



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Home Affairs**

**Resident Return (subclass 155 and 157) visa**  
**Document Checklist**  
**Vietnam**

**Important:**

- Please note that all foreign language documents submitted with your application **must** be accompanied by a certified English translation.
- Either of the following document types will be accepted when submitted with your application:
  - A certified copy of an original document, or
  - Scanned or electronic copies of the original document where the quality of the scan is a minimum of 300 dpi in 24 colour and saved as a jpg image or pdf file at a good quality setting.
- Certified copies must be authorised or stamped as being true copies of the original document by the local authority in Vietnam. In Australia, documents may be certified by a person before whom a statutory declaration may be made under the Statutory Declarations Act, 1959. See: [www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/Statutorydeclarations.aspx](http://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/Statutorydeclarations.aspx)
- Do not send photocopies of certified documents

**Where to Apply:**

You can apply for this visa online in ImmiAccount or on paper

See: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online>

In Vietnam, you can lodge your paper application at **Australian Visa Application Centre**.

Vietnam - VFS Global Contact Information	Vietnam – VFS Global Locations
<p>Please call or email the Australian Visa Application Centre in your area to <b>make an appointment</b> before you lodge your visa application or provide your biometrics.</p> <p><b>Call Centre:</b> 1900.565.639 (for clients calling within Vietnam) 84.28.3521.2000 (for clients calling from overseas) <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info.auvi@vfshelpline.com">info.auvi@vfshelpline.com</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.vfsglobal.com/australia/vietnam">www.vfsglobal.com/australia/vietnam</a></p> <p><b>Hours of operation:</b> Application Lodgement: Monday to Friday, 8:30am - 3pm Document Collection: Monday to Friday, 8:30am - 5pm</p>	<p><b>Hanoi</b> G04, Ground Floor, Ocean Park Building 1 Dao Duy Anh Street, Phuong Mai Ward Dong Da District</p> <p><b>Ho Chi Minh City</b> 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Resco Tower, 94-96 Nguyen Du Street, Ben Nghe Ward, District 1</p> <p><b>Danang</b> 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, ACB Building, 218 Bach Dang Street, Phuoc Ninh Ward, Hai Chau District</p>

For more information on:

- How to Apply
- Fees and Charges
- Processing Times
- Biometrics Collection
- Other related matters

Please refer to:

- **Frequently Asked Questions:** <https://hcmc.vietnam.embassy.gov.au/hchi/FAQs.html>
- **Department of Home Affairs:** <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing>
- **More information on this visa:**  
<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/resident-return-visa-155-157>

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**\*Please print this checklist and attach it to your application.**

<b>Mandatory forms</b>	tick where included	Official (SDP) use only
Form 1085: <a href="https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/form-listing/forms/1085.pdf">https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/form-listing/forms/1085.pdf</a>		
<p>If you are using a Migration Agent or an authorised representative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Form 956: <a href="https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/form-listing/forms/956.pdf">https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/form-listing/forms/956.pdf</a></li> <li>Form 965A: <a href="https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/form-listing/forms/956a.pdf">https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/form-listing/forms/956a.pdf</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> If your sponsor would also like to appoint a Migration Agent or an authorised representative, they must complete a separate Form 956/Form 956A.</p>		
<b>Application fee</b>		
<p>Payment of the Base Visa and Non-internet Application Charge.</p> <p><a href="https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/fees-and-charges/current-visa-pricing/live">https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/fees-and-charges/current-visa-pricing/live</a></p>		
<b>Identity Documents</b>		
Certified copy of the passport bio-data page for every person included in the visa application.		
If your name has changed since you were last a permanent resident: a certified copy of evidence of the name change.		
Evidence of current or former permanent residence.		
Evidence that you are the immediate member of a family group, where the family head holds a Resident Return Visa (if any).		
<b>If you have not lived in Australia for more than two (2) years in the last five (5) years, you also need to provide evidence that show you have substantial ties to Australia, including at least ONE of the following:</b>		
<p><b>Evidence of personal ties to Australia</b></p> <p>Substantial personal ties may be of benefit to Australia if you are, or have been, a participating member of the Australian community and economy. Living in Australia for a substantial period of time or living overseas with an Australian citizen partner is taken into account. Proof of personal assets or family who live in Australia could also help to demonstrate personal ties if you are able to show they are both substantial and of benefit to Australia.</p>		
<p><b>Evidence of substantial business ties to Australia</b></p> <p>If you are claiming business ties with Australia, you will need to provide proof of the ties and how they are of benefit to Australia. You will need to show that you have substantial ownership interests in the business and are personally involved at a senior level in the day-to-day operations and management of the business. The business activity needs to be ongoing, regular activity that is commercial in nature, has an intention to make a profit and has a system of record keeping and management that substantiates the business activity claimed.</p>		

<p><b>Evidence of substantial cultural ties to Australia</b></p> <p>There are a range of intellectual, artistic, sporting or religious pursuits which are not strictly of a business or employment nature but may be considered to be a cultural tie to Australia. In many cases it is likely that the reasons claimed as cultural ties would be consistent with the basis for the grant of your original permanent visa. If you are claiming cultural ties, you will need to provide proof your role is adding to Australia's cultural life. This can include publications you have written, your membership of cultural associations, any media articles about you or proof of your performances</p>		
<p><b>Evidence of employment ties to Australia</b></p> <p>To prove you have employment ties to Australia, you must show that you are currently employed, or have a formal offer of employment in Australia, or are employed overseas by an Australian organisation, or are able to show that your employment by a non-Australian organisation has a demonstrable benefit to Australia, for example, working as a representative of Australia for an international organisation.</p>		