



Use this form to apply for a bridging visa, including where a previous one has ceased or you would like a new bridging visa with different conditions, or you have applied for judicial review.

Important – Please read this information and the information about bridging visas on the Department of Home Affairs (the Department) website <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing#content-index-5> before you complete your application. Once you have completed your application we strongly advise that you keep a copy for your records.

How to apply

Please complete your application in English.

Answer all questions in full. If you need more space to answer any question, provide the details on a separate sheet indicating the specific question number it refers to, sign it and attach it to the application. You may also be asked to provide documentary evidence of some of your details.

If your circumstances change in any way after you lodge your application you must inform the Department of the new circumstances.

ImmiAccount

You may be eligible to apply for a Bridging visa A, Bridging visa B or Bridging visa C via ImmiAccount if you applied for your new substantive visa in ImmiAccount. To check your eligibility for a Bridging visa A, Bridging visa B or Bridging visa C, refer to the Department's website <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing#content-index-5>

Online form

If you are applying for a Bridging visa A, Bridging visa B or Bridging visa C and cannot make this application in your ImmiAccount, then you must upload the completed form to the Department's website <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/departmental-forms/online-forms/>

Mail

If you are applying for a Bridging visa E, please return the completed form to the Postal address for the relevant processing centre or the office that is currently responsible for your matter. If you are unsure which office to send the form to, please send the form to the Postal address listed on our website for your nearest office.

Further information

For further information on visa applications and contacting the Department, see information form 1025i *Making and processing visa applications*. This form is available from the Department's website <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/form-listing/forms/1025i.pdf>

Residential address

You must provide the address of where you intend to live while your application is being dealt with. Failure to give a residential address will result in your application being invalid. A post office box address will not be accepted as your residential address.

Circumstances under which you may be eligible for a class of bridging visa using this form to:

(1) Apply for a new bridging visa associated with a substantive visa application

You can apply for a Bridging visa if you applied for your substantive visa while outside Australia, you are now in Australia, and your application is for a substantive visa of a kind that can be granted in Australia.

(2) Apply for a new bridging visa where a previous one has ceased

You may be eligible for a new bridging visa if:

- the bridging visa ceased because you departed Australia, you have returned to Australia, and your application for a substantive visa has not been finally determined; or
- your application for review of a decision to cancel a substantive visa has been successful.

(3) Apply for a new bridging visa with different conditions to the one currently held

You can apply for a bridging visa with different or nil conditions if you hold a Bridging visa A, B, C, or E.

If you hold a BVB and would like to apply for work rights, you will need to apply for a BVA with nil conditions and then apply for a further BVB.

Generally, if you are seeking another bridging visa without work restrictions, you need to provide evidence of a compelling need to work, either because of financial hardship, or because you have been sponsored or nominated for employment in an 'approved appointment' associated with an outstanding substantive visa application for a Temporary Work (Skilled) (class UC) (subclass 457) visa.

However, you will not be eligible for permission to work if you hold a Bridging visa E because you are seeking judicial review or Ministerial intervention, except in limited circumstances.

From 1 July 2009, if you apply for a **Protection visa** and hold a Bridging visa C or E with work restrictions, you may be eligible for another bridging visa with permission to work. You can apply for another bridging visa with permission to work by completing form 1005 *Application for a bridging visa*.

To be eligible:

- Bridging visa C holders need to provide evidence of a 'compelling need to work', that is, show that you are in financial hardship.
- Bridging visa E holders need to provide evidence of a 'compelling need to work', as well as satisfy the Department you have an 'acceptable reason for your delay', in making a Protection visa application, that is, reasons why you:
 - (a) did not apply for a Protection visa after your arrival in Australia while you held a substantive visa; and
 - (b) why you have now applied for a Protection visa after you became unlawful.

If you hold a Bridging visa A, B, C or E and are seeking judicial review of a refusal decision on your Protection visa application, you will only be permitted to work if you had permission to work on the last bridging visa you held and you applied for judicial review within the statutory time limits.

If you hold a Bridging visa E and have made an initial **ministerial intervention** request from 1 July 2009, you will only be permitted to work if you had permission to work on the last bridging visa held, and at the time of making the ministerial intervention request, you had remained lawful since your last substantive visa application was finally determined.

If you are the holder of a Bridging visa E and are seeking to change the condition(s) of the visa, you must demonstrate that you will abide by the conditions sought; and if applicable, you will provide reasons:

- for changing arrangements to depart; or
- to make a visa application; or
- for changing the period in which a valid travel document must be obtained and presented to the Department to make a visa application.

