

Document Requirements

Minimum identity requirements

You must provide four documents with your completed form to confirm your identity:

- one commencement document to confirm your birth in Australia or arrival in Australia
- one primary and two secondary documents to show the use of your identity in the community.

The accredited body or its legal entity customer will use these documents to verify your identity against the personal information you have provided on this form. The personal information contained in the identity documents you provide will be used to conduct a nationally coordinated criminal history check, as you consent to in Section C.

The documentation you provide must include evidence of your full name and date of birth and a photograph of you. The commencement and primary documents provided must include a photo of you. If your commencement and primary documents do not include a photograph you must submit a passport-style photograph certified by a person listed in Schedule 2 of the Statutory Declarations Regulations 1993 (Cth).

Change of name

If you provide identity documents using a former name, you must provide evidence of your name change. This means providing a change of name certificate issued by the Australian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages or an Australian marriage certificate issued by a state or territory, in addition to your four identity documents. Church or celebrant-issued certificates are not accepted.

Special provisions for proof of identity

The ACIC recognises that in exceptional circumstances you may not be able to meet the minimum proof of identity requirements. Please contact the accredited body who will assess your ability to meet the requirements and determine the most suitable method to confirm your identity.

Commencement documents

- full Australian birth certificate (not an extract or birth card)
- current Australian passport (not expired)
- Australian Visa current at time of entry to Australia as resident or tourist
- ImmiCard issued by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection that enables the cardholder to prove their visa and/or migration status and enroll in services
- certificate of identity issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to refugees and non-Australian citizens for entry to Australia
- document of identity issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to Australian citizens or persons who possess the nationality of a Commonwealth country, for travel purposes
- certificate of evidence of resident status.

Primary documents

- current Australian driver licence, learner permit or provisional licence issued by a state or territory, showing signature and/or photo and the same name as claimed
- Australian marriage certificate issued by a state or territory (church or celebrant-issued certificates are not accepted)
- current passport issued by a country other than Australia with a valid entry stamp or visa

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- current proof of age or photo identity card issued by an Australian government agency in your name with photo and signature
- current shooter or firearm licence showing signature and photo (not minor or junior permit or licence)
- for persons aged under 18 with no other Primary Use in Community Documents, a current student identification card with photo or signature.

Secondary documents

- certificate of identity issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- document of identity issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- convention travel document secondary (United Nations) issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- foreign government issued documents (for example driver licence)
- Medicare card
- enrolment with the Australian Electoral Commission
- security guard or crowd control photo licence
- evidence of right to a government benefit (Centrelink or Veterans Affairs)
- consular photo identity card issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- photo identity card issued to an officer by a police force
- photo identity card issued by the Australian Defence Force
- photo identity card issued by the Australian Government or a state or territory government
- Aviation Security Identification Card
- Maritime Security Identification card
- credit reference check;
- Australian tertiary student photo identity document
- Australian secondary student photo identity document
- certified academic transcript from an Australian university
- trusted referees report
- bank card
- credit card.