



**AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, HANOI
AUSTRALIAN CONSULATE-GENERAL,
HO CHI MINH CITY**

VISA AND CITIZENSHIP SECTION

APPLICATION FOR AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT

The *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* provides for the registration of a person born outside Australia on or after 26 January 1949 as an Australian citizen by descent if at least one of the parents was an Australian citizen at the time of the person's birth.

The information below is intended for applicants wishing to apply for Australian citizenship by descent in Vietnam. Applicants should also read the information regarding registration of Australian citizenship by descent on the Australian citizenship website.

See: <http://www.citizenship.gov.au/applying/categories/citz-by-descent.htm>

The information should be read in conjunction with the Vietnam General Information Sheet which provides details about citizenship by descent processing in Vietnam, including estimated processing times.

See: <http://www.vietnam.embassy.gov.au/hnoi/VietGenInfo.html>

Attached is a checklist of documents or other evidence that should be submitted in support of an application for Australian citizenship by descent. This list specifies the minimum documentation only and is not exhaustive. It is open to applicants to submit any further documentation which they believe will assist in the assessment of their application.

If lodging an application for Australian citizenship by descent, please attach this checklist to the front of the application and tick the box next to the documents or other evidence you have attached.

DNA testing

If the claimed Australian citizen parent is not included on the applicant's birth certificate, and alternative satisfactory evidence of parentage cannot be provided, an applicant and the claimed Australian citizen parent may be requested to undertake DNA testing in order to establish their relationship.

Australian passports

Information about eligibility for, and processing of, Australian passport applications is available from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website or from the Consular Section at the Australian Embassy, Hanoi or the Australian Consulate-General, Ho Chi Minh City.

See: <https://www.passports.gov.au/Web/index.aspx>

Vietnamese Government exit formalities

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade may also be able to provide advice in respect of Vietnamese Government exit formalities for children born in Vietnam who seek to exit using an Australian passport.

CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Name of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Check Box	Documentation or Other Evidence
	This application checklist
	Payment of the Application Charge (evidenced by an original pink receipt) See: http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i/citizenship.htm
	Form 118 – <i>Application for Australian citizenship by descent</i> (fully completed, signed and dated by the applicant (or responsible parent, for applicants aged under 16 years)) See: http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/application-forms/forms_num2.htm
	The proof of identity declaration in Form 118 is fully completed, signed and dated by a person who is not related to the applicant by birth or marriage; has known the applicant for at least 12 months (unless the applicant is under 6 years of age); and currently belongs to one of the professions or occupations listed on page 2 of Form 118. The list includes teachers, police officers, nurses, doctors, dentists and lawyers. If possible, this person should be an Australian citizen, but if not possible, they can be a citizen of Vietnam or another country.
	2 x recent passport sized photographs (not more than 6 months old) of the applicant endorsed by the person who signed the proof of identity declaration. This person must endorse the back of the photographs with the words "This is a true photograph of [insert applicant's name in full]", and sign and date the back of the photographs. The endorsement can be written in Vietnamese or English.
	Certified copy of passport or other travel document of the applicant (if any)
	Original registered full birth certificate of the applicant
	If the claimed Australian citizen parent is not included on the applicant's original birth certificate, a certified copy of a Decision to Acknowledge Recognition of the Child issued by the local authorities
	If the claimed Australian citizen parent is not included on the applicant's original birth certificate, evidence to show that the claimed parents of the applicant are in a relationship (for example, photographs, Household Registration Book, and Temporary Residence Certificate)
	Certified copy of the marriage certificate of the applicant's parents (if applicable)
	Certified copy of death certificate of claimed Australian citizen parent (if applicable)
	Evidence that at least one natural parent was an Australian citizen at the time of the birth of the applicant (certified copy of full Australian birth certificate, certificate of Australian citizenship, or Australian passport)

Check Box	Documentation or Other Evidence
	Certified copy of relevant pages of passport used by the claimed Australian citizen parent to demonstrate entry to and exit from Vietnam
	Evidence of change of name (if the applicant or the claimed Australian citizen parent has changed their name)
	If the applicant is aged 16 years or over , certified copy of their national identity card
	If the applicant is aged 16 years or over , original curriculum vitae certified by the local People's Committee (not more than 6 months old)
	If the applicant is aged under 18 years and their parents are divorced, evidence of custody and access arrangements
	If the applicant is aged under 18 years and their guardian is a person other than a natural parent, certified copy of certificate of guardianship issued by the local People's Committee
	If the applicant is aged 18 years or over , original police certificate of No Criminal Record issued by the local Service of Justice (Applicants who have spent a total of 12 months overseas in the last 10 years must also provide police certificates from those countries in which they have spent 3 months or more)
	<p>If the applicant (or responsible parent, for applicants aged under 16 years) has a preference for an alternative name ordering to that outlined below, or if one name is a combination of two words, a statement specifying that preference.</p> <p>Vietnamese birth certificates and passports traditionally record a person's name in the following way:</p> <p>1. Family name 2. Middle name 3. First name</p> <p>However, Australian citizenship certificates are issued in the following uniform format to reflect the accepted Australian practice of recording a person's surname/family name last:</p> <p>1. First name 2. Middle name 3. Family name</p>