



Partner Visa Evidence Checklist

IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS



Clear colour copies/scans of Sponsor & all Applicants':

- Passports
- Birth Certificates

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Clear colour copies/scans of proof of Sponsor's Australian citizenship (if not Australian by birth) or immigration status if a permanent resident (assuming they are not precluded from being a sponsor/or having a sponsorship approved):

- Australian citizenship certificate
- Permanent visa grant

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Clear colour copies/scans of evidence of any person in this application who has been known by other names:

- Birth Certificate
- Adoption orders
- Marriage certificate
- Official Name Change documentation

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IMMIGRATION HISTORY – For all parties to be included in this Application who have ever sponsored another person, or been sponsored for Australian Immigration.



Sponsorship documentation containing the full name and date of birth of the sponsoring person (in any previous application as well as the current one)

Details as to the nature of the previous sponsorship such as:

- Visa grant notices
- Visa refusal notices
- Date(s) of application and grant/refusal

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Any documentation relating to any Applicant under this application, containing their full name and date of birth

Details as to the nature of the Applicants' visa history such as:

- Visa grant notices
- Visa refusal notices
- Date(s) of application and grant/refusal

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RELATIONSHIP EVIDENCE



If either the Sponsor or the Primary Applicant have been previously (or currently) married or in a de-facto partner relationship with a third party:

- Clear colour copies/scans of documents such as, any annulment documents, separation agreements, certificates of divorce and/or death certificates of any previous spouse(s)/de-facto partner(s)

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- A joint statement signed by both the Sponsor and the Primary Applicant detailing the exact history of your relationship (this is a key part of your application so make it detailed)

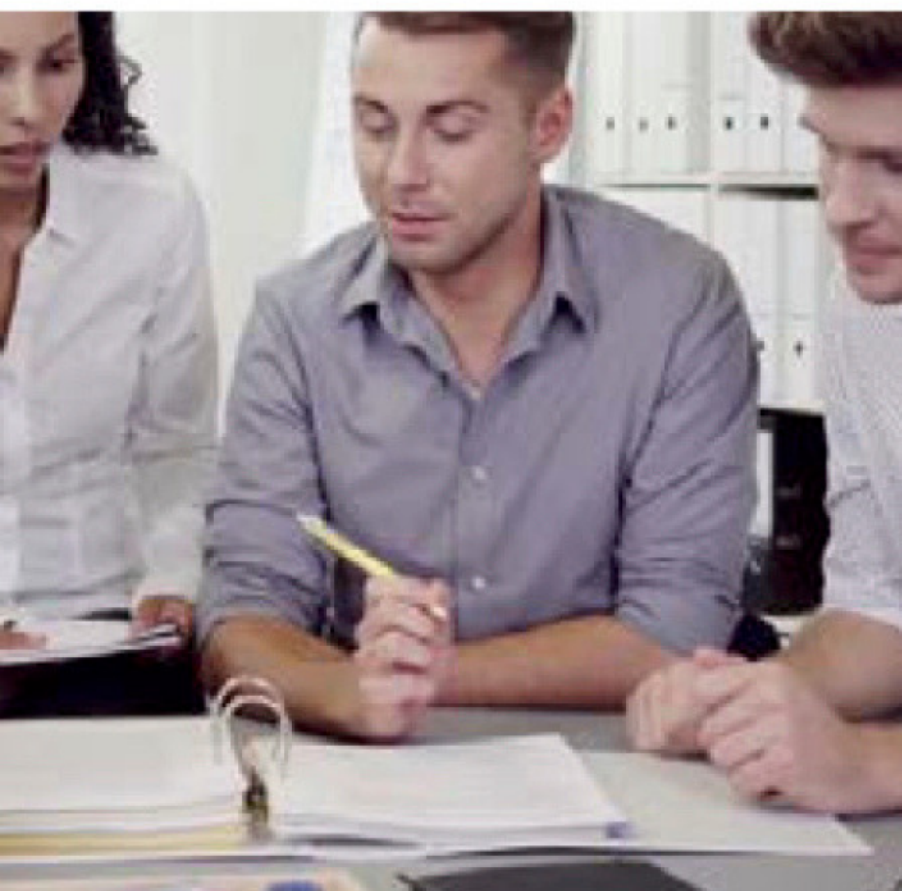
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Evidence to support the proposition that you are in a relationship together including:

