



Who completes this sponsorship?

This form should be used to sponsor entertainers to temporarily enter and perform in Australia.

You should include details of all support personnel accompanying artists to Australia.

Does a charge have to be paid for processing the sponsorship?

Yes. The charge may not need to be paid in some cases where the visit is for non-commercial purposes. Your nearest Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA) office can advise you if a charge is payable and the amount.

Method of Payment

Payment must accompany your application and is generally not refunded if the application is unsuccessful. To make a payment in Australia, please pay by credit card, debit card or by bank cheque or money order made payable to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs. **Please do not pay by cash or personal cheque.**

Lodging the sponsorship

It is a requirement that this form and the visa application be lodged at the DIMIA office in Sydney for an application to be made. To assist in processing the application faster, it is recommended that you lodge both forms together. A faxed copy will be sufficient. You should lodge your sponsorship application with the visa applications at the following address:

Sydney City Office
DIMIA
Level 2, Gateway House
26 Lee Street (near Railway Square)
SYDNEY NSW 2000

GPO Box 9984
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Telephone: 61 2 9032 4532

Facsimile: 61 2 9032 4048

E-mail: entertainment.visas@immi.gov.au

If you want to change any of the information you provided after you lodge this sponsorship form, or if you want to withdraw it, contact the office where the form was lodged.

Sponsorship Undertaking

The sponsor must sign the undertaking at the end of the form.

The undertaking is provided to support the principle that the entry of temporary residents should not result in financial cost to the Australian taxpayer. This means that the Australian government can request a sponsor to reimburse it for any outstanding debts owed to the Commonwealth which are accrued by the entertainer during their stay in Australia.

This could include medical costs related to the visa applicant or their dependants, or travel costs if repatriation became necessary and the employee was unable or unwilling to pay for the costs involved.

It does not include personal debts that a sponsored person might owe to private individuals or organisations in Australia.

What happens then?

A decision on the sponsorship will be made on the basis of the information provided and the legal processing requirements in place when the sponsorship is lodged.

You will be advised in writing whether your sponsorship has been approved or not.

If the sponsorship and application are approved and your sponsored person is from one of the following countries:

Andorra	Malta
Austria	Monaco
Belgium	The Netherlands
Brunei	Norway
Canada	Portugal
Denmark	Republic of San Marino
Finland	Singapore
France	South Korea
Germany	Spain
Greece	Sweden
Hong Kong	Switzerland
Iceland	Taiwan
Ireland	United Kingdom - British Citizen or
Italy	United Kingdom - British National
Japan	(Overseas)
Liechtenstein	United States of America
Luxembourg	Vatican City
Malaysia	

You will be notified if a label free visa has been granted to your sponsored person.

If from any other country, the sponsored person will be contacted by DIMIA and advised of the decision regarding their application. If successful, the applicant will be advised to present their passport to an overseas Australian mission for visa grant

About the information you give in this form

DIMIA 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 sponsorship, 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

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assessment, health insurance, health services, law enforcement, payment of pensions and benefits, taxation, review of decisions and regulation of migration agents.

The collection, access, storage, use and disclosure by DIMIA of the information you provide in this form is governed by the *Privacy Act 1988* and, in particular, by the 11 Information Privacy Principles. The information form 993i *Safeguarding your personal information*, available from DIMIA offices, gives details of agencies to which your personal information might be disclosed.

The *Freedom of Information Act 1982* also relates to your personal information. Under this Act you can apply for access to documents containing your personal information. You or someone authorised to access information on your behalf can apply to do this at any DIMIA office in Australia. There is no fee for accessing your own information. If you are overseas, you must provide an address in Australia to which copies of your personal records can be sent. More information on how to make a request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* is given on the form 424 *Request for access to documents*.

Consent to communicate electronically

DIMIA 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 DIMIA 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 DIMIA communicating with you by electronic means, the details you provide will only be used by DIMIA 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 Commonwealth Government accepts no responsibility for the security or integrity of any information sent to DIMIA 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 the form to indicate their consent to this form of communication.

