



Australian Government

Department of Immigration
and Border Protection

Statutory declaration by a supporting witness in relation to a Partner or Prospective Marriage visa application

Form

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About this form

This form must be completed by a person who:

- knows the visa applicant and their partner or fiancé(e) and the history of their relationship;
- is at least 18 years of age; and
- is an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident.

Note: If the visa applicant is outside Australia and is unable to have an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident complete this form, any person who knows the applicant and their partner or fiancé(e) may also complete this form.

The person completing this form must provide evidence of their current name, age and, where applicable, Australian citizenship or Australian permanent residency (for example, a certified copy of the birth certificate, Australian passport or passport containing a permanent visa). All copies must be certified.

Note: You may be asked to submit up to 3 separate declarations during the processing of the visa application. You may also be contacted for further comment and/or interview in relation to the information you provide.

Purpose of this form

When assessing a Partner or Prospective Marriage visa application, the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the department) must consider the social aspects of the claimed relationship. The department will use the information provided in this form (your statements), among other things, to assess these aspects.

The department's policy is that these statements be provided in the form of statutory declarations. You may use this form, or alternatively, you may use the statutory declaration template, which is available on the Attorney-General's Department website at www.ag.gov.au

In Australia, statutory declarations must be witnessed by a person prescribed by the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* and *Statutory Declarations Regulations 1993*. Any attachments to the Declaration must be certified by a prescribed person. Prescribed persons include those who are a:

- Justice of the Peace;
- medical practitioner;
- legal practitioner;
- civil marriage celebrant or registered minister of religion;
- dentist;
- nurse;
- optometrist;
- pharmacist;
- physiotherapist;
- full-time teacher;
- bank manager or bank officer with 5 or more continuous years of service;
- postal manager or permanent employee of the Australian Postal Commission with 5 or more continuous years of service;
- police officer; or
- public servant with 5 or more continuous years of service.

A full list of prescribed persons can be found on the Attorney-General's Department website.

Warning: Under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*, people who intentionally make a false statement in a statutory declaration are liable for punishment of 4 years imprisonment. In addition, the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act) provides penalties for providing false or misleading statements of 12 months imprisonment or a fine of AUD12,000.

If you are not an Australian citizen or permanent resident and you reside outside Australia, your statement cannot be considered a statutory declaration under Australian law, even if it is made using this form or the template provided by the Attorney-General's Department. However, under policy, your statement should be witnessed or certified according to the legal practices of the country in which you make the statement. Failing that, it should be witnessed by a person whose occupation or qualification is comparable to those listed above. This person should sign, date and specify their occupation at the bottom of the statement.

You should confirm the requirements with the nearest Australian mission overseas when you lodge your application. Contact details for Australian missions are available on the department's website www.immi.gov.au/contacts/overseas/

Important information about privacy

Your personal information is protected by law, including the *Privacy Act 1988*. Important information about the collection, use and disclosure (to other agencies and third parties, including overseas entities) of your personal information, including sensitive information, is contained in form 1442i *Privacy notice*. Form 1442i is available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/ or offices of the department. You should ensure that you read and understand form 1442i before completing this form.

Home page www.immi.gov.au

General
enquiry line Telephone **131 881** during business hours
in Australia to speak to an operator (recorded
information available outside these hours).
If you are outside Australia, please contact
your nearest Australian mission.

Please keep this information page for your reference

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Please use a pen, and write neatly in English using BLOCK LETTERS.

Tick where applicable ☒

Details of person making the statutory declaration

I, Family name LYNCH
Given names SARAH ANNE

of Your residential address

FLAT 2
120 WESTMOUNT ROAD
LONDON POSTCODE SE9 1UT

Occupation or qualification

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Telephone numbers

Office hours (AREA CODE 0044) 7990618382

After hours (AREA CODE 0044) 7990618382

make the following declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959:

1 Visa applicant's name

Family name MASON
Given names JAMES IAN

How long have you known this person? 20 YEARS

2 Name of applicant's partner or fiancé(e)

Family name LYNCH
Given names ALISON JANE

How long have you known this person? 38 YEARS

3 State how you know the applicant and the applicant's partner or fiancé(e), and indicate how often you have been in contact with them

I FIRST MET JAMES (APPLICANT) AROUND 20 YEARS AGO WHEN HE WAS LIVING IN AUSTRALIA AND DATING MY SISTER (WIFE).

