



Assurance of Support

什么是 Assurances of Support

Assurance of Support 是我们与个人或机构之间的法律协议，其目的是帮助某人获得在 Australia 生活的签证。Assurance of Support 是一种承诺，即在实行 Assurance of Support 的情况下，偿还我们向签证申请人发放的任何福利金。

如果您是提供 Assurance of Support 的人，则被称为 assurer。Assurer 必须是 Australia 的居民、公民或机构。Assuree 是您为其提供担保的签证申请人。

谁需要 Assurance of Support

Department of Home Affairs 根据 assuree 的签证申请决定其是否需要 Assurance of Support。Department of Home Affairs 会考虑申请人的签证类别和个人情况。Department of Home Affairs 将以书面形式告知 assuree 是否需要 Assurance of Support 来获得签证申请的批准。

Assurance of Support 的持续时间

Assurance of Support 可以是 1 年、2 年、4 年或 10 年的协议，这取决于签证的类型。开始日期将取决于签证申请人是否在 Australia。如果签证申请人在 Australia，开始日期将是他们获批 Assurance of Support 的日期。如果没有在 Australia，Assurance of Support 的期限将从被 assuree 到达 Australia 的日期开始计算。

偿还我们支付的福利金

由于 assurer 无法支持 assuree，导致我们向 assuree 支付收入补助金，那么，assurer 可能必须向我们偿还所支付的经济支持。

Assurer 还可能需要偿还我们向 assuree's 子女支付的收入补助金。这取决于 assuree 收到的是什么类型的福利金。如有必要，我们通常会在这样做之前与 assurer 和 assuree 联系。

取消 Assurance of Support

一旦获得签证，Assurance of Support 不能取消。您需要等待，直到 Assurance of Support 期结束。

这是硬性规定，即使发生以下任何情况也是如此：

- 您的 assuree 成为了澳大利亚公民

- 你们之间的关系破裂
- 您遇到了经济困难。

可以取消担保协议的情况非常有限。我们根据具体情况来评估。

Assurer 的类型

一个人作为 assurer

如果您想作为个人 assurer 担保某人进入 Australia，则必须满足以下条件：

- 通过当前和以往财政年度的收入评估
- 是澳大利亚居民或公民
- 年满 18 岁
- 能够在经济上支持 assuree
- 向我们提供身份证明
- 如果我们要求提供银行担保，能够办理银行担保。

我们要求查看您在前一个财政年度的 Australian Taxation Office (ATO) 评估通知书，以决定您是否有足够的收入成为 assurer。这是 ATO 在评估您的报税申请后签发的通知书。

如果没有前一个财政年度的评估通知书，我们可以接受之前一个年度的评估通知书。但您还需要向我们提供本财政年度的收入证明。我们不接受报税单作为收入证明。

如果是个体经营者，则必须提交一份当前财政年度的损益表。

一个以上的人作为 assurer

如果没有足够的收入来做 assurer，则可申请成为最限度为 2 人的联合 assurer。

所有 assurers 必须提出申请，并且必须使用相同的提交方法。如果在网上申请，则必须使用与第一个申请人相同的申请识别号。

如果通过纸笔表格申请，请确保每份申请中都有 assurees 的名字，并提供联合 assurers 的所有详细信息。在每个联合 assurer 的申请中，所有 assurees 的名字必须一致。

在我们收到所有申请之前，不会开始处理联合担保申请。与联合 assurers 的面谈可以一起进行，也可以单独进行。

作为 assurers 的机构

机构要成为 assurers，必须具备以下所有条件：

- 具有 Australia 地址的真正法人或非法人机构
- 能够证明其有经济能力支持 Assurance of Support 所涵盖的个人或人群。

我们需要以下两个方面的证明：

- Australian Business Register 注册信息
- 机构最近 2 年的交易记录、纳税申报单或注册会计师的信函所显示的收入。

申请成为 assurer

个人和联合 assurers 可通过 myGov 使用 Centrelink 在线账户进行在线申请，或者填写纸笔表格。

机构不能在线申请。机构必须从我们的网站上下载并填写以下一种表格：

- 对签证申请人提供人道主义支持的 Community Support Program 表格 (SU714)

