



## Australian High Commission Pretoria

### **Application for Australian Citizenship by Descent**

Please include the following original documents (certified copies will not be accepted) with the completed application form 118, signed and dated by the Australian parent if the applicant is under the age of 16. Applicants 16 years of age and older must sign their own application forms.

\*Please note – any documents not in English must be accompanied by a certified translation

1/ Applicant's Full Birth Certificate; *i.e. showing the names of both parents*

2/ Evidence of the applicant's parent(s)' Australian citizenship; *i.e. full Australian birth certificate or naturalisation certificate or current Australian passport*

3/ If the applicant or Australian parent has changed his/her name, evidence of this name change, including changes from maiden to married name; *i.e. a Change of Name Certificate issued by the Register of Births, Deaths & Marriages in Australia or a Marriage Certificate*

4/ If the Australian parent acquired Australian citizenship by descent (i.e. through a parent) evidence of 2 years accrued legal residence in Australia; *e.g. entry stamps in passport, school records, employment records*

5/ Penal certificates from overseas countries are required from applicants, aged 18 years and older if, in the previous 10 years, they:

- have resided overseas since the age of 18 years or more;
- the total period was 12 months or more;
- the period in any one country was more than 3 months

6/ A passport sized photograph of the applicant which has been endorsed as per Part D “Proof of Identity” section.

**Note:** If the child is less than 6 years old and no Australian citizen has known the child for at least 12 months, the photograph may be endorsed and the declaration made by an Australian citizen or a citizen of the country of usual residence of the applicant, who has known the child for less than 12 months and who belongs to one of the listed professions or occupations

7/ The application processing fee in one of the accepted methods of payment, plus and additional service fee charged by VFS. For further information please refer to [www.vfs-au.co.za](http://www.vfs-au.co.za)

8/ For further information please check the citizenship website at [www.citizenship.gov.au](http://www.citizenship.gov.au)