



Australian Government

Department of Immigration
and Citizenship

Nomination of a student guardian

Form

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Who should use this form?

You should use this form if you are:

- applying for a student visa to study in Australia and wish to nominate a guardian to accompany you to Australia on a Student Guardian visa;
- already studying in Australia as the holder of a student visa and wish to nominate a guardian to join you in Australia on a Student Guardian visa;
- applying for a student visa to study in Australia and wish to nominate a relative in Australia who is an Australian citizen or holds a visa other than a Student Guardian visa with whom you will reside while you are in Australia under the age of 18;
- already studying in Australia on other welfare arrangements and wish to change those arrangements to reside with a relative in Australia who is an Australian citizen or holds a visa other than a Student Guardian visa with whom you will reside while you are in Australia under the age of 18.

Important – Please read this information carefully before you complete this nomination. Once you have completed this nomination we strongly advise that you keep a copy for your records.

Integrity of nomination

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (the department) is committed to maintaining the integrity of the visa and citizenship programs. Please be aware that if you provide us with fraudulent documents or claims, this may result in processing delays and possibly your nomination being refused.

Nominating a student guardian

Complete this form in ENGLISH using BLOCK LETTERS. In order to complete this form you must first read these notes and, if applying for a Student Guardian visa, read information sheet *Applying for a Student Guardian visa*, available from your nearest Australian Government office overseas or the website of the department www.immi.gov.au/allforms/

You may nominate a guardian to accompany you to, or join you in, Australia on a Student Guardian visa if:

- you are less than 18 years of age and require a guardian to provide appropriate care and welfare arrangements; or
- you are more than 18 years of age and there are exceptional reasons for you to require a guardian.

Except in very limited circumstances, your guardian, if applying for a Student Guardian visa, must be a parent or relative aged 21 years or over.

A relative is defined as a spouse, de facto partner, a child, brother or sister of the applicant, step-child, step-parent, step-brother or step-sister of the applicant, grandparent, grandchild, aunt, uncle, niece or nephew, or a step-grandparent, step-grandchild, step-aunt, step-uncle, step-niece or step-nephew of the applicant.

Every applicant for a Student Guardian visa must satisfy the criteria for grant. These criteria include, but are not limited to, their relationship to you, their age, financial capacity, family composition and arrangements for any dependent family members, intention to comply with visa conditions and other relevant matters. Information on these criteria and the conditions, which are likely to be attached to their visa, can be found in the information sheet *Applying for a Student Guardian visa*.

Character requirements

If you will be in the care of a relative in Australia, they must be a relative as defined above, aged 21 years or over and of good character. More information on character requirements and penal clearances is available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/

Welfare arrangements for students under 18 years of age

The department bears no responsibility for welfare arrangements made on a student's behalf. It is the responsibility of the parents or legal custodians of a student under the age of 18 to ensure that the arrangements they make on the student's behalf provide appropriate welfare for the entirety of the student's stay in Australia while they are under the age of 18.

Condition 8532

The effect of condition 8532 is that if the student visa holder has not turned 18 and is not an AusAID student or a Defence student:

- the holder must stay in Australia with a person who is:
 - a parent of the holder or a person who has custody of the holder; or
 - a relative of the holder who is nominated by a parent of the holder or a person who has custody of the holder, and has turned 21, and is of good character; or
- the arrangements for the holder's accommodation, support and general welfare must be approved by the education provider for the course to which the holder's visa relates, and the holder must not enter Australia before the day nominated by the education provider as the day on which those arrangements are to commence.

Lodging the student guardian nomination form

If your guardian is applying for a Student Guardian visa, this form should be completed and lodged together with form 157G *Application for a Student Guardian visa*.

If you are applying for a student visa and your guardian is already in Australia on another temporary visa or as an Australian citizen or permanent resident, this form should be completed and lodged together with form 157A *Application for a student visa*.

If you currently hold a student visa and wish to change your current welfare arrangements to stay with your relative in Australia, only this form needs to be completed and lodged.

If we need further information in relation to your nomination, we will contact your student guardian.

If any information provided in this nomination form changes, or you no longer wish to nominate this person as your student guardian, you must advise the office of the department where the nomination was lodged.

Consent to communicate electronically

The department may use a range of means to communicate with you. However, electronic means such as fax or e-mail will only be used if you indicate your agreement to receiving communication this way.