- Clear colour copies/scans of your State based registered relationship certificate (if applicable)
- Evidence of any significant events - engagement/commitment and/or wedding rings, photographs, receipts and valuation statements
- Evidence as to the extent of your household or living arrangements
- Evidence as to the extent of your financial intermingling
- Evidence as to the social aspects of your relationship
- Evidence of any arrangements/plans that you made for your wedding, if applicable
- Evidence of your future together
- Communication evidence - Text messages, Skype call logs, emails

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FRIENDS & FAMILY DOCUMENTS



In your application forms, you will be required to include details of your family members (for both the sponsor and visa applicant). In this regard, it would be useful to ensure you have full names, birth dates, marital status (and date of marriage if applicable, as well as current location and Australian immigration status for each member. This includes your children, parents and any siblings (including half or step siblings).

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Third party statements to support your relationship: Identifying as many friends and family members (from both sides of your relationship) as you can for this, and ask them to complete Form 888s. Whilst the minimum requirement here is to provide 2 completed forms, we generally recommend including at least 4 to ensure your evidence is as strong as possible.

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OTHER SUPPORTING EVIDENCE



Evidence of any debts owing to the Australian Government:

- Statement of money owed including payment arrangement details - if you have an issue in that regard, it is sensible to obtain legal advice

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Penal clearance certificates for each country, including Australia, where you have resided for more than twelve months in the past ten (10) years - don't do this until you are almost ready to lodge as they expire and if you have a character issues you need to seek legal advice.

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For any documents in a language other than English, translations will be required to accompany the original document. It is important to note that any translations must be completed by a NAATI approved translator, in order to be accepted by the Department of Home Affairs. You may search for a suitable translator via the NAATI website: <https://www.naati.com.au/>

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Health – there are certain health requirements the visa applicant and any dependents (whether included in this application or not), may be required to meet. You will be required to undergo certain medical assessments, as outlined by the Department of Home Affairs. If you have any concerns about your ability to meet such requirements, given existing medical conditions, please seek legal advice.

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ANY DOCUMENTATION THAT SUPPORTS YOUR RELATIONSHIP; SUCH AS:



Travel receipts and itineraries for joint holidays	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gifts receipts	<input type="checkbox"/>
Documents with both Sponsor and main Applicant as addressees	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lease agreements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Utility bills in both names of single names at same address	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photographs together and with family & friends - clearly marked with dates & details	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint and individual bank accounts with entries marked of mutual spending	<input type="checkbox"/>
Invitations to events attended jointly	<input type="checkbox"/>

FURTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Sponsor: Suitable Person with Australian Citizenship or Australian Permanent Residency who is sponsoring another to obtain an Australian Visa

It is essential for any sponsor to establish whether there is anything in their immigration or personal history which might preclude them from becoming an approved sponsor, including character as well as whether the person has sponsored someone from overseas previously. If a sponsorship limitation or exclusion affects you, it is sensible to obtain legal advice.

Primary Applicant: The person who is in a partner or de-facto relationship with the Sponsor

Other Applicants: Children of the Primary Applicant who meet the secondary criteria for this application

In gathering the evidence, try and think about putting together all and any evidence that you can find in order to demonstrate that you are in a relationship which is 'genuine and continuing' and that you have a mutual commitment to a shared life together to the exclusion of all others.

The above list is by no means exhaustive and is by no means fully representative of all evidence a particular situation might require.

Remember to complete the correct Department of Home Affairs Application Form relevant to your situation and that is fully correct and that it is also consistent with what you may have informed the Department previously.

Your evidence / supporting documentation must always be true and accurate. It is considered fraud if it is not so and you may be prosecuted.

Supply certified and officially translated versions of any documents outlined above, if the originals are in a language other than English



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