

## Ministerial Schedules: Sponsored Passports (February 2018) (RES043742)

Schedule 1: Eligible Commonwealth categories					
Item	Applicant	Observation label (Bearer is ...)	Passport type	Purpose	Validity
1	Governor-General	the Governor-General of Australia	Diplomatic	All travel	5 years
2	Former Governors-General	a former Governor-General of Australia	Diplomatic	All travel	10 years
3	Prime Minister	the Prime Minister of Australia	Diplomatic	All travel	5 years
4	Former Prime Ministers	a former Prime Minister of Australia	Diplomatic	All travel	10 years
5	President of the Senate	the President of the Senate of the Parliament of Australia	Diplomatic	All travel	5 years
6	Speaker of the House of Representatives	the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of Australia	Diplomatic	All travel	5 years
7	Chief Justice and Justices of the High Court of Australia and Chief Justices of the Federal/Family Court of Australia	the Chief Justice of the (High/Federal/Family) Court of Australia or a Justice of the High Court of Australia	Diplomatic	All travel	10 years
8	Justices and Judges of the Federal/Family Court of Australia	a (Justice/Judge) of the (Federal/Family) Court of Australia	Official	All travel	10 years
9	President/Deputy Presidents and Commissioners of Fair Work Australia	(the President/ a Deputy President/Commissioner) of Fair Work Australia	Official	Official travel only	10 years
10	Commonwealth Government Ministers	the Minister for (portfolio) of the Government of Australia	Diplomatic	All travel	5 years
11	Leader of the Opposition	the Leader of the Opposition in the Parliament of Australia	Diplomatic	All travel	5 years
12	Deputy Leader of the Opposition	the Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Parliament of Australia	Diplomatic	All travel	5 years
13	Commonwealth Parliamentary Secretaries or	the Parliamentary Secretary for (portfolio) of	Diplomatic	All travel	5 years

	Assistant Ministers	the Government of Australia or the Assistant Minister for (portfolio) of the Government of Australia			
14	Members of Australian Federal Parliament	a Member of the (Senate/House of Representatives) in the Parliament of Australia	Official	All travel	5 years
15	Chief of the Defence Force and Chiefs of the Navy, Army and Air Force	the Chief of the Australian (position given)	Diplomatic	Official travel only	5 years
16	Secretaries (or equivalents) of Commonwealth Departments	the (as appropriate) of the Australian (Department)	Diplomatic	Official travel only	5 years
17	Australian Public Service Commissioner	the Australian Public Service Commissioner	Diplomatic	Official travel only	5 years
18	Australian Government Solicitor	the Australian Government Solicitor	Diplomatic	Official travel only	5 years
19	Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security	the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security	Diplomatic	Official travel only	5 years
20	Director-General, Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	the Director-General of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	Diplomatic	Official travel only	5 years
21	Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia	the Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia	Diplomatic	Official travel only	5 years
22	Director-General, Office of National Assessments	the Director-General of the Office of National Assessments	Diplomatic	Official travel only	5 years
23	Director, Defence Intelligence Organisation	the Director of the Defence Intelligence Organisation	Diplomatic	Official travel only	5 years
24	Director-General, Australian Secret Intelligence Service	the Director-General of the Australian Secret Intelligence Service	Diplomatic	Official travel only	5 years
25	Commissioner, Australian Federal Police	the Australian Federal Police Commissioner	Diplomatic	Official travel only	5 years

26	Chief Executive Officer, Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission	the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission	Diplomatic	Official travel only	5 years
27	Commissioner, Australian Border Force	the Commissioner of the Australian Border Force	Diplomatic	Official travel only	5 years
28	Chief Executive Officer, Austrade	the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Trade Commission	Diplomatic	Official travel only	5 years
29	Chief Scientist	the Chief Scientist for Australia	Diplomatic	Official travel only	5 years
30	Australian Ambassadors	the Australian Ambassador to (full title of country/regional body) or the Australian Ambassador and Permanent Representative to (full title of organisation) or the Australian Ambassador for (matter)	Diplomatic	All travel	5 years
31	Australian High Commissioners	the Australian High Commissioner to (full title of country)	Diplomatic	All travel	5 years
32	Australian Consul-General (and Australian Consuls if Head of Post)	the Australian (Consul-General/Consul) in (full title of country/city)	Diplomatic	All travel	5 years
33	Australian Representative, Australian Office, Taipei	travelling on Government business	Diplomatic	Official travel to and from locations other than Taiwan only	5 years
34	Officers of Commonwealth departments and agencies who are attached, or posted, to an Australian overseas diplomatic mission or consulate and accredited by the	(position designation – refer to Compass ‘Standard formats – endorsements and observations’)	Diplomatic	All travel	5 years