或者

- 所有其他申请的 Assurance of Support 表格 (SU594) 。

申请过程

在我们收到申请后，我们会与您面谈讨论：

- 作为 assurer 需要做什么
- 您是否能履行财务和法律义务。

银行担保和定期存款

作为 assurer，您可能需要通过 Commonwealth Bank of Australia 向我们提供银行担保。这是为了确保如果您的 assuree 从这里获得福利金时，您能够向我们偿还。

该金额取决于 assuree 申请的签证类型。

办理银行担保

在大多数情况下，我们会写信给您，要求您开设定期存款并办理银行担保。

我们的信函会告知您：

- 银行担保的期限是多长
- 办理银行担保时，您必须存入多少钱
- Assurance of Support 所涵盖的人的姓名
- 您必须完成办理银行担保的截止时间
- 提交材料的最后日期。

开设定期存款

您可以在 Commonwealth Bank of Australia 的任何一家分行开设定期存款。定期存款必须只在 assurer's 的名下，如果是联合担保，则必须在所有 assurers' 的名下。如果 assurer 是一个机构，定期存款名称应该是该机构的名称。

一旦开设了定期存款，Commonwealth Bank of Australia 就会向您签发这两份文件。

- 银行担保书的副本
- 账户确认函。

您需要将这些文件上传到您的 Centrelink 在线账户。您还需要包括一份我们要求您办理银行担保信件的副本。

当我们收到这些材料时，我们会让您知道您的申请结果。

解除银行担保

在 Assurance of Support 期限结束之前，我们不能解除银行担保。

期限结束时，我们会给您和银行发一封信。只要 assuree 没有从我们这里领取任何福利金，信中就会告知：

- 银行担保已被取消
- 银行可以向 assurer 放款。

一旦您收到这封信，您需要联系 Commonwealth Bank of Australia，让其释放资金。从您与银行联系之日起 31 天内，assurer 可以获得担保资金。

Commonwealth Bank of Australia 可将银行担保称为定期存款。Assurance of Support 的到期日与定期存款的结束日期不一样。如果您被告知您的定期存款已经到期，但您的 Assurance of Support 还没有结束，则您需要把这笔钱留在账户里，直到到期日为止。

如果产生了利息，您可以联系 Commonwealth Bank of Australia，将这笔钱转到另一个账户。

更多信息

- 请致电 **131 202**，使用中文咨询 Centrelink 福利金和服务的相关信息
- 请访问 servicesaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage 获得中文版本的文本、音频或视频信息
- 请访问 servicesaustralia.gov.au/assurance 获取更多英文信息
- 欲办理 Medicare 事宜，请致电 **132 011**；欲办理 Child Support 事宜，请致电 **131 272**。如需口译服务，请告诉我们，我们将免费为您安排口译员
- 访问服务中心。

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What is Assurances of Support

An Assurance of Support is a legal agreement between us and a person or organisation to help someone get a visa to live in Australia. It is a promise to pay back any payments we give a visa applicant, while the Assurance of Support is in place.

If you give an Assurance of Support, you are called the assurer. An assurer must be an Australian resident, citizen or organisation. The assuree is the visa applicant you support.

Who needs Assurance of Support

The Department of Home Affairs decides whether the assuree needs Assurance of Support based on their visa application. They consider the applicant's visa category and circumstances. The Department of Home Affairs will tell the assuree in writing if they need an Assurance of Support to get their visa application approved.

How long it lasts

Assurance of Support can be an agreement for 1, 2, 4 or 10 years, depending on the type of visa. The start date will depend on if the visa applicant is in Australia. If they are in Australia, the start date will be the date their Assurance of Support is granted. If not, the Assurance of Support period will start from the date the assuree arrives in Australia.

Paying back payments from us

If we pay income support to an assuree because their assurer cannot support them, the assurer may have to pay us back that financial support.

They may also have to pay back income support payments we give to the assuree's children. This depends on what payment the assuree has been paid. We usually speak to both the assurer and assuree before doing this, if appropriate.

Cancelling an Assurance of Support

Assurance of Support cannot be cancelled once the visa is granted. You need to wait until the Assurance of Support period ends.

This is the rule, even if any of the following occurs:

- your assuree becomes an Australian citizen
- your relationship with them breaks down
- you are in financial hardship.

