm. Payment of the prescribed full 2nd Visa Application Charge amount must be paid before a visa can be granted. The 2nd Visa Application Charge amount can only be refunded in extremely limited circumstances, for example if the visa is cancelled before the visa holder enters Australia.

Other Family Migration (Booklet 4)

Type of visa	1st instalment ^{6e}	2nd instalment ^{6f}
Lodged outside Australia		
Aged Dependent Relative (Subclass 114)	\$1,735	\$1,510
Remaining Relative (Subclass 115)	\$1,735	\$1,510
Carer (Subclass 116) ^{6g, 6h}	\$1,060	\$1,510
Lodged in Australia		
Aged Dependent Relative (Subclass 838)	\$2,575	\$1,510
Remaining Relative (Subclass 835)	\$2,575	\$1,510
Carer (Subclass 836) ^{6g, 6h}	\$1,060	\$1,510

Other costs – refer to pages 10–11

^{6e} 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 Visa Application Charge is payable.

^{6f} Before your visa is granted, you must pay a second Visa Application Charge for each person included on the application.

^{6g} A fee is directly payable to Medibank Health Solutions for a medical assessment of the person requiring care.

^{6h} 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.

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Employer Sponsored Migration (Booklet 5)

Type of visa	1st instalment	2nd instalment		Related costs
		Primary applicant has less than vocational or functional English (as applicable to the visa)	Any dependants (included in application) 18 years or over with less than functional English	
Applicant outside Australia				
Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS) ^{7a, 7b} Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS) ^{7a} , Labour Agreement (LA) ^{7a, 7b}	\$1,735	\$7,165	\$3,575	Possible English testing costs ^{7c}
Applicant in Australia				
Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS) ^{7a} Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS) ^{7a} and Labour Agreement (LA) ^{7a, 7b}	\$2,575	\$7,165	\$3,575	Possible English testing costs ^{7c}
In addition to the charges set out in the table above, only employers who lodge nominations under the ENS pay a nomination fee				Nomination fee of \$455

^{7a} Applicants who are applying for an ENS/RSMS or LA visa after they have already applied for some General Skilled Migration visas may have already paid the first instalment of the Visa Application Charge. If this is the case, they may not be required to pay the ENS/RSMS or LA first instalment. Second instalment charges apply to anyone who has been assessed as not meeting the relevant English level.

^{7b} Religious workers and any dependants aged 18 years or older who are applying for an ENS visa (121 visa) or LA permanent visas (120/855 visas) are excluded from paying the second instalment of the Visa Application Charge.

^{7c} You may be required to undertake the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test to determine your English competency skills. Testing costs are paid directly to the test centre and may vary from country to country. You should contact the test centre for further information about testing costs.

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General Skilled Migration (Booklet 6)

Type of visa	1st instalment ^{8a}	2nd instalment ^{8b}
		Any dependants (included in application) 18 years or over with less than functional English
Skilled – Independent 175 (Migrant)	\$2,575	\$3,575
Skilled – Sponsored 176 (Migrant)		
Skilled – Regional Sponsored 475 (Provisional)		
Skilled – Regional Sponsored 487 (Provisional) (first application)		
Skilled – Independent 885 (Residence)	\$2,575	\$3,575
Skilled – Sponsored 886 (Residence)		
Skilled – Recognised Graduate 476 (Provisional)	\$235	Nil
Skilled – Graduate 485 (Provisional)		
Skilled – Regional 887 (Residence) ^{8c}	\$235	\$3,575 ^{8d}
Skilled – Regional Sponsored 487 (12 month renewal) ^{8c}		
Skilled – Independent Regional 495 (Provisional) and Skilled – Regional Sponsored 475/487 (Provisional) visa holder applying for permanent residence – Employer Nomination Scheme, Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	\$235	\$3,575 ^{8d}
Other costs – refer to pages 10–11		

^{8a} 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.

^{8b} 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.

^{8c} Skilled – Designated Area Sponsored (SDAS) (Provisional) visa holders who:

- paid the second instalment of the Visa Application Charge in respect of their first provisional visa; and
- are applying for:
 - a second provisional visa, or
 - permanent residence;

will not be required to pay the second instalment of the Visa Application Charge for the subsequent application.