To process your application the department may need to communicate with you about sensitive information, for example, health, police checks, financial viability and personal relationships. Electronic communications, unless adequately encrypted, are not secure and may be viewed by others or interfered with. If you agree to the department communicating with you by electronic means, the details you provide will only be used by the department for the purpose which you have provided them, unless there is legal obligation or necessity to use them for another purpose, or you have consented to use for another purpose. They will not be added to any mailing list.

The Australian Government accepts no responsibility for the security or integrity of any information sent to the department over the internet or by other electronic means.

About the information you give

The department is authorised to collect information provided on this form under Part 2 of the *Migration Act 1958*. The information collected will be used for assessing your eligibility for a visa to travel to, enter and remain in Australia and for other purposes relating to the administration of the Migration Act, for example to assist migrants with settling in Australia, to monitor the conduct of migration agents, or for ensuring compliance with the Migration Act.

The information collected might also be disclosed to agencies who are authorised to receive information relating to adoption, border control, business skills, citizenship, education, health assessment, health insurance, health services, law enforcement, payment of pensions and benefits, taxation, superannuation, review of decisions and registration of migration agents. It will also be disclosed to any agency of the Australian Government, or of a state or territory, that is responsible for or otherwise concerned with the regulation of education providers.

Relevant information about you will be disclosed to federal, state and territory police to assist in your location and possible detention in the event that you become an unlawful non-citizen. You will become an unlawful non-citizen if your visa ceases (for example, by cancellation for breach of visa condition) or expires and you do not hold another visa authorising you to remain in Australia.

In circumstances where your character is a factor in assessing an application to care for an overseas student in Australia, the department may release your personal information to Australian federal, state and territory police forces and overseas law enforcement agencies and obtain information from them to assess your ability to satisfy the Minister that you are of good character.

The collection, access, storage, use and disclosure by the department of the information you provide in this form is governed by the *Privacy Act 1988* and, in particular, by the

11 Information Privacy Principles. The information form 993i *Safeguarding your personal information* gives details of agencies to which your personal information might be disclosed. This form is available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/ or from any office of the department or Australian mission overseas.

The department is authorised under the *Migration Act 1958*, in certain circumstances, to collect a range of personal identifiers including a facial image, fingerprints and a signature from non-citizens, including from visa applicants. The department requires personal identifiers to assist in assessing your identity. The department is authorised to disclose your personal identifiers and information relating to your name and other relevant biographical data to a number of agencies including law enforcement and health agencies and to other agencies who may need to check your identity with this department. Where the department obtains personal identifiers they will become part of your official record with the department.

The department is involved in international information exchanges with a number of countries, including the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada and New Zealand. These international information exchanges may involve the sharing of personal identifiers, including facial images and fingerprint data, collected by immigration agencies such as this department. If, as a result of this sharing between countries, there is a match with your personal identifiers, the department will disclose your biographical data, copies of travel and other identity documents or information from such documents, your immigration status and immigration history (which may include any immigration abuse and offences) and any criminal history information relevant to immigration purposes. The purpose of such disclosure would be to help confirm your identity and determine if you have presented to the department and the other agency under the same identity and with similar claims.

For more detailed information you should read information form 1243i *Your personal identifying information*, which is available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/ or from any office of the department or Australian mission overseas.

Home page

www.immi.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.

Please keep these information pages for your reference



Please use a pen, and write neatly in English using BLOCK LETTERS.

Tick where applicable

Your details – to be completed by nominating student

1 Your full name in English

Family name

Given names

2 Name in your own language or script (if applicable)

3 Have you been known by any other names?
(including name at birth, previous married names, aliases)

No

Yes ► Give details and provide supporting evidence eg. birth certificate/marriage certificate

Family name

Given names

4 Sex Male Female

5 Date of birth

6 Place of birth

Town/city

Country

7 Your present country of citizenship

8 Do you hold any other citizenship?

No

Yes ► Which countries?

9 Details from your passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue

Date of expiry

Issuing authority/
Place of issue as
shown in your
passport

10 Details of identity card or identity number issued to you by your government (if applicable) eg. National identity card.

Note: If you are the holder of multiple identity numbers because you are a citizen of more than one country, you need to enter the identity number on the card from the country that you live in.

Identity number

Country of issue

11 How long do you intend to study in Australia?

From until

12 Are you 18 years of age or older?

No

Yes ► Why do you require a student guardian in Australia?

