



Australian Government
Department of Immigration and Citizenship

Addendum to Form 48S - Application to visit Australia as a sponsored family visitor

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Page 2, Method of Payment

Replace:

In Australia

To make a payment, please pay by credit card, debit card, bank cheque or money order made payable to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. Debit card and credit card are the preferred methods of payment.

With:

Lodged at a processing centre in Australia

Acceptable payment methods for applications lodged in Australia at a processing centre are:

- credit card
 - Australia Post money order made payable to 'Department of Immigration and Citizenship'
 - bank cheque
 - drawn on a bank with representation in Australia
 - in Australian dollars
 - made payable to 'Department of Immigration and Citizenship'.
- or
- international money order:
 - drawn on a bank with representation in Australia
 - in Australian dollars
 - made payable to 'Department of Immigration and Citizenship'.

Note:

1. Personal cheques are **not** accepted
2. Travellers' cheques are **not** accepted

See: <http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i/how-to-pay.htm>

Page 3, How to Apply

Replace:

All Sponsored Family Visitor visa applications must be lodged at an office of the department in Australia.

With:

All Sponsored Family Visitor visa applications must be lodged in Australia.

Page 3, How to Apply (cont'd)

Replace:

- Send the completed and signed form(s) for you and your family members included in the sponsorship and all supporting documentation, including a certified copy of each applicant's passport, to your sponsor in Australia. Your sponsor must then lodge all applications, together with a completed form 1149 *Application for sponsorship for sponsored family visitors* at a regional office of the department in Australia. Some offices may require an appointment to be made prior to lodgement. The following offices of the department process Sponsored Family Visitor visa applications:
 - ACT Regional;
 - Adelaide;
 - Brisbane;
 - Dandenong (Victoria);
 - Darwin;
 - Hobart;
 - Perth; and
 - Sydney CBD.

With:

- Send the completed and signed form(s) for you and your family members included in the sponsorship and all supporting documentation, including a certified copy of each applicant's passport, to your sponsor in Australia.
- Your sponsor should lodge all applications, together with a completed form 1149 *Application for sponsorship for sponsored family visitors* at one of the processing centres in Australia according to the address of your sponsor at the time of lodgement.
- As of 1 August 2010, all Sponsored Family Visitor visa applications will be assessed and decided at one of two Sponsored Family Visitor visa processing centres (SFVPC). The Sponsored Family Visitor visa applications are now processed at:
 - Brisbane; or
 - Sydney CBD.
- Sponsors who live in **New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania or the ACT**, should lodge their forms by post or courier, directly with the **SFVPC (NSW)**.
See: <http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/australia/processing-centres/sfvpc>
- Sponsors who live in **Queensland, Northern Territory, South Australia or Western Australia**, should lodge their forms by post or courier directly with the **SFVPC (QLD)**.
See: <http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/australia/processing-centres/sfvpc>