

**Non Australian-citizens, permanent residents or former permanent residents wishing to return to Australia as permanent residents.**

*Please Note: If you hold Australian citizenship you must use an Australian passport to enter and exit Australia. RRVs cannot be granted to Australian citizens.*

The RRV visa allows an Australian permanent resident or former permanent resident to return to Australia within a period of either 5 years (subclass 155), or 3 months (subclass 157). If you are not eligible for a 155 visa, you may be eligible for a 157 visa.

**You should apply for an RRV visa if:**

- You are a non-citizen, Australian permanent resident or former permanent resident;
- You want to return to Australia as a permanent resident;
- You might not return to Australia within the validity of your current permanent residency visa;
- You believe you meet the criteria for an RRV.

You need not wait for your current permanent residency visa to expire before applying for a new one. You should check your eligibility for a new visa well before your existing visa expires in case there have been changes to eligibility requirements.

**Basic eligibility requirements:**

- You are a current or former permanent visa holder (and your permanent visa was not cancelled); or
- You were an Australian citizen but you are no longer an Australian citizen; and
- You have been physically present in Australia as a permanent resident for at least 2 years in the 5 years immediately preceding the date of your RRV application; or
- If you do not satisfy the 2 years in 5 physical residency requirement, you can demonstrate that you have substantial business, cultural, employment or personal ties with Australia which are of benefit to Australia ( in certain circumstances you may also be required to show that you had compelling reasons for your last departure or continued absence from Australia). *More information about demonstrating substantial business, cultural, employment and personal ties to Australia can be found at <http://www.immi.gov.au/migrants/pdf/155-checklist.pdf>*
- You may also qualify for an RRV if you are a spouse/partner or dependent child of a current RRV holder, and you have previously held Australian permanent residency.

If you are applying for a replacement evidence of a lost, stolen or damaged RRV visa, you must complete form 1805 and pay the relevant visa application charge.

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This checklist helps to ensure that you have included all of the necessary documentation that is needed by the Australian High Commission (AHC) in Pretoria to process your visa application.

**How to use this checklist**

1. Before you sign your visa application form, use this checklist to ensure that you have included all necessary documentation to support your claims.
  2. When you are satisfied that you have correctly completed your visa application form and all of the necessary documentation is included, you should sign and date your visa application form.
  3. Include this completed checklist, when you lodge your visa application form and all necessary documentation.
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**Other important information**

Please be aware that the decision on your visa application may be decided on the information and documentation that you include at the time of lodgement.

**Delivery and courier charges**

For any additional information/documents that may be requested by the AHC in Pretoria, you are responsible for all of the costs of delivering information to the AHC in Pretoria by mail or courier.

**Visa application charge** – Please contact VFS Harare for their acceptable payment types, current immigration visa application charge amounts and any applicable service fees.

## For more information

Below is a guide to the documents you should provide with your visa application. For a full list of all requirements and documents, see the DIAC website <http://www.immi.gov.au/migrants/family/> for more information on this visa.

### About the documentation that you include:

- You must include either original documents or certified copies of originals
- Documentation must be either in English or a certified translation must be included with the certified original
- For original documents that you would like returned, please include copies and place the originals in a separate envelope

RRV 155, 157, 159 Visa Application - Necessary Requirements	Tick the documents you are submitting	Official use only
Form: 1085	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Payment of the Australian Government Visa Application Charge. Advice on how to pay this charge can be found at <a href="http://www.vfsglobal.com/australia/zimbabwe">http://www.vfsglobal.com/australia/zimbabwe</a> . If the Visa Application Charge has been paid at an office of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship in Australia, a copy of the receipt must be submitted.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Current valid passport with at least 6 months validity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A recent passport photograph (no older than 6 months).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proof of your last Australian permanent visa held (in old passport if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you are applying for a replacement of a lost, stolen or damaged RRV visa label – an affidavit explaining how the label was lost.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A photocopy of the biodata page of your current valid passport.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For a <b>5 year RRV (subclass 155)</b> : If you <b>have resided</b> in Australia as a permanent resident <b>for at least 2 out of the 5 years</b> before applying for the RRV, you only need to provide the above. <b>OR</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For a <b>5 year RRV (subclass 155)</b> : if you <b>have not</b> resided in Australia <b>for at least 2 out of the last 5 years</b> as an Australian permanent resident you must also provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of substantial business, cultural, employment or personal ties of benefit to Australia and documentary evidence to support your claims</li> <li>• If you have been absent from Australia for more than 5 years, immediately before the application for the visa, please provide compelling reasons for your absence.</li> </ul> Documentary evidence will be required to support your claims. <b>OR</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For a <b>3 month RRV (subclass 157)</b> : you must have been in Australia as an Australian permanent resident for one day or more in the last 5 years and you must demonstrate <b>compassionate and compelling reasons</b> for your last departure from Australia: and  If you have been outside of Australia for more than 3 months, you have <b>compelling and compassionate reasons</b> for the absence (documentary evidence to support your claims must be provided). <b>OR</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>
If you are applying on the basis that you are the spouse/partner or dependent child of a current RRV holder, and you have previously held permanent residence- evidence of your previous permanent residence and passport must be submitted. A full unabridged birth certificate as well as marriage certificate must be submitted to show your relationship to the RRV holder.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dependents over the age of 18 years applying as part of the family unit must complete form 47A. Documentary evidence must be presented to provide proof that the applicant's basic living needs are being met by their parents.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I hereby acknowledge that:

I have provided all necessary documentation as requested on this checklist.

or

I have not provided information requested on this checklist that is relevant to my visa application and I am aware that a decision may be made based on the information I have provided.

I also acknowledge that I am responsible for any related mail, courier and document handling charges, including cost for providing any additional information that may be requested by the department.

Note: This must be signed by parent(s) or guardian if applicant is under 18.

**Applicant name:**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

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*Processing officer name:*