

**5 THINGS YOU
MUST KNOW
BEFORE YOU APPLY
FOR AUSTRALIAN
PARTNER VISA!**

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IMPORTANT FACTS.

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1. Your relationship story

- Relationship Story is a document that shows the Department how your relationship developed from the time you first met to the committed relationship it is today.
- Your relationship story also addresses four aspects of your relationship that are necessary to evidence the genuineness of your relationship. Financial aspect, nature of your household, social aspect and level of commitment to each other.
- Your relationship story should be in the Statutory Declaration format to bear more weight to what you are stating.
- At Elevate Migration, we prepare your relationship story with you for the best chances of success to make sure it meets all Departmental requirements.

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2. Good evidence

Your relationship story will help you with your next step in your application which is your evidence.

Your evidence is core of your application. Create a list of evidence that you have for each aspect of your relationship to include into your application.

Four aspects of a relationship:

- Financial aspect - any joint purchases or ownership (major assets), joint bank account, joint liabilities (joint loans or insurances), funds transfer, major household applicant expenses that you purchased together, expensive gifts purchased for each other.
- Nature of your household - joint tenancy or home ownership documents, joint household bills, mail sent to your shared address, joint responsibility for children/pets.
- Social aspect- joint travel, joint gym membership cards, your photographs, social events attended together.

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3. Level of Commitment (the fourth aspect)

Most couples will be unsure about this aspect as it seems hard to evidence level of commitment to each other on paper.

This category will be very couple specific but generally includes the following (please note some evidence listed here will not be applicable to you).

Commitment to each other - duration of your relationship and length of living together, degree of companionship and emotional support. This aspect is mainly described in your relationship story/statutory declaration, with the following potential evidence.

- Correspondence while apart (if temporarily living apart)
- Evidence of engagement, wedding or civil partnership certificate
- Evidence of pregnancy (if relevant)
- Your wills

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4. Flowchart

The final and most important step is a flowchart that you can use to prepare your whole application like a pro.

Step 1 - Start with your statutory Declarations and send Form 888 (Witness statements) to your friends and family who can help with the witness statements

Step 2 - Work on your evidence - make a list, organise and save them

Step 3 - If your statutory declarations and witness statements are ready or nearly ready, you can start with your forms - online form and form 80. You can apply for necessary police clearances.

Step 4 - Final check - all forms drafted and approved, all documents/evidence finalised, your and your witness statements signed.

Step 5 - Lodgement. Lodge your application and upload all your evidence. Sponsorship application

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5. Accuracy

- Accuracy is key when lodging any application with the Department.
- Make sure you check your entire application for accuracy starting with all dates, names, events, locations etc.
- Accuracy and consistency demonstrates genuineness of your application.

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Contact us.

- Now you know where to start and how to prepare your application, we strongly recommend that you have our highly specialised team review it for you.
- This will ensure you have the best possible chance for the application to be successful.
- Call us for a **FREE** consultation to chat about your application and lock in a pre-lodgement assessment with our principal migration agent.
- Make this your last step before you hit the 'submit' button.