Citizenship requirements for people born after 20 August 1986

If you are applying for a security clearance and were born after 20 August 1986 you will need to provide additional documentation to prove your citizenship.

The flow chart overleaf outlines the criteria you will need to meet to have your security clearance processed.

Why the additional requirements

Whether you are an Australian citizen by birth depends on the date of your birth.

Most children born in Australia before 20 August 1986 are Australian citizens by birth unless one parent was entitled to diplomatic privileges or was a consular officer of another country.

Children born after that date are only Australian citizens if at least one parent was an Australian citizen or permanent resident at the time of their birth.

Children born in Australia to parents, who are not Australian citizens or permanent residents, automatically acquire Australian citizenship on their 10th birthday if they have lived most of their life in Australia.

If you would like further information regarding providing proof of Australian Citizenship please visit the Department of Immigration and Citizenship website page for current Australian Citizens at http://www.citizenship.gov.au/current/

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Citizenship flow chart for people born after 20 August 1986

1. Were you born in Australia?
   - No
     - Birth Certificate PLUS Certificate of Australian Citizenship
   - Yes
     - Were you born after 20 August 1986
       - No
         - Australian Birth Certificate
       - Yes
         - Australian Birth Certificate

2. An Australian Passport issued on or after 1 Jan 2000 for a period of at least two years
   OR
   Certificate of Australian Citizenship
   OR
   Certificate of evidence of Australian citizenship
   OR
   Proof of one parent's Australian citizenship at the time of your birth

3. One parent's Australian Birth Certificate
   OR
   One parent's Australian Passport
   OR
   One parent's Australian Citizenship Certificate issued before your birth
   OR
   Proof of one parent's Australian permanent residence at the time of your birth

If you cannot otherwise confirm Australian citizenship, contact the Department of Immigration and Citizenship to obtain evidence of Australian Citizenship. Contact the Citizenship Information Line on 131 880, or www.citizenship.gov.au

1 An Australian Passport that was issued to your parent, for a period of at least two years, on or after 20th August 1986 and prior to your birth.