

and Border Protection

## Statutory declaration by a supporting witness in relation to a Partner or Prospective Marriage visa application

Form QQC

About this form

This form must be completed by a person who:

- knows the visa applicant and their partner or fiancé(e) and the history of their relationship;
- is at least 18 years of age; and
- is an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident.

**Note**: If the visa applicant is outside Australia and is unable to have an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident complete this form, any person who knows the applicant and their partner or fiancé(e) may also complete this form.

The person completing this form must provide evidence of their current name, age and, where applicable, Australian citizenship or Australian permanent residency (for example, a certified copy of the birth certificate, Australian passport or passport containing a permanent visa). All copies must be certified.

**Note**: You may be asked to submit up to 3 separate declarations during the processing of the visa application. You may also be contacted for further comment and/or interview in relation to the information you provide.

#### Purpose of this form

When assessing a Partner or Prospective Marriage visa application, the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the department) must consider the social aspects of the claimed relationship. The department will use the information provided in this form (your statements), among other things, to assess these aspects.

The department's policy is that these statements be provided in the form of statutory declarations. You may use this form, or alternatively, you may use the statutory declaration template, which is available on the Attorney-General's Department website at **www.ag.gov.au** 

In Australia, statutory declarations must be witnessed by a person prescribed by the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* and Statutory Declarations Regulations 1993. Any attachments to the Declaration must be certified by a prescribed person. Prescribed persons include those who are a:

- Justice of the Peace;
- medical practitioner;
- legal practitioner;
- civil marriage celebrant or registered minister of religion;
- dentist;
- nurse;
- · optometrist;
- pharmacist;
- physiotherapist;
- full-time teacher;
- bank manager or bank officer with 5 or more continuous years of service;
- postal manager or permanent employee of the Australian Postal Commission with 5 or more continuous years of service;
- police officer; or
- public servant with 5 or more continuous years of service.

A full list of prescribed persons can be found on the Attorney-General's Department website.

**Warning:** Under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*, people who intentionally make a false statement in a statutory declaration are liable for punishment of 4 years imprisonment. In addition, the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act) provides penalties for providing false or misleading statements of 12 months imprisonment or a fine of AUD12,000.

If you are not an Australian citizen or permanent resident and you reside outside Australia, your statement cannot be considered a statutory declaration under Australian law, even if it is made using this form or the template provided by the Attorney-General's Department. However, under policy, your statement should be witnessed or certified according to the legal practices of the country in which you make the statement. Failing that, it should be witnessed by a person whose occupation or qualification is comparable to those listed above. This person should sign, date and specify their occupation at the bottom of the statement.

You should confirm the requirements with the nearest Australian mission overseas when you lodge your application. Contact details for Australian missions are available on the department's website **www.border.gov.au** 

#### Important information about privacy

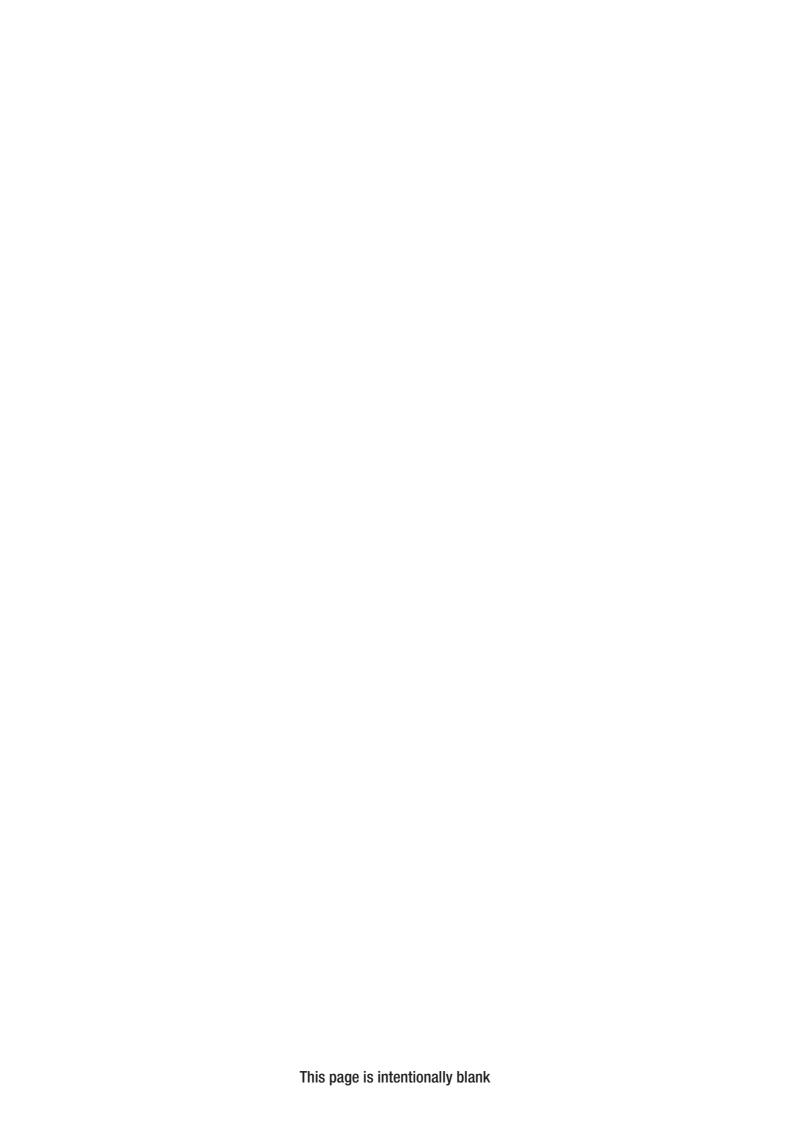
Your personal information is protected by law, including the *Privacy Act 1988*. Important information about the collection, use and disclosure (to other agencies and third parties, including overseas entities) of your personal information, including sensitive information, is contained in form 1442i *Privacy notice*. Form 1442i is available from the department's website **www.border.gov.au/allforms**/ or offices of the department. You should ensure that you read and understand form 1442i before completing this form.

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### www.border.gov.au

General enquiry line

Telephone **131 881** during business hours in Australia to speak to an operator (recorded information available outside these hours). If you are outside Australia, please contact your nearest Australian mission.





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Form **888** 

Department of Immigration and Border Protection

Office use only

File number

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Visa applicant' Family name	declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 19 s name	4	State whether you believe the relationship of the applicant and his/her partner or fiancé(e) to be genuine and continuing, and give your reasons for your belief
Given names			
How long have	you known this person?		
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Family name			
Given names			
How long have	you known this person?		

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State any other matters you wish to add in support of the visa application		ed evidence of your Aust anent residency status?	ralian citizenship or
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