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VISA AND CITIZENSHIP SECTION

## CHILD MIGRATION

### IMPORTANT CHANGE: POLICE CHECKING REQUIREMENT FOR SOME SPONSORS

From 27 March 2010, if an applicant under 18 years old is included in an application for a Child or Extended Eligibility category visa, the sponsor and the sponsor's spouse or de facto partner are required to provide police certificates from:

- Australia, if they have spent a total of 12 months or more in Australia since turning 16 years old; and
- Each country other than Australia in which the person has spent a total of 12 months or more in the last 10 years since turning 16 years old.

The information contained in these police certificates will be used to determine whether the sponsorship must be refused under the Migration Regulations or whether there is any compelling reason to believe that the grant of the visa would not be in the best interests of the minor visa applicant.

Below is a link to a detailed Question and Answer Sheet about this procedure.

See: <http://www.immi.gov.au/migrants/family/protection-of-children.htm>

An Australian National Police Check may be obtained from the Australian Federal Police (AFP). Information on obtaining the check is available from the AFP web site.

See: [http://www.afp.gov.au/business/national\\_police\\_checks](http://www.afp.gov.au/business/national_police_checks)

This information is provided to assist applicants in completing the visa application process in Vietnam. Applicants **must** also read the information regarding migrating to Australia on the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) website. See: <http://www.immi.gov.au/migrants/index.htm>

This information is intended for applicants wishing to migrate to Australia as the natural, adopted or step child and orphan relatives of an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen. Applicants are encouraged to read Booklet 2, **Child Migration**, which can be downloaded free of charge from DIAC website or purchased from the Australian Visa Application Centre. See: <http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/index.htm>

This information **must** be read in conjunction with the Vietnam General Information sheet which provides details on lodging a visa application in Vietnam. See: <http://www.vietnam.embassy.gov.au/hnoi/VietGenInfo.html>

**PROCESSING TIME:** Please refer to the Vietnam General Information sheet for information regarding standard processing time. See: <http://www.vietnam.embassy.gov.au/hnoi/VietGenInfo.html>

**DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:** The following is a list of documents that should be submitted in support of a Child Migration visa application. This list specifies the minimum documentation only and is not exhaustive. It is open to applicants to submit any documentation they wish which they believe will assist in the assessment of their application.

Check box	Document or Other Evidence
	<b>COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS:</b>
	<i>For lodgement of Child migration visas, please complete the following forms</i>
	Form 47CH - <b>Application for migration to Australia by a child</b> (signed and dated by the applicant). A separate application form for each child included in the application. Siblings cannot apply on the same form. No further visa application charge is required.

Check box	Document or Other Evidence (Cont.)
	<b>COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS:</b>
	Form 40CH - <b>Sponsorship for a child to migrate to Australia</b> (signed and dated by the sponsor, i.e. an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen)
	<i>For lodgement of Extended Eligibility (temporary) visa, please complete the only form below</i>
	<p>Form 918 - <b>Sponsorship for a child to migrate to Australia under an extended eligibility temporary visa</b> (signed and dated by the sponsor, i.e. an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen). Form 918 is a form for Extended Eligibility (temporary) visa (Subclass 445 - Dependent Child). This form may be used by a dependent child of a parent who has been granted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an Extended Eligibility (temporary) visa (Subclass 445); OR</li> <li>• a temporary Spouse or Interdependency visa in Australia; OR</li> <li>• a provisional Spouse or Interdependency visa overseas.</li> </ul> <p>Siblings must complete a separate form but only one application charge is payable if they apply at the same time and same place.</p>
	<p>The above forms can be downloaded free of charge from DIAC website  <b>See:</b> <a href="http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/index.htm">http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/index.htm</a></p>
	<p><b>Consent to Obtain Personal Information</b>, signed and dated by the applicant  <b>See:</b> <a href="http://www.vietnam.embassy.gov.au/hnoi/files/consent.pdf">http://www.vietnam.embassy.gov.au/hnoi/files/consent.pdf</a></p>
	<b>Documents relating to the Applicant(s):</b>
	04 passport size photographs (4cm x 6cm) of each applicant. Photographs must not be more than 06 months old
	Certified copies of each applicant's passport or travel documents, if any
	Certified copies of all pages of current Household Registration Book
	Certified copies of Birth Certificate(s) for each applicant
	Original Curriculum Vitae certified by the local People's Committee for each applicant aged 16 years or over (no more than 06 months old)
	Certified copy of Identity Card for each applicant aged 15 years or over
	Original police certificate of No Criminal Record issued by the local Service of Justice for each applicant aged 16 years or over. Applicants who have lived in any other country for 12 months or more in the last 10 years, must provide police certificates from those countries.
	Single Status Certificate issued by the local authorities for applicants aged 18 years and over
	Certified copy of the Divorce Certificate or a Court Order (if parents are divorced) specifying who has custody of the child.
	A signed and witnessed statement from the non-sponsoring parent, consenting to the child's migration to Australia. The statement must be accompanied by certified copies of his/her Identity Card and current Household Registration Book.
	A signed and witnessed statement from the legal guardian (if applicable), consenting to the child's migration to Australia. The statement must be accompanied by certified copies of his/her Identity Card and current Household Registration Book
	Certified copy of the official Decision on Recognition of a Child Adoption, including a Record of Receipt and Handing-over a Child Adoption, if applicable
	Certified copy of the parent(s)' Death Certificate(s), if applicable

Check box	Document or Other Evidence (Cont.)
	<b>Documents relating to the Applicant(s):</b>
	Court Order from the People's Court if non-migrating parent is claimed to be missing, stating that no person other than the legal guardian and the sponsor have any rights in respect of the child
	Evidence of study, if aged 18 years and over
	Evidence of contact with the sponsor, if aged 18 years and over
	Evidence of any financial support, if aged 18 years and over
	<b>Documents relating to the Sponsor:</b>
	<p>If children under 18 years old are included in the application, a police certificate for Australia and each country other than Australia in which the sponsor has spent a total of 12 months or more in the last 10 years since turning 16 years old.</p> <p>If the sponsor has a spouse or de facto partner, that person is also required to provide a police certificate for Australia and each country other than Australia in which they have spent a total of 12 months or more in the last 10 years since turning 16 years old.</p> <p><b>See:</b> <a href="http://www.afp.gov.au/business/national_police_checks">http://www.afp.gov.au/business/national_police_checks</a>  <a href="http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/character-requirements/">http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/character-requirements/</a></p>
	Certified copy of Birth Certificate
	Certified copy of visa document on which sponsor first travelled to Australia
	Certified copy of the sponsor's Australian passport, Australian Citizenship certificate or foreign passport containing evidence of permanent Australian residence
	If the sponsor has changed name, a certified copy of the evidence of name change
	Statutory declaration about the relationship with the child

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Applicants should refer to Migrating to Australia on DIAC main website for further information about applying for a Child Migration visa.

**See:** <http://www.immi.gov.au/migrants/index.htm>