^{8d} Skilled – Regional Sponsored (Provisional) and Skilled – Independent Regional (Provisional) visa holders who:

- paid the second instalment of the Visa Application Charge in respect of their first provisional visa; and
- are applying for:
 - a second provisional visa, or
 - permanent residence;

will not be required to pay the second instalment of the Visa Application Charge for the subsequent visa application.

Related costs

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- You may 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 \$150–\$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 and form 1215i)

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	
Business Owner (Provisional)	\$3,420	N/A	\$3,575	\$150–\$400
State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (Provisional)	\$3,420	\$7,165	\$3,575	\$150–\$400
Senior Executive (Provisional)	\$3,420	N/A	\$3,575	\$150–\$400
State/Territory Sponsored Senior Executive (Provisional)	\$3,420	\$7,165	\$3,575	\$150–\$400
Investor (Provisional)	\$3,420	N/A	\$3,575	\$150–\$400
State/Territory Sponsored Investor (Provisional)	\$3,420	\$7,165	\$3,575	\$150–\$400
Business Talent (Migrant)	\$4,995	\$7,165	\$3,575	\$150–\$400
Business Owner (Residence)	\$1,435 ^{9b}	N/A	\$3,575 ^{9c}	\$150–\$400 ^{9c}
State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (Residence)	\$1,435 ^{9b}	N/A	\$3,575 ^{9c}	\$150–\$400 ^{9c}
Investor (Residence)	\$1,435 ^{9b}	N/A	\$3,575 ^{9c}	\$150–\$400 ^{9c}
State/Territory Sponsored Investor (Residence)	\$1,435 ^{9b}	N/A	\$3,575 ^{9c}	\$150–\$400 ^{9c}
Established Business in Australia	\$4,995	\$7,165	\$3,575	N/A ^{9c}
State/Territory Sponsored Regional Established Business in Australia	\$4,995	\$7,165	\$3,575	N/A ^{9c}

^{9a} 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.

^{9b} Skilled – Independent Regional (SIR) (Provisional) visa holders are eligible for a reduced 1st instalment of \$235.

^{9c} This charge is not applicable provided an applicant has been granted a Business Skills (Provisional) Class visa or a Skilled – Independent Regional (SIR) (Provisional) visa.

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	
Applicant outside Australia				
Special eligibility (former resident)	\$1,735	\$3,575	\$3,575	
Distinguished talent (Subclass 124)	\$1,735	\$3,575	\$3,575	\$150–\$400
Applicant in Australia				
Special eligibility (former resident)	\$2,575	\$3,575	\$3,575	
Distinguished talent (Subclass 858)	\$2,575	\$3,575	\$3,575	\$150–\$350

^{9d} 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.

Medical and radiological examination costs

Permanent and some temporary visa applicants may be required to undertake and pay for radiological and medical examinations. All costs are paid by the applicant directly to the doctors or clinics undertaking the examination. The cost of these examinations undertaken in Australia is approximately \$410. Costs of examinations undertaken outside Australia may vary from country to country. There may be additional costs if further tests or couriers are required. The department does not regulate such charges but where allegations of excessive charging are made, 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 people being examined in Australia, there is also a fee payable to Medibank Health Solutions for a digital photo of each person examined.

Assurance of Support

An Assurance of Support (AoS) covers the principal applicant and other family members included in the application.

In certain migrant visa subclasses an AoS is a mandatory requirement which must be met prior to visa grant. If you applied for one of these visas, your assurer must also lodge a refundable bond with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Other visa subclasses may have an AoS as a discretionary requirement only.

For these visa subclasses, a bond will not be required.

See Fact sheet 34 *Assurance of Support*.

AoS assessments and AoS period

On 1 July 2004, Centrelink assumed responsibility for the assessment of AoS applications, including bond lodgement.

See www.centrelink.gov.au

An AoS bond is held for the duration of the AoS period regardless of whether or not the migrant has obtained a different visa (except where that visa is a Humanitarian visa) or has subsequently become an Australian citizen.

For applicants applying for a permanent Contributory Parent visa, the AoS period runs for 10 years from:

- the date you arrived in Australia (if you applied from outside Australia); or
- the date you were granted a permanent visa (if you applied from within Australia).

For applicants of all other visas, the AoS period is 2 years from:

- the date you arrived in Australia (if you applied from outside of Australia); or
- the date you were granted a visa (if you applied from within Australia).

Release of bond

After 1 July 2004 – AoS cases accepted by Centrelink

For all AoS cases accepted by Centrelink, 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 the AoS period has expired, the assurer should ask the nearest Centrelink office to release the bond money (less any claims by Centrelink).

