



# **DIY - Partner Visa Package**

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You will find below an outline and instructions on how you and your partner should prepare your **individual** relationship statements. Your Statement should be approximately 2-4 pages in length.

You and your partner are both **individually** required to supply a **signed and witnessed statement** of the history of your relationship in terms of the following:

- How, when and where you first met and the common interests you share, how your relationship developed, dating history and activities/hobbies you share (include dates, names, places and significant events)
- Include information that is evidence of a genuine and continuing relationship such as shared financial commitments, period/dates living together, when your de facto relationship began, travels together, future planned travels, outline the time spent with respective friends, family and children, details of contact between you and your partner during any time apart
- Detailed description of the nature of your relationship, including social activities in which you have participated, domestic arrangements (how you support each other financially, physically and emotionally and when this level of commitment began), sharing of housework, joint responsibility for children if relevant, sharing of payment for mortgage or rent, joint responsibility for bills such as utilities (gas, electricity, telephone etc) any periods of separation (when and why the separation occurred, for how long and how you maintained or plan to maintain your relationship during the period of separation)
- Any Joint membership of organisations or sports activities completed together
- Acquisition of children or children-in-law, children-in-law, such as stepchildren, etc.

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## **Guideline 7** - Plans and aspirations within your relationship

What kind of plans do you have with your partner? Are you going to raise a family, if so how many children would you like? Do you want your own home, are you going to get married? What does the future look like for you and your partner?

## **Guideline 8 (optional)** - Prospective Marriage Visa

If you are going to apply for a prospective marriage visa, you should talk about your plans around getting married. Do you have any wedding plans, are you going to have an engagement party, have you posted on social media about your engagement?

## **Guideline 9** - Conclusion

Reiterate some of your previous statements and try to keep it short and sweet. Think, a summary of all the main points from the previous paragraphs. Your statement should end with a heartfelt and genuine statement about how you feel about your partner and what they mean to you.

## **Guideline 10**

Type your full name, sign and date the document.  
Make sure you have your statement signed and witnessed

## Things to watch out for:

Now that you have the guidelines for the structure of your statement, try to

## Nature of your Household: Who does what, how do you share household chores/cleaning?



As it is likely you will not have documentation to prove this, this aspect of your relationship statement is quite important.

**Sample:** My Partner and I share the various chores in our household according to what we prefer to do or what either one of us are best at. My partner is usually the one to do the dishes while I usually do the vacuuming. I change the bedding while my partner does most of the laundry.

When it comes to grocery shopping, that's something we do together most of the time as we decide on what we will have to get for the upcoming week. We usually do the grocery shopping together or if one of us is working, and we need things, whoever is available will do the shopping. We enjoy trying to cook new meals so we buy various ingredients together for new meals that we plan to make.

We both share the rent for our apartment by transferring funds from our account to the real estate agent. Please see our lease agreement and rent ledger that names both my partner and I.

My partner had a cat before we started our relationship and we recently adopted a dog together named xxx. We share the responsibilities for feeding, walking and paying the various vet bills. We usually take turns in walking our beloved dog or we walk the dog together and find this a really great time to connect and debrief with each other after work.

## Financial Aspects: Details of any shared financial and other responsibilities you both hold on