WE HAVE BEEN BACK IN CONTACT SINCE MY SISTER TRAVELLED TO THE UK IN OCTOBER 2012.

I AM CURRENTLY RESIDING IN THE UK BUT HAVE SEEN JAMES ON MY LAST THREE TRIPS TO AUSTRALIA (BETWEEN 2012-2015).

I ALSO SAW JAMES WHEN HE WAS IN THE UK IN OCTOBER 2014 AND MARCH 2015.

I SPEAK WITH JAMES ON A REGULAR BASIS AND WE ARE ALSO IN CONTACT VIA FACEBOOK.

If insufficient space, please attach additional details

4 State whether you believe the relationship of the applicant and his/her partner or fiancé(e) to be genuine and continuing, and give your reasons for your belief

I BELIEVE THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE APPLICANT AND HIS WIFE TO BE GENUINE AND CONTINUING.

JAMES AND ALISON HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE THEY WERE TEENAGERS AND RE-CONNECTED ONLINE A FEW YEARS BACK. AFTER RE-CONNECTING ONLINE, MY SISTER FREQUENTLY TALKED TO ME ABOUT JAMES AND HOW EXCITED SHE WAS TO BE BACK IN CONTACT WITH HIM AFTER ALL THESE YEARS. SHE FINALLY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT JAMES IN OCTOBER 2012. SINCE THAT VISIT THEY WERE IN CONSTANT CONTACT OVER THE PHONE AND VIA FACEBOOK UNTIL JAMES WAS ABLE TO MOVE TO AUSTRALIA IN JUNE 2013.

EACH TIME I SPOKE TO MY SISTER DURING THE PERIOD THE TWO OF THEM WERE APART SHE WOULD ALWAYS MAKE MENTION OF JAMES AND HOW HAPPY SHE WAS TO FINALLY BE IN A LOVING/CARING RELATIONSHIP.

CONTINUED ON ATTACHED DOCUMENT....

If insufficient space, please attach additional details

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File number

5 State any other matters you wish to add in support of the visa application

If insufficient space, please attach additional details

6 Have you attached evidence of your Australian citizenship or Australian permanent residency status?

Note: All copies must be certified.

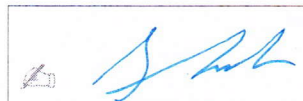
No ☐

Yes ☒

7 **WARNING:** Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.

Your signature



Declared at

18:20

On

DAY MONTH YEAR
10 04 15

Before me,

Signature of
qualified
person



Date

DAY MONTH YEAR
10.04.2015

Details of person before whom the declaration is made in printed letters

Family name

ANTCZAK

Given names

SYLWIA BARBARA

Preferred title

Mr ☐

Mrs ☐

Miss ☒

Ms ☐

Other

Contact address

40D GLEDSTANES ROAD
BARONS COURT
LONDON POSTCODE W14 9HU

Occupation or qualification

TEACHER

Telephone number

Office hours

(AREA CODE) 07890974527

We strongly advise that you keep a copy of this statutory declaration and all attachments for your records.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

4. State whether you believe the relationship of the applicant and his/her partner or fiancé(e) to be genuine and continuing, and give your reasons for your belief

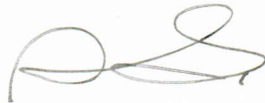
Continuation of response in question number 4:

JAMES COULD NOT MOVE TO AUSTRALIA STRAIGHT AWAY WHICH WAS UPSETTING FOR THEM BOTH BUT HE HAD A NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS WHICH HE NEEDED TO SORT OUT BEFOREHAND. JAMES WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT BOTH OF HIS CHILDREN WERE HAPPY AND WELL TAKEN CARE OF, HE HAD A PROPERTY WHICH HE NEEDED TO PUT ON THE RENTAL MARKET AND BOTH JAMES AND ALISON DECIDED IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR JAMES TO COMPLETE HIS DEGREE IN THE UK BEFORE MAKING THE MOVE.

JAMES AND ALISON WERE MARRIED ON JANUARY 25 THIS YEAR AND I ATTENDED THEIR WEDDING IN CAPE SCHANK. IT WAS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL WEDDING AND EVERYONE THERE COULD CLEARLY SEE HOW MUCH THEY GENUINELY LOVE/CARE FOR TO EACH OTHER.

*Certified to be a true copy of the original
seen by me.*

10 April. 2015



*SYLWIA BARBARA ANTCZAK
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