



Australian values statement for temporary visa applicants

The Department of Home Affairs acknowledges that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the traditional custodians of the Australian land.

Applicants who are required to complete this form

You only need to complete an Australian values statement if advised to do so on your visa application form. If you have included other people in your application then that visa application form should also contain advice on whether they will also need to complete an Australian values statement, depending on their age.

You, or anybody else included on your application, do not need to complete the Australian values statement on this form if you have already done so on your visa application form.

Life in Australia – Australian values

The Australian Government encourages people to gain an understanding of Australia, its people and their way of life, before applying for a visa to live in Australia.

This includes understanding that the English language, as the national language, is an important unifying element of Australian society. Australian society is also united through the following shared values:

- respect for the freedom and dignity of the individual;
- freedom of religion (including the freedom not to follow a particular religion), freedom of speech, and freedom of association;
- commitment to the rule of law, which means that all people are subject to the law and should obey it;
- parliamentary democracy whereby our laws are determined by parliaments elected by the people, those laws being paramount and overriding any other inconsistent religious or secular 'laws';
- equality of opportunity for all people, regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, race, or national or ethnic origin;
- a 'fair go' for all that embraces:
 - mutual respect;
 - tolerance;
 - compassion for those in need; and
 - equality of opportunity for all.

The *Life in Australia* booklet provides more information on the values that Australians share and their way of life. This booklet is available in a wide range of languages and can be obtained from **www.homeaffairs.gov.au**

You are encouraged to read the *Life in Australia* booklet before completing this application form. If you have difficulty, or are unable to read the booklet, you may have the content of it explained to you, for example, by a friend or relative. This form contains a statement, that you must sign, that confirms you understand and will undertake to conduct yourself in accordance with the values of Australian society (as explained in the booklet) and will obey the laws of Australia.

AUSTRALIAN VALUES STATEMENT

I confirm that I have read, or had explained to me, information provided by the Australian Government on Australian society and values.

I understand that Australian society values:

- respect for the freedom and dignity of the individual;
- freedom of religion (including the freedom not to follow a particular religion), freedom of speech, and freedom of association;
- commitment to the rule of law, which means that all people are subject to the law and should obey it;
- parliamentary democracy whereby our laws are determined by parliaments elected by the people, those laws being paramount and overriding any other inconsistent religious or secular 'laws';
- equality of opportunity for all people, regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, race, or national or ethnic origin;
- a 'fair go' for all that embraces:
 - mutual respect;
 - tolerance;
 - compassion for those in need;
 - equality of opportunity for all;
- the English language as the national language, and as an important unifying element of Australian society.

I undertake to conduct myself in accordance with these values of Australian society during my stay in Australia and to obey the laws of Australia.

Signature

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Office use only

Client identifier

File number

Visa class or subclass

Processing office