APPLYING FOR A PARTNER MIGRATION VISA
Prospective Marriage(temporary) - Subclass 300

Who should apply for a Prospective Marriage (temporary) – subclass 300 visa?
A Prospective Marriage (fiancé(e)) visa is for applicants who are engaged to be married to their eligible sponsor and they intend to marry within 9 months after the visa is granted.

How much will this visa cost?
There is an application charge for this visa. This will not be refunded if your application is unsuccessful, or if you decide to withdraw your application after you have lodged it. Please ensure that you pay the correct amount applicable to you and any additional charges for each family member included in your application. See: http://www.immi.gov.au/fees-charges/

Where do I lodge my application?
All applications should be lodged at:

Australian Embassy Myanmar
Australian Visa Office
88 Strand Road, Kyauktada Township, Yangon, Myanmar

Working hours for counter enquiries and application: 8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
Working hours for telephone enquiries: 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Telephone: +95 01 251809, 251810, 246463, 246157, 251797, 251798
Fax: +95 01 246159
Website: www.myanmar.embassy.gov.au

What happens after I have lodged my application with the Australian Visa Office Myanmar?
Once you have lodged your application with the Australian Visa Office in Myanmar you will be issued a receipt for your payment. The application will be transferred and processed in the Australian Visa Office in Bangkok, Thailand. Staff from the Australian Visa in Bangkok will send you an acknowledgement letter along with a file reference number. You will need to refer to the file reference number when contacting the Embassy.

Who will assess my application and how long will it take?
The time taken for applications to be assessed fluctuates based on the number of applications received at any one time by the department. Your application will be allocated to a case officer approximately 10-16 weeks from the date of lodgement. Once your application is assessed, your case officer will contact you or your authorised agent/recipient by letter or e-mail informing you of any additional documentation required to complete.

All applications for migration are assessed in the order they are received by this office.
The processing time service standard (i.e. from the time we receive your application until a decision is made) for a prospective marriage visa (Subclass 300) is 12 months. This timeframe can be longer where an application is not complete, where there are health and character concerns or a history of non-compliance with Australian immigration law.

**What will help me get my application processed faster?**
You should ensure you lodge a complete visa application that provides all the information necessary for a decision to be made. You should support your application with as much information as possible at the time of lodgement as a decision may be made solely on the information that you have provided with your application.

**What is the health/medical examination process?**
You and members of your family unit must undergo health examinations, including all children under the age of 18 years as well as dependants who may not live with you, even if they are not migrating. If you or any of your dependent relatives do not meet health requirements, you may not be granted a partner category visa.

The medical examinations should be conducted **only after** a visa application has been validly lodged with the Embassy. Once the application is lodged, the case officer will provide you with a “Health Assessment” letter (by email or mail). The Panel Doctor will need to see this letter as part of the medical examination process and you should take the letter with you when you go to the Panel Doctor for your examination.

Medical examinations must be undertaken by a doctor from a list of approved panel physicians provided by the Visa and Immigration Office, Australian Embassy Myanmar.

**Panel physician- Yangon**
**Medical and Radiology Clinic**
Myanmar International SOS Clinic- Renaissance Inya lake Hotel
37 Kaba Aye Pagoda Road
Telephone: +95 1 667 879
Fax: +95 1 667 866
**Doctor(s):** Dr Chantal Bonfils or Dr Khin Cho Htay

**I have many photographs and a lot of evidence of our relationship, should I include it all in my application?**
No, we only need to see a small selection of photographs of you and your family or evidence of the relationship. Ideally, this evidence should reflect the length of your relationship from the time you met until now. Large volumes of photographs and documents are not required. If required your case officer may request you attend an interview.

**Other important things to note:**

- If you are granted the Prospective Marriage (subclass 300) visa, you must not marry before you enter Australia on that visa. However, you must marry your fiancé within 9 months of your visa being granted and, if you wish then to apply for a Partner visa, you must do so before your Prospective Marriage visa ceases. Your marriage can take place either in or outside Australia, but you must have entered Australia on your Prospective Marriage visa at least once before the marriage takes place.

  If you marry your fiancé before you are granted this visa, you must write to the department requesting that your application be withdrawn and changed to an application for a Partner ( subclasses 309 and 100) visa. You must provide evidence of your marriage, such as a certified copy of the extract from the relevant marriage registry office.
• **Do not** provide original documents unless requested. You should provide ‘certified copies’ of original documentation. Documents not in English must be accompanied by accredited English translations. 'Certified copies' are copies authorised, or stamped as being true copies of originals, by a person or agency recognised by the law of the country in which you currently reside. The only original document you need to provide is your police certificate.

**Australia’s visa label policy**
The Australian Government does not require holders of Australian visas to have a visa label in their passport.

We electronically record all visas issued to non-citizens providing them permission to travel, enter and/or remain in Australia. This means that evidence of a visa grant in the form of a visa label is no longer routinely issued to visa holders. Instead, electronic visas are linked to a visa holder’s current passport which enables us to provide accurate, secure and real-time information about a visa holder’s visa details. It is also more secure than issuing a visa label as it reduces the risk of fraud.

Having this electronic connection also enables online checking of visa details by visa holders, airlines, registered Australian organisations and Australian government agencies.

