



Referee/Guarantor

To help us identify the person applying for an Australian passport, applicants may need to provide us with information about a person who can vouch for them—a guarantor/referee.

Who needs a guarantor?

If you are using the *Australian Passport Renewal Application form (PC7)*, a guarantor is **not** required.

If you are using the *Application for an Australian Passport Overseas form (PC8)* you must provide a guarantor. Your guarantor must complete Section 11 of the application form. He/she must also endorse the back of one photo by writing "This is a true photo of [your full name]" and signing underneath. A guarantor is not optional.

General guarantor criteria

You should ensure that your guarantor:

- is not related to you by birth or marriage
- is not in a de facto relationship with you
- does not live at the same address as you
- is 18 years of age or older
- has known you for at least 12 months
- is willing and available to discuss your application with us during normal business hours
- meets the guarantor qualifications below.

Guarantor qualifications

There are two types of guarantors you can choose from:

1. A current Australian passport holder

OR

2. A non-Australian who is currently employed in one of these occupation groups:

- Chartered Accountant
- Chartered Engineer
- Judges
- Attorney/Barrister/Solicitor/Court Clerk/Bailiff/Sheriff
- Bank Manager
- Military officer
- Medical Doctor

- Dentist
- Pharmacist
- Veterinary Surgeon
- Registered Nurse
- Elected Government Representative
- Police Officer (with five years continuous service)
- Marriage Celebrant/Minister of Religion
- Public Servant (with five years continuous service with current employer)
- Teacher (full-time, who has been teaching for more than five years)

What if I can't find a guarantor in Germany?

Some applicants find it difficult to obtain a guarantor in Germany. Usually this is because they have recently relocated to Germany and do not know anyone here who has known them for longer than 12 months.

If you are unable to obtain a guarantor in Germany, you should obtain a guarantor from a country where you previously lived - eg. Australia. You will need to send them Section 11 of the PC8 form, together with one of your passport photos, for them to sign. Once they have signed the documents, they must send the originals back to you so that you can submit them when you lodge your application. We cannot accept faxes or emails from your guarantor. They must send the originals back to you for lodgement.