



**Australian Embassy Bangkok  
Visa and Immigration Office**

## **APPLYING FOR (OTHER) FAMILY MIGRATION VISA TO AUSTRALIA**

- **Aged Dependent Relative visa** is for those applicants who are either never married, widowed, divorced or formally separated and are dependent upon an Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen. The applicant must be old enough to be granted an old age pension under the *Social Security Act 1991*.
- **Remaining Relative visa** is for those applicants who are the child or sibling of an Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen, and have no other parent or sibling residing outside Australia
- **Carer visa** is for those applicants who have a close family relative who is an Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen, with a medical condition for which Health Services Australia has been issued a medical assessment with a rating of 30

### **Where can I lodge my application?**

- In person at:  
Australian Visa Application Centre  
Floor 34, Thai CC Tower  
889 South Sathorn Road  
Bangkok (next to Surasak BTS Station)  
Further information on the Australian Visa Application Centre is available at [www.vfs-au.net](http://www.vfs-au.net)
- By mail or courier:  
Visa and Immigration Office  
Australian Embassy Bangkok  
37 South Sathorn Road  
Bangkok 10120
- At the Australian Embassy by appointment only - please telephone 02 344 6449

You will be advised if an interview is required to assist in finalising your application

### **Important things to remember when making an application**

Applicants are required to disclose information about all previous visa applications. The provision of false or misleading information in an application could lead to the application being refused.

It is also important that you lodge a complete application. A complete application is one that provides all information necessary for a decision to be made. You should support your application with as much information as possible at the time of lodgement as a decision may be made solely on the information that you have provided with your application.

### **What do I need to provide?**

You may be asked to provide further documents or information relating to your particular circumstances after your application has been lodged. The list of supporting documentation below is not exhaustive. You may also include additional documents if they are relevant to your application. You should provide original documents and a set of clear copies. All originals will be returned to you after the copies have been certified. You should also provide an English translation of any document in another language.

A complete application would include:

- [Form 47OF](#) - completed in English and signed by the applicant/s
- [Form 40](#) - completed in English and signed by the sponsor
- A non-refundable Visa Application Charge (VAC) payable either by Cashier's Cheque (if purchased in Bangkok or Nonthaburi, Samutprakarn provinces) or 'Bank Draft' (only if purchased in Thailand) payable to 'Australian Embassy Bangkok' in Thai Baht. Please refer to [www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i/visa-charges.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i/visa-charges.htm) for current charges.
- 2 passport photographs of each person included in the application
- Birth certificate of the applicant and identity card (for children over the age of 15)
- Household registration for the applicant (and each person included in the household where the child is registered)
- Copies of all pages of the passport (if available). Please ensure the passport details are correct. The names must be correctly spelled and all other details must match your other documentation
- Official name/surname change certificates for all name changes for the applicant
- Death certificates of any parent (if applicable)
- Evidence of Australian citizenship or permanent resident status of all your relatives (parents, siblings, children) in Australia (for example Australian citizenship certificate or copy of passport pages which show identification page, permanent visa and any arrival/departure stamps for Australia)
- Evidence of your relationship to the relative/s in Australia

#### **Aged Dependent Relative visa**

- a statement and evidence detailing how you are dependant on your sponsor in Australia and for how long have you been dependent on him/her

#### **Remaining Relative visa**

- Evidence of your relationship to all your relatives (parents, siblings, children) in Australia. You must provide birth, marriage or school certificates which demonstrate the relationship between you and your relatives in Australia
- Visa document on which all your relatives (parents, siblings, children) first migrated to Australia or permanent entry permit/visa granted to your relatives after arrival in Australia
- Death certificates for any relatives (parents, siblings, children) who are deceased. If you do not have a death certificate for a deceased relative, you must submit an affidavit statement setting out when the relative died, cause of death and why you are unable to provide a death certificate

#### **Carer visa**

- evidence that your sponsor has applied for or obtained a medical certificate from Health Services Australia

#### **Health and Character Clearances**

- Medical results for the principal applicant and all persons included in the application and all non migrating children under 18 years of age whether they are in the applicant's custody or not. The

approved forms must be used. The examination must be undertaken by a doctor who is on the list of approved doctors provided by the Visa and Immigration Office, Australian Embassy Bangkok. A list of these doctors is on the Australian Embassy Website [www.thailand.embassy.gov.au](http://www.thailand.embassy.gov.au); The medical forms may be obtained from the Australian Visa Application Centre at any time and the medicals may be undertaken in advance of the lodgement of the application, however you should note that in the event the application is refused no refund of the cost if the medicals is possible;

- Original police clearance certificate(s) from every country the applicants (if aged 16 years and over) have resided in for a total of 12 months or more during the last 10 years. Details are available on the form *Character Requirement Penal Clearance Certificates*. Specific forms to apply for Australian police clearances are available at the Australian Visa Application Centre.

The application for a Thai police clearance may be made at the Special Branch Bureau, Royal Thai Police Headquarters, Rama I Road, Bangkok, building 24. Application forms and detailed instructions are also available at that location.

#### **Information and documents required from the sponsor**

- Evidence of Australian citizenship or permanent resident status or of being an Eligible New Zealand Citizen. An Eligible New Zealand Citizen is described on form 400F and in booklet 4 “Other Family Migration” which is available on the Department’s website [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au) An Eligible New Zealand Citizen is also required to complete health and character checking;
- Evidence that may establish the sponsor’s financial ability to provide settlement support to the applicant(s) (eg. Evidence of employment, Tax Assessment Notices, business documents if self-employed, superannuation documents if self-funded retiree). If insufficient evidence is provided an Assurance of Support may be requested;
- A certified copy of the Bio-data page of the Sponsor’s passport

#### **How long will I need to wait for the visa?**

You can expect a decision on your application in 4 months from the day you lodge your application. The processing time may take longer if the application was incomplete at the time of application or if there are other issues with your application such as character issues relating to previous immigration history or criminal convictions, child custody issues, or if further medical checks are required. If your application is likely to take longer than 4 months you will be fully informed of the reason for any delays.

#### **Can I ask another person to deal with the Embassy?**

Australian privacy laws prevent this office from responding to enquiries from people not authorised by the applicant. This includes the person providing support to the application. If you want to authorise another person to be able to discuss your application with this office, or for them to receive correspondence about the application, you should indicate this on the application form, a written statement or by using a form 956.

If you wish to discuss any matter face to face with an officer of the Visa and Immigration Office you can make an appointment by telephone 02 344 6449.