



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PROCESSED 19 Aug 2025
Registry of Members' Interests

To the Registrar of Members' Interests

**Statement of Member's qualifications relating to
sections 44 and 45 of the Constitution
48th Parliament**

FAMILY NAME	Soon		
GIVEN NAMES	Xian-Zhi		
ELECTORAL DIVISION	Banks	STATE	NSW

Attestation under paragraph (5) of the resolution adopted on 4 April 2019

The material I provided to the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) in respect of my last nomination for election, in accordance with Part XIV of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, is complete and accurate.

☒ Yes

☐ No

Supplementary material

If you have marked 'no' or wish to provide supplementary material to augment, explain or correct information provided to the AEC, please separately complete the form 'Supplementary material regarding Member's qualifications relating to sections 44 and 45 of the Constitution'.

Signed: _____

Date: 19/08/2025

Notes

1. The requirement to make this statement is contained in a resolution adopted by the House of Representatives on 4 April 2019.
2. Signed statements should be emailed to Members.Interests.Reps@aph.gov.au.

QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST

Relating to your eligibility under Section 44 of the Australian Constitution

Candidate's name

XIAN-ZHI SOON

Please fill out this checklist.

Be aware that completing this checklist does not guarantee that you are eligible to be elected under section 44 of the Australian Constitution or under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*.

If you have any doubts about your eligibility, you should seek independent legal advice.

If you provide information in this checklist that you know is false or misleading, you may commit an offence against the *Criminal Code* with a maximum penalty of imprisonment for 12 months, \$12,600 or both.

You must answer every question in the checklist that has check boxes by marking one, and only one, of the boxes provided. Your nomination will be rejected if you do not mark any of the boxes, or if you mark more than one of the boxes, provided for any of these questions.

Please provide supporting documentation as appropriate. You may provide additional documents if you are unable to fit all your responses in this checklist.

Note: If you answer 'yes' in question 10 then you **must provide at least one document** in response to question 10a.

You should not include information in this checklist, or in any additional documents you provide, that is inappropriate in any way. If you do, the information may be redacted by the Electoral Commissioner and not published on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.

You may choose to redact information (for example, your own or another person's personal information) from additional documents before providing them. Redactions must be in accordance with any directions of the Electoral Commissioner.

The candidate statement and declaration that you have made elsewhere in this nomination also relate to your eligibility to be elected. In that statement and declaration:

- (a) you have declared that you are qualified under the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth to be elected as a Senator or member of the House of Representatives; and
- (b) you have stated that you are an Australian citizen.

Questions marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory

1. Do you know the place of birth of each of your parents and grandparents (whether biological or adoptive)? *

☒ YES
☐ NO

- 1a. Please provide any relevant details (for example, why you do not know the place of birth of a parent or grandparent):

Other relevant details relating to your knowledge of your parents' and grandparents' places of birth

[Please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any details provided in response to question 1a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST

Relating to your eligibility under Section 44 of the Australian Constitution

2. Do you have a parent or grandparent that you know was born in another country? This may be a biological or adoptive parent or grandparent. *

(If you do not know any of your parents' or grandparents' places of birth, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

- 2a. If 'yes', please provide the following details, to the extent known:

Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	MOTHER	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	FATHER
Place of Birth	MALAYSIA	Place of Birth	MALAYSIA
Date of Birth	/1952	Date of Birth	/1955
Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	MATERNAL GRANDFATHER	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER
Place of Birth	CHINA	Place of Birth	MALAYSIA
Date of Birth	/ /1925	Date of Birth	/ /1927
Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	PATERNAL GRANDFATHER	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER
Place of Birth	MALAYSIA	Place of Birth	MALAYSIA
Date of Birth	/ /1919	Date of Birth	/ /1923

- 2b. Please provide any other relevant details:

Other relevant details relating to your parents' and grandparents' places and dates of birth

[Please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any details provided in response to questions 2a and 2b. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST

Relating to your eligibility under Section 44 of the Australian Constitution

3. Have you provided details in question 2a in relation to each parent and grandparent that you know was born in another country?*
- (If you do not know any of your parents' or grandparents' places of birth, please mark the 'N/A' box.)
- ☒ YES
☐ NO
☐ N/A

3a. If 'no', please explain why you have not provided those details:

Explanation of why you have not provided details relating to each parent and grandparent that you know was born in another country

4. Do you know which citizenships have been held by each of your parents and grandparents (whether biological or adoptive)?*
- ☒ YES
☐ NO

4a. Please provide any relevant details (for example, why you do not know the citizenships held at a particular time by a particular parent or grandparent):

Other relevant details relating to your knowledge of your parents' and grandparents' citizenships

[Please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any details provided in response to question 4a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST

