



The Department of Immigration and Border Protection acknowledges that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the traditional custodians of the Australian land.

## Life in Australia – Australian values

The Australian Government encourages people to gain an understanding of Australia, its people and their way of life, before applying for a visa to live in Australia.

This includes understanding that the English language, as the national language, is an important unifying element of Australian society. Australian society is also united through the following shared 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;
- a spirit of egalitarianism that embraces mutual respect, tolerance, fair play and compassion for those in need and pursuit of the public good;
- equality of opportunity for individuals, regardless of their race, religion or ethnic background.

The *Life in Australia* booklet provides more information on the values that Australians share and their way of life. This booklet is available in a wide range of languages. If you have not already received a copy then it can be obtained from [www.border.gov.au](http://www.border.gov.au)

As part of your visa application process you are required to read the *Life in Australia* booklet and sign the statement on this form. If you have difficulty, or are unable to read the booklet, you may have the content of it explained to you, for example, by a friend or relative. The statement, that you must sign, confirms you understand and will respect the values of Australian society (as explained in the booklet) and will obey the laws of Australia. This includes acknowledging what would be required if you later applied for Australian citizenship.

This statement must also be signed by each person aged 18 years or over, who is included in your visa application, unless they have already signed the statement on the visa application form. If anyone has concerns about signing the statement then you should talk to your visa case officer.

## AUSTRALIAN VALUES STATEMENT

This statement must be signed by the main applicant and each person aged 18 years or over who is included in the visa application, unless they have already signed it on the visa application form.

*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.*

**Signature**

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**Name**

**Office use only**

Client identifier

File number

Visa class or subclass

Processing office