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A must see destination.

## Documents that confirm your Australian citizenship and identity

To be eligible for an Australian passport the Australian Passport Office must be satisfied that you are an Australian citizen, and must receive confirmation of your identity. Accordingly, when you apply for an Australian passport you will need to provide original documents which confirm your Australian citizenship and your identity. Please note that birth extracts, commemorative certificates, photocopies and fax copies are NOT acceptable.

### Documents required:

1. **You must provide one (or more) of these original documents to confirm your Australian citizenship and identity:**
  - Full Australian birth certificate issued by an Australian state or territory Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages. If you were born on or after 20 August 1986, you will also need to provide proof that one of your parents (and in some cases, grandparents) was an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia at the time of your birth.
  - Australian citizenship certificate issues by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (including an extract from the register of citizenship by descent or extract from the register of Australian births abroad). If your Australian citizenship document does not show sex or place and country of birth you must also present your foreign birth certificate (with an official English translation where necessary). If this is not possible you must present your foreign passport (and photocopy of the page confirming your personal details).
  - Previous passport if you are using the streamlined Passport Renewal process. ([Click here to see if you are eligible](#))

**Please note:** If you have **changed your name** since birth or gaining Australian citizenship, you may need to provide evidence of this change with your application. Please see the [Change of Name](#) section on this site for further information.

**AND**

2. **You will need to provide one of the following three combinations of original documents that support your identity:**

**Please note:** The documents within each category are listed at the [bottom of the page](#). If none of the documents you have for category A or B show your current address, you will also need to provide one document from category C showing your current address.

#### Combination 1

- One document from category A  
*and*
- One document from category B

**PLEASE NOTE:** If neither of these documents shows your current address, you will also need one document from category C showing your current address.

#### Combination 2

(if you cannot provide combination 1)

- Two documents from category B  
*and*
- One official document that includes your photograph

#### Combination 3

(if you cannot provide all the documents required in either combination 1 or combination 2)

- At least three documents from category C, all showing your name and current address  
*and*
- One official document that includes your photograph

**Important Note** - If you choose this combination C to confirm your identity, your application may take longer to process.

**Category lists**

<b>CATEGORY A</b>	
<b>For lodgement in Australia</b>	<b>For lodgement overseas</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Current driving licence issued by an Australian state or territory</li> <li>◦ Birth card issued by an Australian Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages (this is not a birth certificate)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Current driving licence issued by an Australian state or territory</li> <li>◦ Birth card issued by an Australian Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages (this is not a birth certificate)</li> <li>◦ Foreign residency identity card</li> <li>◦ Current foreign driving licence</li> </ul>

**CATEGORY B**

**For lodgement in Australia**

- Medicare card issued by the Health Insurance Commission
- Centrelink card issued by Centrelink
- Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) card issued by DVA
- Credit card or account card issued by a financial institution in Australia

**For lodgement overseas**

- Health card (issued by a government authority)
- Social Security card (issued by a government authority)
- Department of Veterans' Affairs card (or equivalent issued by a government authority)
- Credit card or bank account card
- National insurance card (issued by a government authority)
- Foreign passport

<b>CATEGORY C</b>
All documents presented from category C must be no more than 12 months old
<b>For lodgement in Australia and overseas</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Motor Vehicle registration or Insurance papers</li> <li>◦ Property rates notice</li> <li>◦ Property lease agreement</li> <li>◦ Home insurance papers</li> <li>◦ Utilities bills (e.g. telephone, electricity or gas)</li> <li>◦ Bank or credit card statements showing your residential address</li> </ul>