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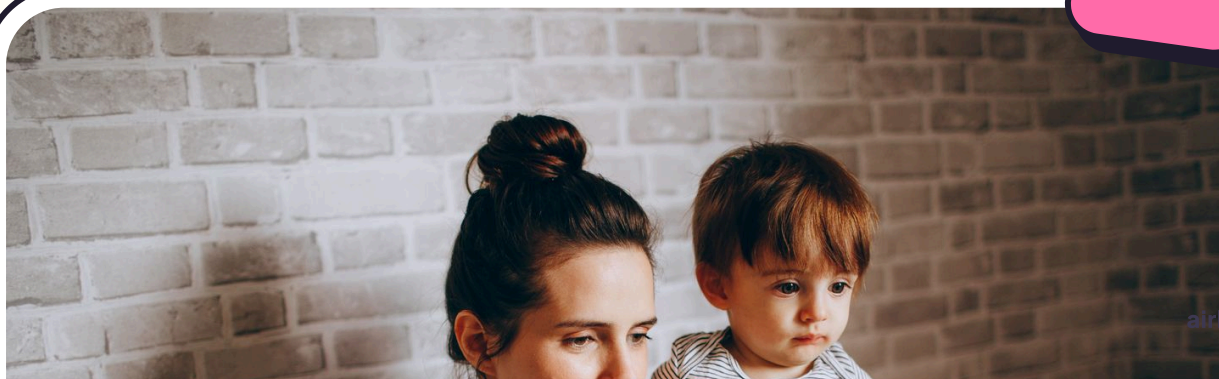
Document list for babies born in Australia before returning to China

Birth Registration, Proof of Citizenship, Child Passport and DFAT Apostille

Don't ask "Do you want to apply for citizenship" or "Do you want The Hague" right away? First confirm who wants to see which document, and then determine whether the child is an Australian citizen.

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Families whose baby was born in Australia and are preparing to apply for identity or bring Australian documents to China for use



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The first question is not “Do you want The Hague?”, but “Who wants what?”

First, obtain a written checklist from the actual receiving authority in China:

- What to do and in which city/institution;
- Do you want birth certificate, citizenship certificate, passport copy or other documents;
- Do you want original, certified copy or electronic copy?
- Whether DFAT Apostille is required;
- Whether Chinese translation is required and who can translate;
- Is there any expiration date for documents or certifications?
- Whether the parents' marriage certificate, identity, consent form or other materials for the child are needed at the same time.

Different uses cannot be compared to each other. Materials used by others for household registration, visa, school or bank does not mean that your receiving agency will also accept them.

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Separate six things

File/Action	What is solved	What is not equal to
Birth registration	State/territory registration of birth	Obtained official certificate
Official birth certificate	Proves birth and parent details	Automatically proves all citizenship situations
Citizenship status	Determine whether the child is already a citizen	citizenship application
Evidence of citizenship	Obtain official proof of citizenship	child passport
Child passport	International travel documents	China visa/travel certificate/household registration decision
DFAT Apostille	Prove the source of the Australian public document signature	Prove that the content, nationality or purpose of the document is approved

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Birth registration completed first

Birth registration is handled by the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages of the state/territory where the baby is born. The birth notification from the hospital does not mean that the parents have completed the registration.

Take Queensland as an example: parents should register within **60 days** of birth; registration is free and the official birth certificate is another step and can be ordered together with registration. Interstate families should use the RBDM of the state of birth and do not use the Queensland form.

Preserve: Submission receipts, identity verification of both parties, name spelling, place/date of birth, certificate order and mailing records. Check the spelling of commonly used names in Chinese and English verbatim before formal submission. Correction of errors will increase time and cost.

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Whether the child is an Australian citizen: first look at the identity of the parents at birth

The basic boundary for Home Affairs is: a child is a citizen by birth if at least one parent is an **Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident** at the time the child is born in Australia.

But don't treat every situation accordingly. New Zealand citizens/SCV, changes in parental status, records at birth, long-term residence to obtain citizenship, diplomatic status or other complex situations must go through the formal verification route of Home Affairs.

Three actions that are often confused

1. **The child is already a citizen and only needs proof:** You may apply for Evidence of Australian citizenship, or prove citizenship based on a combination accepted by the Passport Office. 2. **The child is not an automatic citizen and is ready to apply to become a citizen:** Use the child/conferral path in Home Affairs and check the eligibility. 3. **Children born outside Australia to parents who were Australian citizens at the time:** It may be citizenship by descent. This is another path. Do not follow the Australian-born decision in this guide.

