

Applying for Australian Citizenship – Fact sheet

General steps for obtaining Citizenship:

1. Meet the Citizenship eligibility criteria below
2. Gather your original identity documents
3. Copy and certify (eg through a GP or pharmacy) ALL your identity documents (eg drivers licence, passport, Immicard) .
4. complete and lodge the application for Citizenship (on the relevant form indicated below) and pay the correct application fees
5. Await acknowledgement of application and test appointment letter from Department of Home Affairs
6. Sit and pass the Australian Citizenship Test (MMRC runs twice yearly Citizenship preparation classes – please phone Rasha Saweris on telephone 93455755 to register)
7. Attend the citizenship ceremony from your Local Government Authority and receive the Australian Citizenship Certificate

Eligibility Criteria:

- All applicants must be a Permanent Resident or eligible New Zealand citizen
- Are of good character
- You have a basic understanding of English, knowledge of Australia and of the rights and responsibilities citizenship of Australia will grant you
- Must meet the residency requirements
 - Have been living in Australia on a valid Australian visa for 4 years immediately before applying which must include the last 12 months as a Permanent Resident
 - **Not have been** absent from Australia for more than one year in the past **4** years, including no more than 90 days in the **year** before applying

Applications for Citizenship can be done online OR on paper:

- Online: through immiAccount that can be created using the following link: <https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/register> and must click the **conferral** option.
- Paper application: application fees still need to be done through the **ImmiAccount** using the above link.

Use form 1300t - General eligibility if you:

- are aged **18** years or over and under **60**
- children **15** years old and under included in one of the responsible parent's application

Use form 1290 – other situations if you:

- are aged **60** and over
- are **16 or 17** years of age
- have a permanent or enduring physical or mental incapacity
- have a permanent loss or substantial hearing, speech or sight impairment

Use form 119 - Application for evidence of Australian citizenship if you:

- Children born in Australia
- previously issued with an Australian citizenship certificate that was lost or damaged

forms can be printed out from the Department of Home Affairs website:

<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/>

Fees

Form	Type of Application	Fee (AUD)
Form 1300t	Australian citizenship – General eligibility (required to sit test)	\$285
	Concession fee See Fee concessions below.	\$40
	Child under 16 years applying on the same form as a parent	Nil
Form 1290	Australian citizenship– Other situations (not required to sit test)	\$180
	Concession fee See Fee concessions below.	\$20
Form 119	Application for evidence of Australian citizenship	\$190

Concessions *(To get the fee concession, provide a certified copy of both sides of your concession card to the Department of Home Affairs.)*

Health Care Card from Centrelink	Pensioner Concession Card from Centrelink	Pensioner Concession Card from Department of Veterans' Affairs
If your card has the code PA or WA	If your card has the following code: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGE, AGE BLIND, CAR, DSP, DSP BLIND, NS, PPP, PA, SA, SL, WA, WFA, WFD, WID or YAL • PPS and you are over 60 years of age and provide evidence that you have been in receipt of PPS payment for at least 9 months; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age Service Pension • Age Pension (code AGE) • Invalidity Service Pension • Income Support Supplement • Partner Service Pension