



IMPORTANT: Please use the following checklist to indicate that you have included all necessary supporting documentation when lodging a Child Migration visa application. Attach all documentation to this checklist. Provide an original and a photocopy of all documents. All original documents will be returned to you when your application is finalised.

This sheet provides information about applying for migration to Australia as a child (including dependent child, orphan relative and adoption categories) in the Philippines. General information about Child Migration is available at the DIAC website.

See: <http://www.immi.gov.au>

If the sponsoring parent is the holder of a visa subclass 309, 310, 445, 820 or 826 visa, please refer to the Dependent Child (subclass 445) information below.

FORM AND FEE

- Completed **form 47CH** signed by the applicant and sponsor (form 918 for subclass 445)
- Completed sponsorship **form 47CH** signed by the sponsor (not required for subclass 445)
- Manager's Cheque in Philippine Pesos for the scheduled fee made payable to the "Australian Embassy" **or** original receipt for prior payment in Australia.

APPLICANT AND DEPENDANTS

- Two (2) recent passport-sized photographs of each person included in the application, with the name of the person written on the back of each photograph.
- An original plus a copy of the applicant's birth certificate, issued by the National Statistics Office (NSO) on Security Paper. [Certified copies from the Local Civil Registrar are not sufficient.] Where a birth is late-registered, you must also provide a baptism certificate and other acceptable forms of identity, such as elementary school records [Form 137-E] and hospital birth records.
- A photocopy of the personal particulars page of all applicants' and migrating dependants' passports
- An original plus a copy of the NSO marriage and/or death certificates of the child's parents, on Security Paper, if applicable.
- Explanation why there is no father listed in the birth certificate (if this was the case)
- Evidence of the child's dependency on the sponsor. This should include evidence of communication, receipts for financial remittances for the last 24 months, custody documents, etc.
- If the child is over 18 years of age, evidence of enrolment and complete academic Transcript of

Records and certificates verifying all study from the time the applicant turned 18 to the present.

- If the child is over 18 years of age, Certificate of No Marriage (CENOMAR) issued on security paper by the NSO.
- If the child is under 18, an original plus a copy of Travel Clearance for Minors from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) marked 'Valid for Migration to Australia'.

DSWD contact details:

Don Mariano Marcos Avenue, Batasan Hills.

Tel: 931 6139 or 931 6141

www.dswd.gov.ph

- If travelling with one natural parent, no DSWD certificate is required. However the parent travelling with the child must provide this information in writing.
- if the child is under 18, an affidavit of consent permitting the child to migrate to Australia, and suitable photographic identification which includes a signature, from the child's non-migrating parent or guardian.
- If the child's mother or father's whereabouts are unknown, please provide evidence that significant efforts have been made to locate mother/father.

SPONSOR

- evidence that the sponsor is an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen. (*Not required for an Extended Eligibility (Dependent Child) visa*)
- If the applicant was not declared on the sponsor's initial migration application, please provide a statutory declaration providing an explanation as to why Sponsor did not declare the applicant and indicate whether Sponsor's current husband was aware at the time.

HEALTH AND CHARACTER

- Current National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) certificate for all applicants over 16 yrs of age- must be marked "Valid for Travel to Australia" and carry your thumbprint
- Receipt for applicants' health examinations from an approved Panel Doctor.

If applying for a Dependent Child (Subclass 445) visa you also will need to provide:

- A photocopy of the sponsoring parent's current visa, certified in Australia.
- A photocopy of the passport of the sponsoring parent's sponsor or nominator, certified in Australia.



Frequently Asked Questions for Subclass 445

1. What form is required for subclass 445?

The applicant must be sponsored by the same person who sponsored or nominated the visa-holding parent for the Partner visa application.

Form 918 is the approved form for this visa.

2. What visa must the visa holding parent have to be able to lodge a 445 visa?

The applicant must be the dependant child of a visa holding parent. The parent of an applicant will qualify as a **visa-holding parent** if he or she holds any of the following visas:

- (a) Subclass 309 (Spouse (Provisional));
- (b) Subclass 310 (Interdependency (Provisional));
- (c) Subclass 445 (Dependent Child);
- (d) Subclass 820 (Spouse);
- (e) Subclass 826 (Interdependency).

NB: The subclass 300 does not qualify.