**About your visa**
When you receive your Australian visa you are issued with a visa grant notification letter that explains the conditions of your visa including period of validity and entry requirements. You should retain this for your own reference and may wish to carry it with you when you travel as it contains important information about your visa. The information contained within the visa grant notification letter will help you check your visa details online using the department’s Visa Entitlement Verification Online service, known as VEVO.
Application Document Checklist

This application document checklist details the information and supporting documents (personal, health and character) required to assist with the lodgement of a complete application with the department. You may also need to provide additional information and documentation after you have made your application if the department requires it.

Personal Documents Required from the Primary Applicant and the Sponsor

☐ Form 47SP Application for migration to Australia by a partner (completed by the primary applicant). Please ensure that you have signed and dated all declarations.

☐ Form 40SP Sponsorship for a partner to migrate to Australia (completed by the sponsor). Please ensure you have signed and dated Q57 Sponsorship Undertaking

☐ At least two Form 888 statutory declarations with accompanying ID, preferably from individuals who are Australian citizens or permanent residents and who have personal knowledge of your relationship (such as a relative and a friend) and support your claim that the relationship is genuine and continuing. See: http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/888.pdf

☐ Paid the appropriate Visa Application Charge for each individual applicant see: http://www.immi.gov.au/fees-charges/

☐ Written statements from you and from your fiancé detailing the history of your relationship (for example when and how you met, when you became engaged, joint activities, significant events in the relationship) and your future plans as husband and wife.

☐ Provide evidence that the relationship with your fiancé is genuine and continuing. For example: letters with envelopes, emails, telephone bills, photographs, money transfers, etc. See: Evidence of a genuine, continuing and ongoing relationship at http://www.immi.gov.au/migrants/partners/evidence-of-relationship.htm

☐ Evidence that you and your fiancé have met face-to-face as adults, and are personally known to each other.

☐ Evidence that you and your fiancé genuinely intend to live in a married relationship. See: http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/300.aspx

☐ If you, your fiancé or anyone included in your application has changed his or her name (for example by marriage or deed poll) provide a certified copy of evidence of the name change.

☐ Certified copies of documents (evidence of dependency) to verify custody and access arrangements, for children under 18 years of age unless it is the child of both you and your fiancé. See: http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/300.aspx

☐ If any child included in your application is adopted, a certified copy of the adoption papers.

☐ Evidence of dependency for any dependent children aged 18 years or over or any other dependent relatives included in your application.

☐ Letter from an authorised marriage celebrant stating date and venue of the marriage ceremony and confirmation that a Notice of Intended Marriage has been lodged with the celebrant (NOIM).

If you, your fiancé or anyone included in your application has been permanently separated, divorced or widowed, a certified copy of the statutory declaration/separation certificate, divorce decree absolute or the death certificate of the deceased partner (as appropriate).

**Personal Documents required from Primary Applicant**

- Documents to prove each person’s identity in your application – a certified copy of birth certificates, identity cards, household registration and copies of passport details pages including the photograph. This must be provided by you as the Primary Applicant and all migrating and non-migrating family members. Please ensure the details on passports and your other documentation match.
- Official document issued by the district office to confirm your single status, or that you are free to marry your sponsor.
- Documents to verify the custody of all children included in this application, i.e. divorce memorandum or death certificate if one of the child’s parents is deceased.
- A written statement from the non-migrating parent or legal guardian of each child consenting to the grant of a visa for that child to migrate permanently to Australia with you. A certified copy of the other parent’s passport or identification card must also be provided.

- **Original police certificates** from every country the applicants (if aged 16 years and over) have resided in for a total of 12 months or more during the last 10 years. Details are available on form [Character Requirement Penal Clearance Certificates](Penal Clearance Certificates). Please visit Penal Clearance Certificates for more information

  **Relevant document:** ‘Police Clearance’ - ‘Recommendation free of criminal offence’.
  - Residents apply in person to your local township police office.
  - **Provide:** proof of identity.
  - **Fee:** payable.
  - **Note:** certificates cannot be obtained by non-residents.

- If you have served in the armed forces of any country, certified copies of military service records or discharge papers.
- Two recent passport-size photographs

**Personal Documents required from Sponsor**

- Evidence that your sponsor is aged 18 years or older and is an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen, such as:
  - **Certified copy** of your sponsor’s Australian citizenship certificate, birth certificate, Australian passport or foreign passport containing evidence of permanent residence.
  - An eligible New Zealand citizen is one that;
    a. meets health and character considerations; and
    b. was in Australia on 26 February 2001 as the holder of a Subclass 444 (Special Category) visa; or
    c. was in Australia as the holder of a Subclass 444 visa for a period of, or periods that total, not less than 1 year in the period of 2 years immediately before 26 February 2001; or
    d. has a certificate, issued under the Social Security Act 1991, that states that the citizen was, for the purposes of that Act, residing in Australia on a particular date.
If there is a child under 18 years of age included in your application, the sponsor must provide the following:

- an Australian Federal Police Certificate – Full Disclosure (if the sponsor has spent a total of 12 months or more in Australia since turning 16 years of age) and
- Police certificate/s from each country in which the sponsor has spent a total of 12 months or more in the last 10 years since turning 16 years of age.

If applicable, a statement from your sponsor regarding any other person they have previously sponsored or nominated for a Spouse, Partner, Prospective Marriage, Interdependency visa or any other person for whom your sponsor has signed a maintenance order and/or an Assurance of Support.

This statement must indicate the nature of your sponsor’s relationship with this other person or persons, the date any sponsorship was lodged and the date the relationship ceased.

Two recent passport-size photographs

For further detailed information, please visit www.immi.gov.au or www.myanmar.embassy.gov.au

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