(4) Await the outcome of judicial review

You should provide evidence that an application for judicial review has been made by providing a copy of the relevant application for review or notice of appeal which shows the court registration number and endorsement by the Registrar of the Federal Court.

Note: If you hold a Bridging visa A or B and need to travel overseas because you have substantial reasons to leave Australia while you are awaiting the outcome of your visa application or judicial review application, you will need to use form 1006 *Application for a Bridging visa B*.

Including family members in your application

Information about which family members are considered to be a 'member of the family unit' is available by referring to form 1496i *Including family members in your application*. Form 1496i is available from the Department's website

www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms/

All secondary persons must be included at Question 13.

Important information about privacy

The *Privacy Act 1988* contains 13 Australian Privacy Principles which regulate the way that the Department collects and handles personal information. Information about how the Department collects, uses and discloses personal information for its key functions can be found in form 1442i *Privacy notice*. More information about the Department's general information handling practices (including form 1442i) can be found in the Department's Privacy policy at <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/access-and-accountability/our-commitments/privacy>

What is immigration assistance?

A person gives immigration assistance if he or she uses, or purports to use, his or her knowledge or experience in migration procedure to assist a person with matters related under the *Migration Act 1958*.

The most common times assistance is provided is during visa application processes, visa cancellation processes or sponsorship processes (including monitoring or sanctions).

Note: Immigration assistance does not include simply filling in an application form, translating or interpreting or passing on information about an application without comment or explanation.

Registered migration agents

A registered migration agent is a person who is registered with the Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (OMARA) to provide immigration assistance.

If operating in Australia, migration agents must be registered with the OMARA.

Information on registered migration agents, including how to find one, is available on the OMARA website www.mara.gov.au

Legal practitioners

A legal practitioner is a lawyer who holds an Australian legal practising certificate (whether restricted or unrestricted) granted under a law of an Australian state or territory.

Legal practitioners can provide immigration assistance in connection with legal practice.

Information on legal practitioners, including how to find one, is available on the Law Council of Australia website.

Information on legal practitioners can also be sought from the relevant state or territory legal professional bodies.

Exempt persons

The following people do not have to be a registered migration agent or legal practitioner in order to provide immigration assistance:

- a close family member (spouse, child, adopted child, parent, brother or sister of a visa applicant)
- a sponsor or nominator for a visa applicant
- a member of parliament or their staff
- a member of a diplomatic mission, consular post or international organisation.

An exempt person **must not charge a fee** for their assistance. In Australia, if they do charge a fee they are committing an offence and penalties of up to 10 years jail can apply.

Appointing a migration agent/legal practitioner/exempt person

To appoint a migration agent/legal practitioner/exempt person you should complete *Part H – Options for receiving written communications*.

Your migration agent/legal practitioner/exempt person should complete form 956 *Appointment of a registered migration agent, legal practitioner or exempt person*.

Form 956 is available from the Department's website www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms/

Options for receiving written communications

If you do not appoint a migration agent/legal practitioner/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 H – Options for receiving written communications*; and
- form 956A *Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient*.

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

Form 956A is available from the Department's website www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms/

Consent to communicate electronically

The Department may use a range of means to communicate with you. However, electronic means such as email 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.

Home page **www.homeaffairs.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 a bridging visa

Please open this form using Adobe Acrobat Reader.
Type (in English) in the fields provided or, if you are applying for a Bridging visa E, you can print this form and complete it (in English) using a pen and BLOCK LETTERS.

Tick where applicable

If a question does not apply to your situation, write or type 'N/A' for not applicable.

Substantive visa application receipt number

TRN

File number

Part A – Application details

1 Why are you applying for a bridging visa?

New bridging visa

You are seeking a new bridging visa associated with a substantive visa application.

- Select the name of the class of bridging visa for which you are applying, for example Bridging visa A; Bridging visa B; Bridging visa C, in the box below.

▶▶ **Now go to Part B**

Another bridging visa

You are seeking to apply for a new bridging visa associated with an outstanding application for a substantive visa because the bridging visa ceased when you left Australia OR your application for review of a decision to cancel your substantive visa has been successful.

- Select the name of the class of bridging visa for which you are applying, for example Bridging visa A; Bridging visa B; Bridging visa C, in the box below.

Note: The class you apply for must be the same as the class of bridging visa which ceased.

▶▶ **Now go to Part B**

Bridging visa with different conditions

- Select the name of the class of bridging visa for which you are applying, for example Bridging visa A; Bridging visa C; Bridging visa E, in the box below.

Note: You must apply for the same class of bridging visa as the one you currently hold unless you hold a Bridging visa B, in which case you should apply for a Bridging visa A.

