



Commonwealth of Australia

Migration Regulations 1994

Australian Values Statement for Public Interest Criterion 4019 - 2015

(Schedule 4, Part 3, Clause 3.1)

I, *PETER DUTTON*, Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, acting under Clause 3.1 of Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the *Migration Regulations 1994* (the Regulations):

1. REVOKE Instrument number IMMI 12/081 (F2012L02214) signed on 9 November 2012 approving values statements for the purposes of applicants seeking to satisfy criteria for the grant of a visa: and
2. APPROVE the values statements set out in Schedule A to this Instrument for the purpose of applicants seeking to satisfy the criteria at time of decision for the grant of a visa of the following subclasses: 100; 101; 103; 114; 115; 116; 124; 132; 143; 151; 160; 161; 162; 163; 164; 165; 173; 186; 187; 188; 189; 190; 200; 201; 202; 203; 204; 300; 309; 476; 489; 785; 790; 800; 801; 802; 804; 814; 820; 826; 835; 836; 838; 852; 858; 864; 866; 884; 887; 888; 890; 891; 892; or 893; and
3. APPROVE the values statements set out in Schedule B to this Instrument for the purpose of applicants seeking to satisfy the criteria at the time of decision for the grant of a visa of the following subclasses: 401; 402; 403; 405; 410; 411; 415; 416; 417; 418; 419; 420; 421; 422; 423; 426; 427; 428; 442; 445; 457; 461; 462; 470; 485; 570; 571; 572; 573; 574; 575; 576; 580; or 787.

This Instrument IMMI, 15/065, commences on **1 July 2015**.

Dated 29 May 2015

Peter Dutton

Minster for Immigration and Border Protection

Schedule A

Australian Values Statement

I confirm that I have read, or had explained to me, information provided by the Australian Government on Australian society and values.

I understand:

- *Australian society values respect for the freedom and dignity of the individual, freedom of religion, commitment to the rule of law, parliamentary democracy, equality of men and women and a spirit of egalitarianism that embraces mutual respect, tolerance, fair play and compassion for those in need and pursuit of the public good;*
- *Australian society values equality of opportunity for individuals, regardless of their race, religion or ethnic background;*
- *the English language, as the national language, is an important unifying element of Australian society.*

*I undertake to respect these values of Australian society **during my stay in Australia** and to obey the laws of Australia.*

I understand that, if I should seek to become an Australian citizen:

- *Australian citizenship is a shared identity, a common bond which unites all Australians while respecting their diversity;*
- *Australian citizenship involves reciprocal rights and responsibilities. The responsibilities of Australian citizenship include obeying Australian laws, including those relating to voting at elections and serving on a jury.*

If I meet the legal qualifications for becoming an Australian citizen and my application is approved I understand that I would have to pledge my loyalty to Australia and its people.

Schedule B

Values Statement

I will respect Australian values during my stay in Australia and will obey the laws of Australia.

This statement must be accompanied by information available to the applicant, including on paper application forms and electronic application forms, which provides that for the purposes of this statement:

Australian values include respect for the freedom and dignity of the individual, freedom of religion, commitment to the rule of law, parliamentary democracy, equality of men and women and a spirit of egalitarianism that embraces mutual respect, tolerance, fair play and compassion for those in need and pursuit of the public good.

Australian society also values equality of opportunity for individuals, regardless of their race, religion or ethnic background.

It is also important to understand that English is the national language.

Explanatory Statement

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(Schedule 4, Part 3, Clause 3.1)

1. This Instrument is made under Clause 3.1 of Part 3 to Schedule 4 of the *Migration Regulations 1994* (the Regulations).
2. The Instrument revokes Instrument, IMMI 12/081 (F2012L02214), signed on 9 November 2012, under sub section 33(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.
3. The purpose of the Instrument is to specify the wording of a statement that an applicant must sign to meet the requirements of public interest criterion 4019. Amendments were made to remove repealed visa subclasses, transfer a visa subclass from permanent to temporary list and include a visa subclass. This amendment applies to all applicants including those whose applications have been made but not finally determined.
4. The Instrument operates to specify, for each visa subclass, the required wording of the values statement. This includes specifying which visa subclasses require a statement that includes provisions relating to matters concerning Australian citizenship.
5. Pursuant to section 18(1) of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* consultation was not necessary as the Instrument is of a minor or machinery nature and does not substantially alter existing arrangements.
6. The Office of Best Practice Regulation advised that a Regulatory Impact Statement is not required. (OBPR reference 18685)
7. Under section 44 of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* the Instrument is exempt from disallowance and therefore a Human Rights Statement of Compatibility is not required.
8. This Instrument, IMMI 15/065, commences on **1 July 2015**.