There are very limited circumstances where an agreement can be cancelled. We assess it depending on the circumstances.

Types of assurer

One person as an assurer

If you want to be an individual assurer for someone entering Australia, you must meet the following:

- pass the income test for the current and previous financial years
- be an Australian resident or citizen
- be 18 or older
- be able to financially support the assuree
- provide us with proof of identity
- get a bank guarantee if we ask for one.

We ask to see your notice of assessment from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for the previous financial year, to decide if you have enough income to be an assurer. This is the notice the ATO gives you after they assess your tax return.

If you do not have your notice of assessment from the previous financial year, we can accept your notice of assessment for the year before that. But, you also need to give us proof of your income for the current financial year. We cannot accept your tax return as proof of income.

If you are self-employed, you must give us a profit and loss statement for the current financial year.

More than one person as an assurer

If you do not have enough income to be an assurer, you can apply to be a joint assurer with up to 2 other people.

All assurers must apply and must use the same lodgement method. If applying online, you must all use the same application identification number as the first applicant.

If applying by paper form, make sure the assurees names are on each application and all details of your joint assurers are given. All assurees names must match in each joint assurer application.

We cannot start processing joint assurance applications until we have received all the applications. Interviews with joint assurers can be done together or separately.

Organisations as assurers

For an organisation to be an assurer, it must be all of the following:

- a genuine incorporated or unincorporated organisation with an Australian address
- able to prove it has the financial capacity to support the person or people the Assurance of Support will cover.

We need proof of both of the following:

- Australian Business Register registration
- income shown by 2 years of recent trading history for the organisation, a tax return or letter from a registered accountant.

Applying to be an assurer

Individual and joint assurers can apply online using their Centrelink online account through myGov or by completing a paper form.

Organisations cannot apply online. They must download and complete one of these forms from our website:

- Community Support Program form (SU714) for humanitarian support of a visa applicant

or

- Assurance of Support form (SU594) for all other applications.

The application process

After we get your application, we interview you to discuss:

- what you need to do as an assurer
- if you can meet financial and legal obligations.

Bank guarantees and term deposits

As an assurer, you may need to give us a bank guarantee through the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. This is to make sure you can pay us back if your assuree gets a payment from us.

The amount depends on the type of visa the assuree has applied for.

Setting up a bank guarantee

In most cases, we write to you and ask you to open a term deposit and arrange a bank guarantee.

Our letter will let you know:

- how long the bank guarantee is for
- how much money you must deposit for the bank guarantee
- names of the people the Assurance of Support covers
- when you must complete the bank guarantee
- the deadline date to submit documents.

Opening a term deposit

You can open a term deposit at any Commonwealth Bank of Australia branch. The term deposit must be in the assurer's name only or in all assurers' names if you have joint assurance. If the assurer is an organisation, the term deposit name should be the name of the organisation.

Once you have opened the term deposit, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia issues you with both:

- a copy of the bank guarantee
- your account confirmation statement.

You need to upload these documents to your Centrelink online account. You also need to include a copy of our letter asking you to complete the bank guarantee.

When we get the documents, we will let you know the result of your application.

Releasing the bank guarantee

We cannot release the bank guarantee until the end of the Assurance of Support period.

At the end of the period, we will send you and the bank a letter. As long as the assuree did not get any payments from us, the letter advises that:

- the bank guarantee has been cancelled
- the bank can release the funds to the assurer.

Once you get this letter, you need to contact the Commonwealth Bank of Australia to have the funds released. The funds are available to the assurer 31 days from the date you contact the bank.

The Commonwealth Bank of Australia may refer to the bank guarantee as a term deposit. The Assurance of Support expiry date is not the same as the term deposit end date. If you are advised that your term deposit has matured but your Assurance of Support has not ended you need to keep this money in the account until the expiry date.

If interest is accrued, you can contact the Commonwealth Bank of Australia to have this amount transferred to another account.

For more information

- call **131 202** to speak with us in your language about Centrelink payments and services
- go to **servicessaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage** where you can read, listen to or watch information in your language
- go to **servicessaustralia.gov.au/assurance** for more information in English
- call **132 011** for Medicare and **131 272** for Child Support. Let us know if you need an interpreter, and we will arrange one for free
- visit a service centre.

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