

Australian Government

Department of Immigration and Citizenship

CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT - Application Document Checklist	CHECK BOX
Completed Form 118 - Application For Australian Citizenship By Descent	
Application charge	
Original Birth Certificate of the applicant*	
Endorsed passport sized photograph of the applicant (see Form 118 for further information)	
Evidence of all changes of name of the applicant and/or their parents (if applicable)*	
Evidence that at least one parent was an Australian citizen at the time of the applicant's birth, such as full Australian birth certificate, or certificate of Australian citizenship or an Australian passport	
Evidence of any other citizenships held by the Australian citizen parent, such as a letter or certificate showing a date of acquisition of other citizenship (if applicable)*	
If the Australian citizen parent is an Australian citizen by descent, evidence that the parent was resident in Australia for two (2) years (eg. passport showing entry to Australia, school or employment records, any documents issued by an Australian Government agency)	
Evidence of citizenship status of the other parent such as passport, birth certificate or identification card*	
Identity documents for the responsible parent who is applying on behalf of a child under 16 years of age which collectively show a signature, photograph and current address (such as a passport, drivers licence, credit card or utilities bill)*	0
Parents' marriage certificate (if married)*	
If parents were not married at the time of the applicant's birth, evidence of their de facto relationship at the time of the applicant's birth *such as: • a statement in English about their relationship including when and where they met and whether they live together • statements from friends and relatives attesting to their relationship • evidence of joint addresses and joint ownership of assets • employment certificates for both parents • details of Chinese visas and temporary residence authorities for the parent/s to reside in their current place of residence • Hukou showing residence in the parent/s' current place of residence	
Family photos (maximum of 3) with mother, father and child	
Recent passport sized photos of mother, father and child	
Any orders relating to the custody, guardianship or parental responsibility for the child, if applicable.*	
*Official English translations of any supporting documents (if not in English)	
Applicants aged 18 or over will require a police certificate from all countries they have lived in if, in the last 10 years: • they have lived or travelled overseas since the age of 18 years or over • the total time spent overseas added up to 12 months or more • the time spent in any one country was more than 90 days • they are requested to do so by the department. (If they are applying outside Australia, then Australia should be considered an overseas country)	