	receiving country as holding a recognised diplomatic rank (or designated)				
35	Officers of Commonwealth departments and agencies who are attached, or posted, to an Australian overseas diplomatic mission or consulate	travelling on Government business	Official	All travel	5 years
36	Diplomatic couriers	a diplomatic courier of the Government of Australia	Diplomatic (Ordinary for Taiwan)	Official travel only	5 years (plus up to two concurrent passports)
37	Leader of Government Delegations or sole Australian Government representative at international conferences and negotiations	the (as appropriate)	Diplomatic	Official travel only	1 year
38	Officers working for Prescribed Agencies under the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 and the Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997	travelling on Government business	Official	Official travel only	5 years
39	Official Secretary to the Governor-General appointed by the Governor-General under the Governor-General Act 1974	the Official Secretary to the Governor-General of Australia	Diplomatic	Official travel only	5 years

40	Official staff employed by the Official Secretary to the Governor-General under the Governor-General Act 1974	accompanying the Governor-General of Australia	Diplomatic	Official travel when accompanying the Governor-General only	5 years
41	Chiefs of staff employed by the Prime Minister and Federal Cabinet Ministers	travelling on Government business	Diplomatic	Official travel only	5 years
42	☒ Official staff employed by the Prime Minister and Ministers and Assistant Ministers in the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio under the Member of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984	☒ travelling on Government business	☒ Diplomatic	☒ Official travel only	☒ 5 years
43	Official staff employed by other Ministers, and the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition under the Member of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984	travelling on Government business	Official	Official travel only	5 years

**Schedule 2: Eligible State and Territory categories**

Item	Applicant	Observation label (Bearer is ...)	Passport type	Purpose	Validity
44	State Governors	the Governor of the State of (State)	Diplomatic	All travel	5 years
45	Former State Governors	a former Governor of the State of (State)	Diplomatic	All travel	10 years
46	Administrators of Cocos (Keeling), Christmas and Norfolk Islands, and Lieutenant Governors of a State	the (Administrator/Lieutenant Governor) of the (Territory/State) of (Territory/State)	Diplomatic	All travel	5 years
47	State Premier and Territory Chief Minister	the Premier of the State of (State) or	Diplomatic	All travel	5 years

		Chief Minister of the (Territory)			
48	State and Territory Ministers	the Minister for (portfolio/s) of the Government of (State or Territory)	Diplomatic	All travel	5 years
49	Chief Justices of State and Territory Supreme Courts	the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of (State/Territory)	Diplomatic	All travel	10 years
50	Justices and Judges of State and Territory Supreme Courts	a (Justice/Judge) of the Supreme Court of (State/Territory)	Official	All travel	10 years
51	Justices and Judges of State and Territory District Courts and County Courts	a (Justice/Judge) of the District Court of (State/Territory) or a (Justice/Judge) of the County Court of (State/Territory)	Official	Official travel only	10 years
52	Magistrates of State and Territory Courts	a Magistrate of the (State/Territory Court)	Official	Official travel only	10 years
53	Presiding Officers of State, Territory and Norfolk Island Parliaments	the (President/Speaker) of the Legislative (Council/Assembly) of the (State/Territory/Norfolk Island) Parliament	Diplomatic	All travel	5 years
54	Members of State, Territory and Norfolk Island Parliaments	a Member of the Legislative (Council/Assembly) of the Parliament of (State/Territory)	Official	All travel	5 years
55	Permanent Heads of Premier's and Chief Minister's Departments	the Permanent Head of the (Premier's/Chief Minister's) Department of the Government of (State or Territory)	Diplomatic	Official travel when accompanying Premier or Chief Minister only	5 years
56	Chiefs of Staff of Premiers and Chief Ministers	travelling on Government business	Official	Official travel only	5 years
57	Official staff of State Governors	accompanying the (as appropriate)	Diplomatic	Official travel when accompanying State Governor only	5 years
58	Officers of State and Territory Parliamentary	travelling on Government business	Official	Official travel only	5 years

