

Sign or accept the Australian values statement

There are 2 versions of the Australian values statement. The version you must sign depends on what visa you apply for.

When you apply for a temporary visa

For most temporary visa applications, the Australian values statement is:

I will respect Australian values as listed on this form, during my stay in Australia and will obey the laws of Australia.

When you apply for a permanent or provisional visas

For permanent or provisional visa applications, the Australian values statement is:

I confirm that I have read, or had explained to me, information provided by the Australian Government on Australian society and values.

I understand:

- *Australian society values respect for the freedom and dignity of the individual, freedom of religion, commitment to the rule of law, Parliamentary democracy, equality of men and women and a spirit of egalitarianism that embraces mutual respect, tolerance, fair play and compassion for those in need and pursuit of the public good*
- *Australian society values equality of opportunity for individuals, regardless of their race, religion or ethnic background*
- *the English language, as the national language, is an important unifying element of Australian society.*

I undertake to respect these values of Australian society during my stay in Australia and to obey the laws of Australia.

I understand that, if I should seek to become an Australian citizen:

- *Australian citizenship is a shared identity, a common bond which unites all Australians while respecting their diversity*
- *Australian citizenship involves reciprocal rights and responsibilities. The responsibilities of Australian Citizenship include obeying Australian laws, including those relating to voting at elections and serving on a jury.*

If I meet the legal qualifications for becoming an Australian citizen and my application is approved I understand that I would have to pledge my loyalty to Australia and its people.