



Australian Embassy Bangkok
Visa and Immigration Office

APPLYING FOR A RESIDENT RETURN VISA TO AUSTRALIA

Who should apply for a resident return visa?

Current or former permanent residents of Australia who have a genuine commitment to residing in Australia, or who are contributing to Australia's well-being, wishing to return to Australia.

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
- **By mail or courier:** Visa and Immigration Office
Australian Embassy Bangkok, 37 South Sathorn Road, Bangkok 10120
You **must** enclose pre-paid envelope (EMS) with self-return address with your application.
- **At the Australian Embassy by appointment only**
Note: Appointments may not be readily available and are for urgent cases.
Please telephone (02)3446400 between 2.30- 4.30pm, Monday to Friday (except public holiday)

Visa Application Charge (VAC):

Cashiers cheque if purchased within Bangkok, Nonthaburi, Samutprakarn provinces; or Bank Draft if purchased in other provinces within Thailand and payable to 'Australian Embassy Bangkok' in Thai Baht (THB) only. Personal cheques and credit cards are **not** acceptable. Applications with the incorrect THB fee may be returned. The current THB VAC charge is available at <http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i/visa-charges.htm>.

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 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. You will be advised if an interview is required to assist in finalising 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 should provide documents certified as true copies of the original. Documents can be certified as true copies of the original at the Australian Visa Application Centre (AVAC), or at the Amphur District Office. You should also provide an English

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translation of any document in another language. You may choose to provide original documents and a set of clear copies. All originals will be returned to you after the copies have been certified.

A complete application should include:

- Form 1085 – completed and signed by the applicant
- A non-refundable VAC. See detail under ‘**Visa Application Charge (VAC)**’ above.
- Your passport
- 1 passport size photo of yourself ; attached to the application form
- Evidence of any name changes
- Evidence that you hold or have held an Australian permanent visa
- Evidence that you held Australian Citizenship, (if applicable)
- Evidence that you have had physical residence in Australia for a total of at least two years in the last five years as a permanent resident or Australian citizen who did not hold a temporary visa (other than a border visa or an ETA) or a bridging visa

OR

- Evidence that you have substantial, business, cultural, employment or personal ties which are of benefit to Australia and have not been absent from Australia for five years or more unless there are compelling reasons for the absence

OR

- Evidence of being a member of the family unit of a person who holds a Resident Return Visa

How long will I need to wait for the visa?

You can expect a decision on your application within 5 days from the day you lodge your application. **The processing time may take longer if the application was incomplete at the time of lodgement** or if there are other issues with your application such as issues relating to previous immigration history. If your application is likely to take longer than 5 days, 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 receive correspondence about your application, you should indicate this by using a form 956 which must be signed by both applicant and authorised person.

Without a Form 956 we cannot talk about your case to anyone else, including your partner or family members.

For further detailed information, please visit www.immi.gov.au or www.thailand.embassy.gov.au