▶▶ **Now go to Part B**

Awaiting the outcome of judicial review

You are seeking judicial review of a decision to refuse a visa, and you lodged your application for review or notice of appeal within statutory time limits of being notified of the decision and you hold or last held a Bridging visa A, B or C.

- If you held a Bridging visa A or a Bridging visa B when you applied for judicial review, you should apply for a Bridging visa A. However, if you hold a Bridging visa B with permission to travel to Australia until a date in the future, you should apply for a Bridging visa B by completing form 1006 *Application for a Bridging visa B*.

If you held a Bridging visa C when you applied for judicial review, you should apply for a Bridging visa C, provided you have not been granted a Bridging visa E since applying for review.

Select the name of the class of bridging visa for which you are applying, for example Bridging visa A; Bridging visa C, in the box below.

▶▶ **Now go to Part B**

OR

You are seeking judicial review in relation to a substantive visa.

- You should apply for a Bridging visa E and you should write this in the box below.

▶▶ **Now go to Part B**

Other reason

You are seeking a bridging visa for other reasons.

- Select the name of the class of bridging visa for which you are applying, for example Bridging visa A; Bridging visa B; Bridging visa C, in the box below.

▶▶ **Now go to Part B**

Part B – Your details

- 2** Receipt number (*this is on the receipt you were given when you last made an application for a visa*)

- 3** Visa grant number of last visa granted to you in Australia
Provide the 13-digit Visa grant number, as shown on the letter notifying you of the grant of your visa.

Visa grant number

- 4** Class of visa currently held

- 5** Details from your passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Day Month Year

Date of issue

Date of expiry

Issuing authority/place of issue as shown in your passport

- 6** Your family name

- 7** Your given names

Day Month Year

- 8** Date of birth

- 9** Your current residential address in Australia

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

- 10** Address for correspondence
(*If the same as your residential address, note 'AS ABOVE'*)

- 11** Your telephone numbers

Office hours

(Area code)

After hours

(Area code)

Mobile/cell

- 12** Do you agree to the Department communicating with you by email or other electronic means?

No

Yes Give details

Email address

13 Give details of members of your family unit who are also applying for a bridging visa on this application form.

Applicant 2

Family name

Given names

Day Month Year
Date of birth

Relationship to you

Visa grant number

Provide the 13-digit Visa grant number, as shown on the letter notifying the applicant of the grant of the visa.

Applicant 3

Family name

Given names

Day Month Year
Date of birth

Relationship to you

Visa grant number

Applicant 4

Family name

Given names

Day Month Year
Date of birth

Relationship to you

Visa grant number

Applicant 5

Family name

Given names

Day Month Year
Date of birth

Relationship to you

Visa grant number

Applicant 6

Family name

Given names

Day Month Year
Date of birth

Relationship to you

Visa grant number

Applicant 7

Family name

Given names

Day Month Year
Date of birth

Relationship to you

Visa grant number

- 14** Are you applying (tick one box only)
- for a new bridging visa associated with a substantive visa application ► **Go to Part C**
 - for a bridging visa with different conditions ► **Go to Part D**
 - for a visa to give you lawful status while awaiting the outcome of judicial review ► **Go to Part E**
 - for other reasons ► **Go to Part F**

Part C – Apply for a new bridging visa (including where a previous one has ceased)

- 15** Are you applying for a new bridging visa because: (tick one box only)
- you are seeking a new bridging visa in association with a substantive visa application? ► **Go to Question 16**
 - your bridging visa ceased when you left Australia? ► **Go to Question 16**
 - your bridging visa ceased when your substantive visa was cancelled? ► You **must** provide a copy of the review decision relating to cancellation of your substantive visa.
►► **Now go to Part G**

- 16** List all the visa applications which are currently awaiting determination by the Department or a review tribunal

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	Class of visa	<input type="text"/>
	Receipt number	<input type="text"/>
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2.	Type of application	<input type="text"/>
	Class of visa	<input type="text"/>
	Receipt number	<input type="text"/>
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3.	Type of application	<input type="text"/>
	Class of visa	<input type="text"/>
	Receipt number	<input type="text"/>
<hr/>		
4.	Type of application	<input type="text"/>
	Class of visa	<input type="text"/>
	Receipt number	<input type="text"/>

►► **Now go to Part G**

Part D – Apply for a bridging visa with different conditions

- 17** Are you seeking: (tick one box only)
- only permission to work **OR** permission to work as well as to change any other visa conditions of your visa ► **Go to Question 18**
 - to change any visa conditions of your visa other than permission to work (for holders of a Bridging visa E only) ► **Go to Question 30**

- 18** Are you seeking permission to work on the basis of an outstanding application for a Temporary Work (Skilled) (class UC) (subclass 457) visa where you are identified in an approved nomination?
- No
- Yes ► **Go to Part G**

- 19** Are you seeking permission to work on the basis of financial hardship?
- No ► **Go to Part G**
- Yes

Note: Refer to notes on 'Change of bridging visa conditions' on page 1.

