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Resident Return Visa checklist

As part of the 2011-12 Mid-year Economic and Fiscal Outlook, the Australian Government announced that the validity period for Resident Return Visas will be reduced from five years to one year where the applicant has not lived in Australia for more than 2 of the last 5 years. This change took effect on 15 February 2012.

If you are submitting less than 10 pages of attached documents to your application, where a copy of a document is requested below, a photocopy of that document (in addition to the original) must be submitted with your application. If you are submitting more than 10 pages of attached documentation, all documents must be submitted as **certified by a Notary Public** and submitted with your application. A list of Singapore Notary Public can be found in the Yellow Pages.

Any foreign language documents must be accompanied by official translations in English.

Please note that due to the more complex nature of these cases, our service standard for assessing these cases is 10 working days.

- Application Form 1085
See: www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/1085.pdf
- Application fee: **S\$408** (cash, cheque or credit card (Visa and MasterCard only).
Note: NETS is not available. Please allow 5 working days for cheque clearance
- Your current passport. Please provide a copy of the personal identification page(s) of the passport (that is: name, date of birth, passport validity and signature page)
- Please provide a copy of your most recent Australian visa.

Concessional Requirements

If applying for the resident return visa and you do not meet the “residential requirements” of having physically resided in Australia for a period (or periods) totalling at least 2 years in the last 5 years before lodging the application, you may still be eligible for the visa.

Documented below are the four specific areas that may be considered under the concessions and examples of documents that may be submitted to support the claims. This information should be read in conjunction with the advice supplied on Form 1085 and information Form 968i
See: www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/968i.pdf).

If you are seeking consideration under these concessions, you are required to submit documentary evidence to substantiate your claims against one or more of the 4 grounds. For all applications where you are seeking consideration under the concession grounds, you must provide a brief statement outlining your ties with Australia in addition to the suggested documentation listed below. We recommend that documents supplied in your application are a sample of information covering the suggested documentation listed below, eg. Banks statements, we would suggest if you have monthly statements that you provide 3 statements from each year. If statements are issued quarterly, a single statement from each year would be appropriate.

Information provided should be current. We therefore recommend that documentation be from the 3 years prior to the date the application is lodged. If you believe it is appropriate to supply information from prior to this period, you are welcome to do so.

Substantial business ties

- Annual financial reports (most recent and those reports relevant to your claim)
- Business transactions
- Import / export licences
- Bank statements
- Contracts obtained or awarded
- Business and personal records
- Partnership / joint venture agreement
- Advertising material

Substantial employment ties

- Letter of appointment
- Employment contract
- Employee identification / security passes
- Recent official documents such as group certificates

Substantial cultural ties

- Publications
- Contacts
- Evidence of membership of cultural associations
- Newspapers articles

Substantial personal ties

- Property / assets / titles
- Citizenship / Permanent Residence status and birth certificates of close family members eg. Australian visas or passport, Australian birth certificate or Citizenship certificate
- (Joint) bank accounts
- Evidence of long term residence in Australia prior to the last five years, particularly if the you have spent your formative years in Australia, or studied or employed in Australia
- Evidence that you are travelling or residing overseas with an Australian citizen spouse
- Marriage certificate, joint bank accounts or joint property, a statement from spouse regarding the ongoing nature of the relationship and evidence of the relationship

The onus is on you to demonstrate that your ties are substantial and are of benefit to Australia. Please ensure that you have lodged a complete application. It is in your interest to provide copies of your documents together with your application as incomplete applications will result in delays in the processing of your case.