

CIT - Citizenship by Descent FACT SHEET

If you were born outside Australia, and at least one of your parents was an Australian citizen at the time of your birth, you may be eligible for Australian CIT - Citizenship by Descent. Australian citizens by descent have the same rights and privileges as any other Australian citizen. These include the right to vote, work for the Australian Public Service or the Defence Force, and to obtain and use an Australian passport. Citizens by descent are also subject to the same responsibilities as other Australian citizens, including the responsibility to serve on a jury and defend Australia should the need arise. The minimum requirements for CIT - Citizenship by Descent are set out below:

CIT - CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT

There are two pathways to Australian CIT - Citizenship by Descent:

1. General Eligibility

You may apply under this pathway if:

- You were born outside Australia on or after 26 January 1949
- At least ONE of your parents was an Australian citizen at the time of your birth
NOTE: If that parent was an Australian citizen by descent, they must have spent at least TWO years in Australia during their life.

2. Pre-1949 Birth (Additional Eligibility)

You may apply under this pathway if:

- You were born outside Australia or New Guinea before 26 January 1949
- At least ONE of your parents became an Australian citizen on 26 January 1949
NOTE: That parent must have been born in Australia or New Guinea, or have been naturalised in Australia BEFORE your birth.

NOTE: If aged 18 years or older at the time of your application, you must also be of **good character**. This requirement applies to BOTH pathways listed above.

APPLICATION PROCESS

We will lodge your citizenship application along with any supporting documents required to demonstrate that you satisfy the relevant requirements. Please note that you **MUST** have evidence of your parent's citizenship status at the time of your birth (and on 26 January 1949, if applicable).

Should the Department of Home Affairs (the DOHA) determine that you fulfil the relevant requirements, your application will be approved and you will become an Australian citizen by descent. You may then apply for an Australian passport.

NOTE: Applicants for Australian citizenship by descent are **NOT** required to sit a citizenship test or attend a citizenship ceremony.

This Fact Sheet contains **general information only**. We strongly recommend that you seek specific guidance from us that is relevant to your circumstances before taking any further action.

Do you have additional questions regarding the subclass 408 - Temporary Activity visa? Please feel free to contact us by email at **support@dojolegal.com.au**, or by phone on **+61 02 9138 0688** to arrange a paid consultation.

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