Financial details

Note: Please provide evidence of financial hardship even if you have given the information to the Department previously. This includes providing any supporting evidence of weekly expenses, such as receipts, bills, bank statements and so on. The person who decides your application may have only this information to consider.

If there is not enough space here, provide details on a separate sheet of paper, sign and date the statement and include it with this application.

- 20** What savings (for example in bank or cash) do you have available?

21 How have you supported yourself until the time of this application?

- 22** Do you receive any regular income from overseas? No Yes

- 23** Do you or a member of your family currently work? No Yes

- 24** What is your family's weekly income?

- 25** What is the total of your weekly expenses?

26 If you do not work, how will you be supported?

About your family

27 Provide the following information about your family in Australia who are **NOT** included in the application

1. Full name
Why can't this person support you financially?

2. Full name
Why can't this person support you financially?

3. Full name
Why can't this person support you financially?

4. Full name
Why can't this person support you financially?

Other details

28 Provide details of any additional information you would like to be considered in support of your application for permission to work

29 Are you a Protection visa applicant holding a Bridging visa E and seeking permission to work because you believe you have an 'acceptable reason for delay'?

No

Yes Provide reasons why you did not apply for a Protection visa when you first arrived in Australia. Your reasons should cover all of the period from your arrival in Australia to the time you made your Protection visa application

If insufficient space, provide details separately

▶▶ Now go to Part G

30 Provide details of the conditions on your Bridging visa E that you are seeking to change and the reasons why

1. Condition
Reason for change

2. Condition
Reason for change

3. Condition
Reason for change

4. Condition
Reason for change

5. Condition
Reason for change

6. Condition
Reason for change

▶▶ Now go to Part G

Part E – Details of judicial review

Complete this section if you are awaiting the outcome of judicial review

- 31** Office where substantive visa application (if any) was lodged

- 32** Date of letter notifying refusal of application (if any)

Day Month Year

- 33** Matter being reviewed if not an application
(for example, cancellation of visa)

- 34** Office where the decision was made

- 35** Date of judicial review application

Day Month Year

- 36** Please provide evidence that an application for judicial review has been made by including a copy of the relevant application for review or notice of appeal which shows the court registration number and endorsement by the Registrar of the Federal Court.

If you are unable to provide this information the Department will need to verify your claim by other internal enquiries or by contacting a solicitor acting on your behalf.

If applicable provide the name and phone number of your solicitor.

Name of solicitor

Telephone number (Area code)

▶▶ **Now go to Part G**

Part F – Details of other reasons

- 37** If you are applying for a bridging visa based on other reasons, please list those reasons

- 38** List all the visa applications which are currently awaiting determination by the Department or a review tribunal

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Class of visa	<input type="text"/>
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2. Type of application	<input type="text"/>
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4. Type of application	<input type="text"/>
Class of visa	<input type="text"/>
Receipt number	<input type="text"/>
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Part G – Assistance with this form

39 Did you receive assistance in completing this form?

No **Go to Part H**

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

40 Is the person a registered migration agent, Australian legal practitioner or an exempt person?

No

Yes **Go to Part H**

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

No

Yes

Part H – Options for receiving written communications

42 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

Legal practitioner Your migration agent/legal practitioner/exempt person should complete form 956 *Appointment of a registered migration agent, legal practitioner or exempt person*

OR

Exempt person

Declaration

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

The following declaration must be signed and dated by all applicants aged 18 or over included in this application.

If you are lodging your application online, please tick the box below the Declaration. You are not required to sign or date this form.

43 I/we, the applicant(s), declare that:

- the information I/we have given in this form is complete, correct and up-to-date in every detail.
- I/we have read the information contained in form 1442i *Privacy notice*.
- I/we understand the Department may collect, use and disclose my/our personal information (including biometric information and other sensitive information) as outlined in form 1442i *Privacy notice*.

Agree

Signature of main applicant

Day Month Year

Date

Signature of applicant 2

Day Month Year

Date

Signature of applicant 3

Day Month Year

Date

Signature of applicant 4

Day Month Year

Date

Signature of applicant 5

Day Month Year

Date

Signature of applicant 6

Day Month Year

Date

Signature of applicant 7

Day Month Year

Date

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