

PARTNER VISA CHECKLIST

GENERIC DOCUMENTATION

	Sponsor	Applicant	Dependents
Current Passport (Bio-data Page)	✓	✓	✓
Birth Certificate (or family register)	✓	✓	✓
National ID Card (or drivers license)	✓	✓	✓
Evidence of Change of Name (if applicable)	✓	✓	✓
Marriage Certificate & Registration (if applicable)		✓	
Domestic Relationship Registration (if applicable)		✓	
Australian visa grant notice (if currently holding an Australian visa)	✓	✓	✓
Australian Police Clearance *^	✓	✓	?
Overseas Police Clearance **^		✓	?
Marriage certificate(s), divorce certificate(s), death certificate(s) from previous relationships (if previously married, divorced or widowed)		✓	
 Form 47A (if any dependant is over 18)			✓
 Form 1229 (if dependant's guardianship is shared by another parent not associated with application)			✓

* AFP clearance is required if you have lived in Australia for over 12 months in the past 10 years. Ensure Code 33 is selected for purpose of check.

** Required for all countries where you have lived in for over 12 months in the past 10 years.

^ Dependent children aged 16 years and over are also required to provide police certificates.



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RELATIONSHIP ASSESSMENT

The Department assesses your relationship by considering four key aspects:

Financial aspects | Social aspects | Nature of household | Nature of your commitment & long-term plans

The following checklist is designed to help you provide evidence addressing each of these areas. While not every document will apply to every relationship, we encourage you to provide as much relevant evidence as possible.

FINANCIAL ASPECTS

- **Evidence of joint ownership of real estate or other major assets** such as property ownership documents, rates notices, share portfolio summaries, dividends, vehicle registration documents
- **Evidence of joint liabilities** such as shared loans, insurance (car, home, contents or other) or personal loans e.g. loan statements, insurance policy documents, loan documents
- **Joint bank account statements** (preferably including statements dating from when you first set up the account, as well as recent statements) NOTE: If you do not already have a joint account, we recommend that you set one up as soon as possible
- **Superannuation/insurance beneficiary nomination** – nominate each other on your respective superannuation accounts or other insurance policies
- **Any other documents** showing that you share your finances, such as money transfers, direct debits, other evidence of financial support provided to each other (and/or family members)

SOCIAL ASPECTS

- **Joint invitations** to birthdays, weddings, events
- **Joint travels, accommodation bookings, flight bookings, etc** for past and future travels
- **Photos**, prepare a collage of photos taken of you and your spouse in various social contexts, e.g. by yourselves, with family/friends, on various holidays/outings, etc. Best to collate around 20-30 photos in a word document, captioning each photo with date and short description, e.g. Christmas Lunch 2020 with Sponsor's family
- **Declaration of relationship** such as tax returns, Centrelink, other government bodies, etc.
- **Community participation** such as evidence that you and your spouse/partner participate together in sporting, cultural, religious or social activities



Form 888 (completed by family/friends who can attest to the genuine and continuing nature of your relationship - minimum 2 required)



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NATURE OF HOUSEHOLD

- **Evidence of joint residence** e.g. joint lease, joint property purchase from when you commenced your spousal relationship
- **Evidence of joint bills/membership** e.g. joint utilities, gym membership, Costco cards
- **Joint insurance policies** e.g. car insurance policies listing each other as additional driver, joint health insurance policies, etc.
- **Evidence of shared address** e.g. bank statements, government correspondence, utility bills or other official documents addressed to both of you or separately showing the same residential address
- **Evidence of shared household responsibilities** e.g. household purchases, grocery shopping, cooking, cleaning, childcare, pet ownership or home maintenance

COMMITMENT & FUTURE PLANS

- **Evidence of communication during any periods of separation** e.g. letters, greeting cards, emails, text messages, call logs or itemised phone records
- **Evidence supporting duration of your relationship** e.g. documents dating from the start of your relationship or when you commenced living together
- **Wills or estate planning documents** naming each other as beneficiaries or executors (if applicable)
- **Evidence of your long-term commitment and future plans** e.g. Notice of Intended Marriage, engagement ring purchase, wedding bookings, pregnancy, plans to purchase a home, relocation plans or other evidence of a shared future
- **Joint or separate relationship statements / statutory declarations** by applicant and sponsor, addressing the history of your relationship, your commitment to each other and your future plans (see the "Relationship Statements" section next page for guidance)



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RELATIONSHIP STATEMENT

Each of you should prepare a joint or separate written statement / statutory declaration describing your relationship in your own words.

Your statements should be **signed and dated** and, where possible, **follow a chronological order**.

Your statement should address the following:

- How, when and where you first met (please list exact dates including dd/mm/yy)
- How your relationship developed, including key milestones
- When you decided to marry or commence your de facto relationship
- Your engagement or wedding (if applicable)
- Your living arrangements, including when you commenced living together
- How you manage your finances together, including any joint assets, liabilities or financial support
- How you share household responsibilities, including cooking, cleaning, shopping, childcare and other domestic arrangements
- How your relationship is recognised socially, including relationships with each other's families and friends
- Any periods of separation, including:
 - when and why the separation occurred
 - how long it lasted and
 - how you maintained your relationship during that period
- Your future plans together, including family, career, property, travel or other long-term commitments
- Why you consider your relationship to be genuine and continuing

Please also ensure that:

- Your statement is written in your own words
- You provide specific dates (dd/mm/yy where possible) for important events
- You explain any unusual circumstances or gaps in your relationship history
- Your statement is consistent with the documentary evidence provided throughout your application

RELATIONSHIP STATEMENTS BY THE APPLICANT AND SPONSOR





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