If you are unsure, first check with [Confirming Australian citizenship](#) ↗ and [Get a citizenship certificate](#) ↗ before paying to apply.

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Document chain for applying for Child Passport

Australian Passport Office current requirements generally include:

- child full original birth certificate, showing parents and full birth name;
- documents proving Australian citizenship;
- Passport photos that meet the requirements;

-guarantor;

- parental consent/parental responsibility materials;
- name change or court orders (if applicable).

First confirm whether the citizenship evidence is sufficient before submitting the passport. Apostille is not a replacement for child passport, nor does it allow non-citizens to automatically obtain an Australian passport.

When will it be DFAT Apostille's turn?

Note from the Chinese Embassy in Australia: Starting from **2023-11-07**, the Apostille Convention applies between China and Australia; public documents that are properly issued in Australia within the scope of the Convention can be issued Apostille by the Australian competent authority and then sent to mainland China for use. The previous consular authentication chain between Australia and the Chinese embassy and consulates is no longer required.

In Australia, DFAT provides document legalization through Australian Passport Offices. Apostille proves the authenticity of the official signature, signer's identity and seal/stamp on the document.

Apostille does not:

- Determine the child's nationality;
- Turn commemorative certificate into official identity document;
- Replace passport, visa, travel document or household registration materials;
- Ensure that any receiving authority in China accepts the document content or translation;
- Fixed bug on birth certificate.

Therefore, the order is: **Receiving agency checklist → Obtain the correct official document → Correct errors → Confirm Apostille requirements → DFAT processing → Translate/submit as required by the receiving agency.**

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A family document list

Documenta tion	Obtained	Name/Date Check	Who Requested	Apostille/Tr anslation	Submission Deadline
Official birth certificate					
Parent citizenship/ PR evidence at birth					
Child citizenship evidence					
Child passport					
Parent marriage/id entity documents					
Receiving- authority checklist					

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The six most common mistakes

- Treat hospital birth notification as birth registration;
- Only buy a commemorative certificate, but use it for identity matter;
- Apply for citizenship directly after seeing "born in Australia" without first determining whether it has been obtained;
- birth certificate, citizenship evidence and passport are used interchangeably;
- Apostille all documents without asking the receiving authority;
- Use parent group experience to determine Chinese nationality, household registration, travel permit or visa.

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Official entry point

- [Queensland register a birth ↗](#)
- [Home Affairs: Confirming Australian citizenship ↗](#)
- [Home Affairs: Get citizenship evidence ↗](#)
- [Australian Passport Office: Child passport ↗](#)
- [DFAT: Apostilles and Authentications ↗](#)
- [Chinese Embassy: Apostille Convention notice ↗](#)

About Airbotix Family Guides

Airbotix only organizes public information and does not represent citizenship, passport, Apostille, Chinese visa/travel certificate or household registration. For government applications after birth, you can check the "Australian New Mothers Government Application Quick Check"; before entering day care, continue to check the vaccine/AIR and CCS guidelines.

Related guides to keep reading

If you are reading the PDF on paper, these are full URLs you can type into a browser.

- 澳洲出生宝宝回中国前文件清单:
<https://airbotix.ai/resources/australia-born-baby-china-documents/> ↗
- Gold Coast free and low-cost childcare resource map for 0–3 years old: <https://airbotix.ai/resources/gold-coast-0-3-free-family-resources-en/> ↗
- Queensland / Brisbane New School Family Government Resource Application Quick Check:
<https://airbotix.ai/resources/queensland-newborn-family-government-services-en/> ↗
- How to enter the Obstetrics Department of Queensland Public Hospital after pregnancy:
<https://airbotix.ai/resources/queensland-public-maternity-pathway-en/> ↗
- Quick check on childcare and CCS application for families aged 1–3 in Australia: <https://airbotix.ai/resources/australia-childcare-ccs-1-3-guide-en/> ↗
- Australian Government Application Quick Check for Newborn Mothers: <https://airbotix.ai/resources/australia-newborn-mum-government-applications-en/> ↗
- All Airbotix Family Resources: <https://airbotix.ai/resources/> ↗

Use the original government, school or provider pages for final dates, fees and eligibility. These guides are cross-references to help you compare nearby decisions, not a replacement for source checking.

NEXT STEP

For identity questions, please contact the official. For document usage, please ask the receiving agency.

This guide does not judge Chinese nationality, household registration, travel documents or visas; please contact Home Affairs and the specific Chinese receiving authority for individual cases.

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Home Affairs citizenship evidence

First check whether your child is an Australian citizen and what evidence is required.



[Department of Home Affairs](#) ↗