



Timpson Immigration Lawyers – ‘The process after submission’

Step 1. Prepare and submit your application for Australian Citizenship, either online or paper based.

Next steps

Unfortunately you will need to wait for the Department of Home Affairs to contact you. Processing time is currently taking between 13 – 24 months so please be patient.

The Department of Home Affairs may come back to you requesting further information.

The Department of Home Affairs will ask you to attend an interview. You must take with you all of your original documents that you provided as evidence with your application. If you have applied online, take along your Identity Declaration form as well.

The Department of Home Affairs will identify you and invite you to take the citizenship test. This is done online on a computer or device that they provide. You will be provided with the results at the completion of the test.

You will then be notified by the Department of Home Affairs or your local Council where and when you are to attend the Australian Citizenship Ceremony. It is not until you attend this ceremony and taken the pledge of commitment that you are an Australian Citizen.

For more details on the ceremony and the citizenship test please see the [australian-citizenship-ceremonies-code](#) document provided in step 5 of our citizenship kit, online at the Department of Home Affairs, or [click here](#) for a few practice tests.