	and Departmental bodies				
Schedule 3: Other eligible categories					
Item	Applicant	Observation label (Bearer is ...)	Passport type	Purpose	Validity
59	Executive Directors of international financial institutions	the Executive Director of (institution)	Diplomatic	All travel	5 years
60	Spouse1 of the Governor- General	the spouse of the Governor-General of Australia	Diplomatic	All travel	5 years
61	Spouses1 of former Governors- General	the spouse of a former Governor-General of Australia	Diplomatic	All travel	10 years
62	Spouse1 of the Prime Minister	the spouse of the Prime Minister of Australia	Diplomatic	All travel	5 years
63	Spouses1 of former Prime Ministers	the spouse of a former Prime Minister of Australia	Diplomatic	All travel	10 years
64	Spouses1 of Members of Australian Federal Parliament	the spouse of a (Member of the Senate/House of Representatives) in the Parliament of Australia	Official	For travel when accompanying principal passport holder at official expense only	As for principal passport holder (maximum of 5 years)
65	Spouses1 of Justices and Judges of the Federal/Family Court of Australia and spouses1 of President/Deputy Presidents and Commissioners of Fair Work Australia	the spouse of the (principal passport holder's position)	Official	For travel when accompanying principal passport holder at official expense only	As for principal passport holder (maximum of 5 years)
66	Spouses of officers of Commonwealth departments and agencies who are attached, or posted, to an Australian overseas	the spouse of the (principal passport holder's position)	Diplomatic	All travel	As for principal passport holder (maximum of 5 years)

	diplomatic mission or consulate and accredited by the receiving country as holding a recognised diplomatic rank (or designated)				
67	Spouses <sup>1</sup> of persons granted a diplomatic passport not elsewhere classified, except spouses of persons classified under items 36, 39, 57 or 71	the (spouse/partner/other reference that indicates the nature of the relationship and is acceptable to the receiving country) of (position of primary passport holder) or (an official travelling on Government business). (Note: Guidance from DFAT Staffing Branch may be sought)	Diplomatic	For travel when accompanying principal passport holder only	As for principal passport holder
68	Spouses <sup>1</sup> of persons granted an official passport not elsewhere classified	the (spouse/partner/other reference that indicates the nature of the relationship and is acceptable to the receiving country) of (position of primary passport holder) or (an official travelling on Government business). (Note: Guidance from DFAT Staffing Branch may be sought)	Official	For travel when accompanying principal passport holder at official expense only	As for principal passport holder
69	People in respect of whom the Minister for Foreign Affairs considers exceptional circumstances apply <sup>2</sup>	(as approved)	Diplomatic	Travel as approved	As approved
70	People in respect of whom the Minister for Foreign Affairs considers special circumstances apply <sup>2</sup>	(as approved)	Official	Travel as approved	As approved



71	People representing the Australian Government travelling to locations or on assignment where there are distinct operational or security factors requiring the use of a diplomatic passport <sup>3 4</sup>	travelling on Government business	Diplomatic	Travel as approved	Duration of travel or assignment plus 7 months
72	Minor dependants of people representing the Australian Government travelling to locations or on assignment where there are distinct operational or security factors requiring the use of a diplomatic passport <sup>3</sup>	the dependant of the (principal passport holder's position)	Diplomatic	All travel	As for principal passport holder (maximum of 5 years)
73	People representing the Australian Government travelling to locations or on assignments where an official passport is essential for the performance of the Government's business <sup>5</sup>	travelling on Government business	Official	Travel as approved	Duration of travel or assignment plus 7 months

1. Persons recognised by the sponsoring agency as the spouse or de facto partner (whether of the same sex or a different sex) of the holder of an official or diplomatic passport that was paid for at official expense.

2. The Minister will decide on such applications on a case-by-case basis.

3. The Executive Director or the Assistant Secretary Passport Client Services Branch, Australian

Passport Office DFAT, will decide on such applications on a case-by-case basis taking into account the purpose of travel, how it would be facilitated by the issue of a diplomatic passport, and possible threats to personnel or official material through the use of a non-sponsored passport.

4. The question of appropriate security vetting of individuals (for example, private sector contractors) will be determined between the Australia Passport Office and relevant Security Branches.

5. The Executive Director or the Assistant Secretary Passport Client Services Branch, Australian Passport Office DFAT, will decide on such applications on a case-by-case basis taking into account the purpose of travel and how it would be facilitated by the issue of an official passport.