



## REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF YOUR IDENTITY

Subsection 24(3) of the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* (the Act) provides that a person must not be approved to become an Australian citizen unless the decision maker is satisfied of the person's identity.

From a citizenship perspective, the delegate must assess identity from the time of the applicant's birth, and there may be cases where identity is unclear or cannot be satisfactorily ascertained to the standard expected for the conferral of Australian citizenship.

To further assist with the processing of your application, please provide **copies** of any **original** documents that will further help with confirming your identity **before you arrived in Australia**.

You are encouraged to provide **copies** of any **original** documents from your country of origin or countries where you have previously resided that will assist with confirming your identity, citizenship or status prior to arriving in Australia. Please note this may also include documents for your immediate family members.

The documents should provide information about any name you or your family members have used either in Australia or outside Australia. The documents should also provide information about your date and place of birth and about your parents.

Please read the following information carefully and respond within the specified timeframe.

### Identity and other supporting documents

The information listed below is an indication of documents you may be able to provide in support of your identity prior to arriving in Australia if you have resided in any of the countries below.

<b>Afghanistan:</b>
Passport - all pages including biodata, visa labels and stamps
Taskera – Original and English translation
Election Identity Card
Birth certificate or birth registration
Drivers Licence – (including any licence you may have provided to an Australian authority when applying for an Australian drivers licence)
Educational documents
Marriage certificate
Medical or Hospital records
Bank records

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<b>Pakistan:</b>
National ID card (NIC)
Computerised National ID card (CNIC)
National Identity Card for Overseas Pakistanis (NICOP)
Afghan Citizens Card (AAC)
Birth certificate or birth registration
Household register/Family book
Military ID card
Drivers Licence- (including any licence you may have provided to an Australian authority when applying for an Australian drivers licence)
Educational documents
Marriage certificate
Medical or Hospital records
Bank Records
Refugee identity documents such as: UNHCR registration card or Proof of registration card

<b>Iran:</b>
National ID card
Household register/Family book
Document for returning to Afghanistan
Birth Certificate or Birth Registration
Intercity Travel Permission for Foreign Nationals
Nomination Letter to Support Foreign Nationals Education
Family List – Secondary Notification Form
Employment Card
Foreign Nationals Identification card
Drivers Licence - (including any licence you may have provided to an Australian authority when applying for an Australian drivers licence)
Military ID card
Passport
Educational documents
Marriage certificate
Medical or Hospital records
Bank Records
Refugee identity documents such as:
<input type="checkbox"/> UNHCR registration card
<input type="checkbox"/> Amayesh card, (Green; White or Blue card)
<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Nationals Identity Card
<input type="checkbox"/> BAFIA (issued to Afghan nationals in Tehran province)

<b>Other:</b>
Australian issued travel document(s) – all pages including biodata, visa labels and stamps
Foreign issued passport(s) – all pages including biodata, visa labels and stamps
Any identity document issued from a country other than those specified above

Any of the following identity documents for your family members:
Children's birth certificates or registration of birth
Children's immunisation or vaccination records
Children's education certificates or school records
Death or burial certificates for family members
Overseas identity documents for family members
Any other documents you wish to present for family members

**You do not need to provide any identity documents you originally submitted as part of your citizenship application.**

If you are unable to present any of the above documents, please provide a written statement with a detailed explanation of what attempts you have made to obtain the documents and the reason(s) why you are not able to present them. Please note this information must address:

- Whether you were ever issued with any of the above documents;
- What happened to those documents (if not available now); and
- What attempts you have made to obtain further documents.

**You should be aware that under section 50 of the Act it is an offence to provide false or misleading information to the Department.**



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Number of Australian citizenship by conferral applications* approved, refused and average processing time (days) for Afghan nationals by financial year (1 July 2015 to 30 June 2019)			
Decision Financial Year	Approved	Refused	Average days
2015-16	822	159	181
2016-17	1,110	196	334
2017-18	156	385	709
2018-19	1,034	448	771

\* includes counts of children under 16 years of age who were included on a responsible parent's application form.

Source: Department of Home Affairs - internal citizenship DB2 database.

Figures in this report may differ from previously published reports due to the use of static data from 2018.

The Department of Home Affairs must be consulted regarding any requests to use this data for purposes not originally intended or discussed.

### The top three reasons for refusal were:

- failure to meet the residence requirement;
- failure to pass the citizenship test; and
- failure to meet one or more of the criteria outlined in section 24 of the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*