

# Proof of identity requirements: outside Australia



## Applying for registration from outside of Australia

To meet the proof of identity requirements, overseas applicants must provide the following evidence of identity when applying for registration:

- 1 Category B document,
- 2 Category C documents outlined below, and
- a certified copy of evidence of a change in name, if you have ever been formally known by another name, or if your documents provided in support of your application are in another name. See Evidence for a change of name or name variation.

The name displayed on the Category B document will be the name used for registration and will be published on the [Register of practitioners](#).

## Evidence for a change of name or name variation

You must provide certified evidence of your name change with your application if:

- you have ever been formally known by another name(s), or
- any of the documents you provide in support of your application are in another name(s).

Acceptable evidence includes

- a marriage certificate,
- change of name certificate, or
- deed poll.

A [Commonwealth of Australia Statutory Declaration](#) cannot be used as evidence of name change. It can only be used to explain the reason for a name variation.

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Category B: Link between the identity and person by means of photograph and signature	
Document	Explanation/description
Passport	Current passport or travel document (Certificate of Identity, Document of Identity, ImmiCard, Laissez Passer and Titre de Voyage)
Category C: Evidence of the person operating in their community and their identity	
Current Australian visa	Current Australian visa. This must be provided in conjunction with a foreign passport or travel document.
Birth certificate	Full birth certificate from your country of birth (not an extract or birth card).
Driver's licence	Current driver's licence issued by a country you have resided in with a photo.
Marriage certificate	Full marriage certificate (not an extract or ceremonial certificate).
Identity card	Current identity card or photo identity card issued by a government agency in your name with a photo.
Australian citizenship certificate	Australian citizenship certificate in applicant's name or former name (front and back of document required).

## Becoming identity enrolled

Overseas applicants must provide further evidence of identity once registered and living in Australia. You will be asked for this evidence at renewal of registration. This process allows us to obtain a criminal history check, when necessary, without needing to request updated identity documents. This is known as being identity enrolled. Once identity enrolled, you will not have to provide identity documents for up to 10 years, unless there is a change in your personal details.

## Applying under Trans-Tasman arrangements

Applicants who apply under the Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act (TTMR) are required to provide a Category B document with their application. A Category C document is not necessary.

## General criteria

- All evidence of identity documents must be certified as a true copy of the original, see [Ahpra's Certifying documents guidelines](#) for instructions.
- All documents not originally written in English must be translated, see [Ahpra's Translating document guidelines](#) for instructions.
- At least 1 document must be in your current name.
- You can only use each document once, that is once as a Category B document and once as a Category C document.
- If you have 2 different Category B documents, you can use 1 of them as Category C document.
- Documents certified by an Australian consular officer or Australian diplomatic officer, **which have a photograph**, must include an Identity Certificate. Ask for the Identity Certificate when your documents are being certified. The Identity Certificate must be included when you submit your certified documents.