You must provide evidence to support your claims

Your student guardian's details

13 Guardian's full name in English

Family name

Given names

14 Name in guardian's own language or script (if applicable)

15 Has your guardian been known by any other names?
(including name at birth, previous married names, aliases)

No

Yes ► Give details and provide supporting evidence eg. birth certificate/marriage certificate

Family name

Given names

16 Sex Male Female

17 Date of birth

DAY MONTH YEAR
/ /

18 Guardian's place of birth

Town/city

Country

19 Guardian's present country of citizenship

20 Does your guardian hold any other citizenship?

No

Yes ► Which countries?

21 What is your guardian's relationship to you? (select one only)

- | | |
|---|---|
| Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> | Niece or nephew <input type="checkbox"/> |
| De facto partner <input type="checkbox"/> | Step-parent <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Parent <input type="checkbox"/> | Step-sibling <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sibling <input type="checkbox"/> | Step-grandparent <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Grandparent <input type="checkbox"/> | Step-aunt or uncle <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Legal custodian <input type="checkbox"/> | Step-niece or nephew <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Aunt or uncle <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Provide evidence of relationship

22 Does your guardian have a passport?

No

Yes ► Give details below

Details from passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue

DAY MONTH YEAR
/ /

Date of expiry

/ /

Issuing authority/
Place of issue as
shown in passport

23 Will your guardian reside in Australia as:

an Australian citizen ► Go to Question 28
or permanent resident

Student Guardian
visa holder ► Go to Question 24

a Temporary resident
other than on a ► How long are they permitted to stay in
Student Guardian visa Australia?

OR until

DAY MONTH YEAR
/ /

► Go to Question 25

24 Give details of your relative's Student Guardian visa application

Granted ► Visa label number
V <

Period of stay MONTHS

Expiry date (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)
/ /

Not yet
decided ► Australian Government office where application
lodged

Period of stay sought MONTHS

25 Guardian's country of usual residence

26 Guardian's residential address in their home country

POSTAL CODE

27 Guardian's telephone numbers outside Australia

Office hours COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER
() ()

After hours () ()

Personal/private
mobile/cell

28 Guardian's residential address in Australia *(if known)*

POSTCODE

29 Guardian's telephone numbers in Australia *(if known)*

Office hours

(AREA CODE)

After hours

(AREA CODE)

Personal/private mobile/cell

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You must attach evidence:	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • of your relationship with your guardian; and 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>(if your guardian does not hold or has not applied for a Student Guardian visa)</i> that your guardian is of good character; and 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • of your guardian's residence or citizenship status in Australia <i>(if applicable)</i>. 	<input type="checkbox"/>

Assistance with this form

31 Did you receive assistance in completing this form?

No ► Go to Question 35

Yes ► Please give details of the person who assisted you

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Family name

Given names

Address

POSTCODE

Telephone number or daytime contact

	COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
Office hours	()	()	()

Mobile/cell

32 Is the person an agent registered with the Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (Office of the MARA)?

No

Yes ► Go to Question 35

33 Is the person/agent in Australia?

No ► Go to Question 35

Yes

34 Did you pay the person/agent and/or give a gift for this assistance?

No

Yes

Declaration

WARNING: Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

35 To be completed by the parents or legal custodians if the nominating student is under the age of 18.

I declare that:

- the information supplied on or with this form is correct.
- I have attached all documentary evidence as required.
- I am aware that I must immediately advise the department if I become aware that any information provided in this form is incorrect or if there is a change in the nominating student's circumstances that is relevant to this application at any time.
- If the student guardian nominated in this form is granted a Student Guardian visa, the nominating student will reside in Australia with that guardian, and will not reside with any other Student Guardian visa holder, parent or legal custodian.
- I acknowledge my responsibility for organising appropriate accommodation and travel to and from Australia on behalf of the nominating student under the age of 18.
- I am aware that condition 8532 will be imposed on the visa of the nominating student under the age of 18 and I will ensure that appropriate welfare arrangements are in place and maintained at all times.

Signature of student
(if over the age of 18)

Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

36 To be completed by the student guardian

I declare that:

- I will provide appropriate welfare arrangements for the nominating student.

Signature of student guardian

Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

We strongly advise that you keep a copy of this nomination and all attachments for your records.

Signatures of parents/legal custodians

(if the nominating student is under the age of 18)

Note: Both parents and/or legal custodians must sign this declaration.

Signature of parent/legal custodian

Family name

Given names

Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Signature of parent/legal custodian

Family name

Given names

Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	