

Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient

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and Border Protection

Who should use this form?

This form should be used to notify the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the department) that you are:

- appointing an authorised recipient to receive documents that the department would otherwise have sent to you; or
- withdrawing the appointment of your authorised recipient.

Return the completed form to the office where you lodged your application or for any other matter (eg. proposed visa cancellation), to the office of the department that is responsible for that matter. If you are unsure which office is responsible for your matter, this form may be submitted to the nearest office of the department.

Do not use this form if:

• you are **appointing a migration agent or exempt person** to provide you with immigration assistance and they will also be your authorised recipient.

In this case the migration agent or exempt person should complete form 956 *Advice by a migration agent/exempt person of providing immigration assistance*.

Who is an exempt person?

The following people do not have to be registered as migration agents in order to provide immigration assistance:

- a close family member (spouse, child, adopted child, parent, brother or sister);
- a sponsor or nominator of a visa applicant;
- a member of parliament or their staff;
- an official whose duties include providing immigration assistance;
- a member of a diplomatic mission, consular post or international organisation.

An exempt person must not charge a fee for their service. It is an offence for an exempt person to charge a fee for providing immigration assistance and penalties of up to 10 years jail can apply.

Authorised recipient

An authorised recipient is a person appointed to receive documents from the department relating to matters arising under the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act) or the Migration Regulations 1994 on behalf of another person.

The most common times an authorised recipient would be appointed is during visa application processes, visa cancellation processes, sponsorship processes (including monitoring or sanctions) or ministerial intervention requests.

The department cannot discuss matters relating to you with the authorised recipient unless they are also acting on your behalf as your migration agent/exempt person, or you have separately provided the department with consent to disclose your personal information to them.

You may only appoint one authorised recipient at any time for a particular application or matter. The department will send documents to the most recently appointed authorised recipient.

The department is required under the Act to send your authorised recipient any documents relating to your matter (eg. visa application or cancellation of a visa), that would otherwise have been sent to you. Under most circumstances, you will not receive a separate copy of the documents. You are taken to have received any documents sent to your authorised recipients as if they had been sent to you.

You should be aware that the documents sent to your authorised recipient might include sensitive information about matters such as your health and character.

If you change your authorised recipient or end their appointment you must promptly advise the department. You may use this form for that purpose.

Dependent applicants

All persons listed on this form will be considered to have appointed the same authorised recipient.

If a person 16 years of age or older wants to appoint a different authorised recipient they should complete a separate form 956A.

Consent to communicate electronically

The department may use a range of means to send documents to your authorised recipient. However, electronic means such as fax or email will only be used if your authorised recipient indicates their agreement to receiving documents on your behalf in this way.

To process your matter with the department (such as visa application or visa cancellation action), the department may need to communicate with you about sensitive information, for example, health, police checks, financial viability and personal relationships. This means the information may be contained in the documents that are sent to your authorised recipient. Electronic communications, unless adequately encrypted, are not secure, and any information about you sent electronically to your authorised recipient may be viewed by others or interfered with. If your authorised recipient agrees to the department sending your documents to them by electronic means, the details they provide will only be used by the department for the purpose of sending documents. They will not be added to any mailing list.

The Australian Government accepts no responsibility for the security or integrity of any information sent to the department over the internet or by other electronic means.

Important information about privacy

Your personal information is protected by law, including the *Privacy Act 1988*. Important information about the collection, use and disclosure (to other agencies and third parties, including overseas entities) of your personal information, including sensitive information, is contained in form 1442i *Privacy notice*. Form 1442i is available from the department's website **www.border.gov.au/allforms**/ or offices of the department. You should ensure that you read and understand form 1442i before completing this form.

Home page

www.border.gov.au

General enquiry line

Telephone **131 881** during business hours in Australia to speak to an operator (recorded information available outside these hours). If you are outside Australia, please contact your nearest Australian mission.



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Department of Immigration and Border Protection

	Please use a pen, and write neatly in English using BLOCK LETTERS. Tick where applicable	8	Address for correspondence (If the same as business or residential address, write 'AS ABOVE')
1	Are you using this form to notify the department that you are:		
	appointing an Complete Part A and Part C authorised recipient You do not need to complete Part B		POSTCODE
	withdrawing the appointment of an authorised recipient Complete Part B and Part C You do not need to complete Part A Part A – New appointment	9	Telephone numbers COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER Office hours () () Mobile/cell
	Your details	10	Names of other persons 16 years of age or older who are appointing the same authorised recipient in relation to the same matter
2	Are you a: visa applicant (tick one only) sponsor or sponsor applicant nominator or nominator applicant proposer or proposer applicant visa holder whose visa is being considered for cancellation or has been cancelled		1. Family name Given names 2. Family name Given names
3	Do you have a DIBP Client ID number (CID)? No Yes ▶ DIBP Client ID		3. Family name Given names If there are more than 3 other persons, give details at Question 30
4	number (CID) Full name (For an organisation, provide the name of the contact person) Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other	11	Have you appointed a migration agent or exempt person to provide you with immigration assistance?
	Family name Given names		Yes Give details of the migration agent/exempt person Family name
5	Date of birth / / /		Given names If applicable: 7 DIGITS
6	Organisation name (if applicable)		Migration Agent Registration Number (MARN) Offshore Agent ID Number
7	Business or residential address		Note : Your migration agent/exempt person should complete form 956 Advice by a migration agent/exempt person of providing immigration assistance