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

Authorisation of a person to receive written communications

You may authorise another person to receive all written communications about your sponsorship with DIMIA. That person will be known as your authorised recipient. To do this you will need to complete **Part I Options for receiving written communications** and **Part J Authorised recipient details** in this form. The authorised recipient will need to sign at **Part K**. You can only appoint one authorised recipient at any time. DIMIA will communicate with the most recently appointed authorised recipient.

DIMIA is required under section 494D of the *Migration Act 1958* to send to your authorised recipient any written communications relating to your application that would otherwise have been sent to you. DIMIA will only send to your authorised recipient information which you are entitled to

receive. For example, if you are a visa applicant and have a sponsor, your authorised recipient will not receive personal information about your sponsor, unless your sponsor also appointed the same authorised recipient.

If you decide to change the authorised recipient that you have nominated after you have lodged your application, you must promptly advise DIMIA in writing of the details of that person. You may use form 1231 *Appointment of authorised recipient* for this purpose.

Authorisation of a migration agent to act on your behalf

If you have a migration agent acting on your behalf in relation to your sponsorship you need to complete **Part I Options for receiving written communications** and **Part L Migration agent details**. The migration agent will need to sign at **Part M**.

Appointing a migration agent to act on your behalf includes authorising DIMIA to send to that agent any written communication about your sponsorship that would otherwise have been sent to you.

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

When you provide details of the migration agent please make sure you give the agent's 7-digit migration agent registration number (MARN) and the agent's full name.

If you change your migration agent or end his/her appointment after you have lodged this application you must promptly advise DIMIA by using form 956 *Appointment of migration agent or exempted agent*, which is available on the DIMIA website or from your migration agent. You should also notify the agent of this, preferably in writing.

Appointing a migration agent to act on your behalf includes authorising DIMIA to:

- discuss your sponsorship with your agent and seek further information via your agent; and
- send to your agent any written communication about your sponsorship that would otherwise have been sent to you. This means your migration agent will be your authorised recipient for written communication under section 494D of the *Migration Act 1958* and you will be taken to have received any documents sent to the migration agent as if they were sent to you.

DIMIA will communicate with your agent about your application, including your personal information such as health, police checks, financial viability and personal relationships. If your agent authorises it, this communication may take place by e-mail. DIMIA will only send to your agent information which you are entitled to receive. For example, if you are a visa applicant and have a sponsor, your agent will not receive personal information about your sponsor, unless your sponsor has also appointed the same agent.

In some situations DIMIA staff will need to speak with you directly, rather than your migration agent, for example, if you are applying for a visa DIMIA may interview you about your personal circumstances relevant to the visa application. In some situations DIMIA staff will also send documents to you directly (such as your passport) instead of sending these to your agent, but will inform your agent that it has done so.

If you have appointed a migration agent to act for you, you are still responsible for the accuracy of information and supporting documentation that you provide to your agent so that your agent can provide it to DIMIA.

Using a migration agent

You are not required to use a migration agent. However, if you intend to use a migration agent you are advised to use a registered migration agent.

Under Australian law, anyone who uses knowledge of migration procedures to offer immigration assistance to a person wishing to obtain a visa to enter or remain in Australia must be registered.

A list of registered migration agents is available from the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) website www.themara.com.au

You can contact the MARA at:

PO Box Q1551
QVB NSW 1230
AUSTRALIA

Phone: 61 2 9299 5446

Facsimile: 61 2 9299 8448

Email: themara@themara.com.au

Registered migration agents are bound by the Migration Agents Code of Conduct and generally charge for their services. The MARA investigates complaints against registered migration agents and may take disciplinary action against them. If you have a concern about a registered migration agent, you should contact the MARA. You can also download a copy of the complaint form from MARA's website.

Using an agent exempted from registration

Only registered migration agents can provide 'immigration assistance' for a fee or gift. However, certain people, such as officials, parliamentarians, diplomats, are able to provide immigration assistance as exempted agents so long as they do not receive a fee or gift.

If you wish to appoint an exempted agent you must complete form 956 *Appointment of migration agent or exempted agent* and attach it to this application form.