Before 1 July 2004 – AoS cases accepted by the department

For all AoS cases accepted by the department, a bond may be released by the department before the AoS period begins. This only applies 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.

Important: In all other circumstances, if the AoS period has already begun, only Centrelink can authorise the bond release.

Further information

Please contact Centrelink for more information about the AoS scheme, including up-to-date bond amounts. Centrelink will advise when to lodge the bond(s) and how much must be deposited.

Website: www.centrelink.gov.au

Telephone: 132 850

Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP)

English classes are available to eligible migrants who do not have functional English. A flat annual administrative charge may be payable for certain Australian residents who arrived in Australia after 1 July 1991 and who did not pay the Visa Application Charge.

The annual fee is:

Classroom or distance learning students	\$410
Informal learning (home tutor scheme or individual learning centre)	\$90

An exemption from paying the charge is available under some circumstances.

For further information on the program, eligibility and AMEP service provider locations see www.immi.gov.au/amep

Migrant Health Services Charge

The Migrant Health Services Charge (MHSC) is governed by the *Migration (Health Services) Charges Act 1991* and applies to any unfinalised visa application lodged prior to 1 May 1997. Applications lodged on or after 1 May 1997 are subject to a Visa Application Charge.

The MHSC is charged for each applicant (including children) included in the visa application and is indexed on 21 August each year.

Indexation is based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) index numbers published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. According to the Act, the MHSC index is calculated by dividing the CPI index number for the March quarter of the relevant year by the CPI index number for the corresponding period in the previous year. The visa applicant is required to pay the MHSC amount as at the date of the MHSC liability notification letter.

Migrant Health Services Charge

21 August 2010 – 20 August 2011 \$1,334 per person

Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National)

The Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) operates nationally and is available to any person or organisation requiring interpreting services. The interpreting service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TIS National is accessible from anywhere in Australia.

Ensure that you check the office hours of the government agency or business with which you wish to speak before contacting TIS National. Telephone 131 450 to be connected with a TIS National Contact Centre operator who can arrange a telephone interpreter to help you with your language needs.

Where a non-English speaker is making contact with a government agency, that agency will incur the costs of interpreting.

Requests for interpreting services are subject to charges which vary according to the nature and duration of the service provided. TIS National service charges are available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/tis or contact the TIS National Client Liaison and Promotions unit on 1300 655 820 for a Schedule of Service Charges.

Australian Police records check

Applicants and sponsors who are required to provide an Australian penal clearance certificate must obtain a National Police Check (NPC) from the Australian Federal Police. The National Police Check Application Form and details of the charge payable are available from the Australian Federal Police website, see www.afp.gov.au/what-we-do/police-checks/national-police-checks.aspx

Note: When indicating the purpose of the NPC all the department's clients are required to use Purpose Code 33.

Evidence of permanent residence

Certificate of Evidence of Residence Status (CERS)

Certificate for Australian permanent residents \$100 ^{11a}

Certificate of Status – New Zealand citizen in Australia (CSNZCA)

Certificate for eligible New Zealand citizens \$55 ^{11a}

Verification of Status – Superannuation contributions

Verification of immigration status of former temporary residents for refund of superannuation contributions \$55 ^{11a}

^{11a} GST is included in this charge.

Citizenship

Current fees are specified in the Australian Citizenship Regulations 2007.

For all citizenship fees refer to form 1298i *Citizenship fees*.

Freedom of Information (FOI)

Under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*, the department may impose an application fee.

FOI fees and charges vary according to the nature of the service provided. In some cases they may be remitted. 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)	Nil
Post decision charge (RRT) for unsuccessful applicants	\$1,400
Review by Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) (section 501 decisions)	\$682

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	\$520
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Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA)

The Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (Office of the MARA) has responsibility for the protection of consumers through the regulation of migration agents.

They can be contacted at:

Website: www.mara.gov.au

E-mail: info@mara.gov.au

Migration Agents Registration Authority
PO Box Q1551
QVB NSW 1230

Telephone: 1300 22 62 72 or +61 2 9078 3552

Fax: +61 2 9078 3590

Do **not** ring the Office of the MARA in relation to enquiries about visas. See **General enquiry line** below.

Registered Migration Agents only

Telephone: 1300 66 00 26 or +61 2 9078 3551

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

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.