Appointment details

	Appointment details		Authorised recipient's details
12	Are you appointing an authorised recipient in relation to an application process, a cancellation process or another matter (eg. a sponsorship monitoring and sanction activity by the department, or only one stage	14	Full name Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other
	of a two stage visa application, or ministerial intervention)?		Family name
	Application process		Given names
	Type of application	15	Date of birth / /
	Date lodged / / Not yet lodged	16	
	Consellation process	10	Business or residential address
	Cancellation process Subclass of visa		
			POSTCODE
	Date visa granted / /	17	Address for correspondence (If the same as business or residential address, write 'AS ABOVE')
	Another matter – give details		
			POSTCODE
		18	Telephone numbers
			COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER
			Office hours () ()
			Mobile/cell
		19	Does this person agree to the department communicating with them by fax, email or other electronic means?
			No Go to Part C
	If insufficient space, give details at Question 30		Yes
13	Provide the DIBP ID number (if known) attached to the matter listed		Fax number COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER
	in Question 12 in relation to which you are appointing an authorised recipient		Email address
	DIBP Request ID number (RID)		→ Go to Part C
	DIBP Transaction Reference Number (TRN)		

Part B – Withdrawing an appointment

20	Your details	25	Authorised recipient's details Full name
	Full name (For an organisation, provide the name of the contact person)		
	Family name		Family name
	Given names		Given names
	Date of birth / /	26	Are you withdrawing the appointment of an authorised recipient in
	Organisation name (if applicable)		relation to an application process, a cancellation process or another
			matter (eg. sponsorship monitoring and sanction activity by the department, or only one stage of a two stage visa application, or
			ministerial intervention)?
	Telephone numbers		Application process
	COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER Office hours () ()		Type of application
	Mobile/cell		
	DIBP Client ID number (CID)		Date lodged / /
	(if known)		buto loaged / /
21	Names of other persons 16 years of age or older who are		Cancellation process
	withdrawing the appointment of the same authorised recipient in relation to the same matter		Subclass of visa
	1. Family name		
			Date visa granted / /
	Given names		
	2. Family name		Another matter – give details
	Given names		
	3. Family name		
	Given names		
	Your contact details		
22	Business or residential address		
	POSTCODE		If insufficient space, give details at Question 30
	Telephone number COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER		Provide the DIBP ID number (if known) attached to the matter in
	Office hours () ()		relation to which you are withdrawing your appointment of the authorised recipient
23	Address for correspondence		DIBP Request ID number (RID)
	(If the same as business or residential address, write 'AS ABOVE')		DIBP Transaction Reference Number (TRN)
			Number (HIV)
	POSTCODE		
	TOSTOODE		
	Do you agree to the department communicating with you by fax,		
	email or other electronic means?		
	Yes Sive details		
	COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER		

Fax number

Email address

Part C – Declarations

Authorised recipient declaration

28 Tick one only

Appointment

I understand that:

- I have been appointed by the persons named in Part A of this form to be their authorised recipient; and
- as the authorised recipient all documents that would otherwise be sent to the persons named in Part A will be sent to me, including by electronic means as indicated in Question 19 (if applicable).

Withdrawal of appointment

I understand that I am no longer acting as authorised recipient for the persons named in Part B of this form in relation to the matter indicated in Part B of this form.

YEAR

MONTH

Signature of authorised recipient



Date

Your declaration

29 Tick one only

Appointment

I declare that I have appointed the authorised recipient named in Question 14 of this form to receive all documents relating to the matter indicated in Question 12 on my behalf.

Withdrawal of appointment

I declare that the authorised recipient named in Question 25 of this form is no longer authorised to receive documents relating to the matter indicated in Question 26 on my behalf.

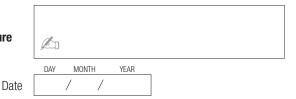
I understand that future correspondence from the department will be sent to the last address that I have provided in Question 22, 23 or 24.

I will inform the department of any changes to my address for correspondence.

I declare that:

- I have read the information contained in form 1442i Privacy notice.
- I understand the department may collect, use and disclose my personal information (including biometric information and other sensitive information) as outlined in form 1442i Privacy notice.

Your signature

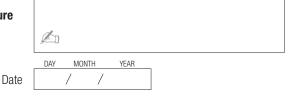


Signatures of **other persons** 16 years of age or older who are appointing or withdrawing the appointment of the same authorised recipient in relation to the same matter

Signature



Signature



Signature



We strongly advise that you keep a copy of this form for your records.

Question number	Additional information