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Sponsorship for temporary entry of overseas entertainers to perform in Australia

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Part A – Sponsor details

1 Name of the sponsor

2 Business address and contact details of sponsor

POSTCODE

Telephone number (AREA CODE)

3 Australian Business Number (if applicable)

4 Do you agree to DIMIA communicating with you by facsimile, e-mail,
or other electronic means?

No

Yes Give details

Facsimile number (AREA CODE)

E-mail address

Part B – Employer details

Only complete this section if the entertainers will be employed
in Australia by someone other than the sponsor

5 Details of employers

Company name

Contact officer's name

Australian Business Number / Australian Company Number

Business address

POSTCODE

Telephone number (AREA CODE)

Facsimile number (AREA CODE)

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Company name

Contact officer's name

Australian Business Number / Australian Company Number

Business address

POSTCODE

Telephone number (AREA CODE)

Facsimile number (AREA CODE)

If there are more than 2 employers, please attach details

Part C – Entertainers and support personnel details

6 Group name (if applicable)

7 Contact address overseas

POSTCODE

8 Telephone number overseas

COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER

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9 Proposed period of stay in Australia

From DAY / MONTH / YEAR to DAY / MONTH / YEAR

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Part D – Entertainers and support personnel details continued

10 Personal details of entertainers and support personnel

Full name	Stage name	Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)	Type of entertainer/ support personnel	Present country of citizenship	Does this person have any accompanying dependants?
		/ /			No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
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If there are more entertainers and support personnel, please attach details

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If you answered **'Yes'** please attach a separate sheet giving details of all accompanying dependants

Part H – Assistance with this form

14 Did you receive assistance in completing this form?

No ▶ Go to Part I

Yes ▶ Please give details of the person who assisted you

Family name (*not a business or company name*)

Given names

Address

POSTCODE

15 Is the person an Australian registered migration agent?

No

Yes ▶ Go to Part I

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

No

Yes ▶ How much did you pay?

A\$ AND/OR

What kind of gift did you give? (*eg. jewellery*)

Value of gift (*approximately*)

A\$

Part I – Options for receiving written communications

17 All written communications about this sponsorship should be sent to:
(*Tick one box only*)

Myself ▶ All written communications will be sent to the address for communications that you have provided in this form. Go to Part N

Migration agent ▶ Go to Part L

Agents exempted from registration ▶ You must complete form 956 *Appointment of migration agent or exempted agent* and attach it to this application form. Go to Part N

Authorised recipient ▶ This is a person authorised to receive written communications other than a migration agent. All written communications that would otherwise have been sent to you in relation to this application will be sent to that person.

Part J – Authorised recipient details

Note: Do NOT complete this section if you are a migration agent, go to Part L

18 Provide the details of the person who is authorised on your behalf to receive all written communications about this sponsorship.

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Family name

Given names

Authorised recipient's postal address

POSTCODE

Telephone number or daytime contact

Office hours

(AREA CODE)

Mobile phone

Part K – Authorised recipient consent

19 As the authorised recipient named on this form, do you agree to DIMIA communicating with you by facsimile, e-mail or other electronic means?

No

Yes ▶ Give details

Facsimile

(AREA CODE)

E-mail address

20 **Signature of authorised recipient**

DAY MONTH YEAR

Date

▶▶ Now go to Part N

Part O – Sponsor’s declaration

25 Please read the following carefully before signing

I declare:

- that I accept financial responsibility for obligations to the Commonwealth (*eg. taxation*) for sponsored entertainers and dependants while in Australia;
- accept financial responsibility directly or through acceptable medical insurance arrangements, for all medical and hospital costs incurred in Australia by sponsored entertainers and their dependants;
- I will comply with the standards for wages and working conditions provided in the relevant Australian awards and industrial legislation for the sponsored person/s; and
- I will not make any variations to the itinerary listed, nor make arrangements for additional venues, performances or appearances, including stage, shopping centres or television or for commercial advertising work on behalf of the entertainers without obtaining the prior approval of the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

Authorised person’s signature

Date DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Name

Position



If this form was completed by a **business** with fewer than 20 employees, please provide an **estimate** of the time taken to complete this form.

Include:

- the time actually spent reading the instructions, working on the questions and obtaining the information
- the time spent by all employees in collecting and providing this information.

Hours Minutes