Relating to your eligibility under Section 44 of the Australian Constitution

5. Do you have a parent or grandparent that you know acquired citizenship of another country by descent, naturalisation or other means? This may be a biological or adoptive parent or grandparent. *

☒ YES
☐ NO
☐ N/A

(If you do not know any of your parents' or grandparents' citizenship, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

- 5a. If 'yes', please provide the following details, to the extent known:

Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	MOTHER	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	FATHER
Country of foreign citizenship	MALAYSIA	Country of foreign citizenship	MALAYSIA
Period foreign citizenship held		Period foreign citizenship held	
Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	MATERNAL GRANDFATHER	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER
Country of foreign citizenship	MALAYSIA	Country of foreign citizenship	MALAYSIA
Period foreign citizenship held		Period foreign citizenship held	
Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	PATERNAL GRANDFATHER	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER
Country of foreign citizenship	MALAYSIA	Country of foreign citizenship	MALAYSIA
Period foreign citizenship held		Period foreign citizenship held	

- 5b. Please provide any other relevant details:

Other relevant details relating to your parents' and grandparents' foreign citizenships

As my maternal grandfather was born in China, he may have held Chinese Citizenship. Even if he was a Chinese citizen at some point, it is my understanding that China does not allow dual citizenship and so he would have lost it upon becoming Malaysian.

[Please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any details provided in response to questions 5a and 5b. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST

Relating to your eligibility under Section 44 of the Australian Constitution

6. Have you provided details in question 5a in relation to each parent and grandparent that you know acquired citizenship of another country by descent, naturalisation or other means? *

(If you do not know any of your parents' or grandparents' citizenship, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

- 6a. If 'no', please explain why you have not provided those details:

Explanation of why you have not provided details relating to each parent and grandparent that you know acquired citizenship of another country

7. Do you know which citizenships have been held by each of your current and former spouses and similar partners? *

(If you do not have a current or former spouse or similar partner, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

- 7a. Please provide any relevant details (for example, why you do not know the particular citizenships held at a particular time by a current or former spouse or similar partner):

Other relevant details relating to your knowledge of the citizenships of your current and former spouses and similar partners

[Please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any details provided in response to question 7a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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Relating to your eligibility under Section 44 of the Australian Constitution

8. Do you have a current or former spouse or similar partner who you know is or was a citizen of another country?*
- (If you do not have a current or former spouse or similar partner, or you do not know the citizenship of any of your current or former spouses or similar partners, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

- 8a. If 'yes', please provide the following details, to the extent known:

Relationship to you
(e.g. wife or former de facto partner)

Country of foreign citizenship

Was foreign citizenship held at the time
of marriage (if applicable)?

Relationship to you
(e.g. wife or former de facto partner)

Country of foreign citizenship

Was foreign citizenship held at the time
of marriage (if applicable)?

- 8b. Please provide any other relevant details (for example, whether you acquired foreign citizenship because of a spouse's foreign citizenship):

Other relevant details relating to your current or former spouse's or similar partner's foreign citizenship

[Please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any details provided in response to questions 8a and 8b. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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Relating to your eligibility under Section 44 of the Australian Constitution

9. Have you provided details in question 8a in relation to each current or former spouse or similar partner that you know is or was a citizen of another country? *

(If you do not have a current or former spouse or similar partner, or you do not know the citizenship of any of your current or former spouses or similar partners, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

- 9a. If 'no', please explain why you have not provided those details:

Explanation of why you have not provided details relating to each current or former spouse or similar partner that you know is or was a citizen of another country

10. Have you ever been a subject or citizen of any country other than Australia? *

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	UNKNOWN

- 10a. If 'yes', please provide the following details, to the extent known:

Country of foreign citizenship	MALAYSIA
Manner in which foreign citizenship was lost (if applicable)	FORMALLY RENOUNCED
Date of losing foreign citizenship (if applicable)	17 / 03 / 2021

* [If you contend that you have renounced or lost your foreign citizenship, you **must provide at least one document** that you are satisfied supports your contention. (The document may be an official document, or if you have no official document, a statutory declaration.) This will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

- 10b. Please provide any other relevant details (for example, how you lost your foreign citizenship, or why the response to question 10 is unknown):

Other relevant details relating to the loss of your foreign citizenship

I formally renounced my Malaysian Citizenship on 17 March 2021. I became an Australian citizen on 26 January 2007.

[In addition to the requirement to provide at least one document mentioned under question 10a, please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any other details provided in response to questions 10a and 10b. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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11. Are you now a subject or citizen of any country other than Australia? *

☐ YES
☒ NO
☐ UNKNOWN

11a. If 'yes', please provide the following details, to the extent known:

Country of foreign
citizenship

Date of acquiring
foreign citizenship / /

Country of foreign
citizenship

Date of acquiring
foreign citizenship / /

11b. Please provide any other relevant details (for example, why you are prevented from renouncing your foreign citizenship, or why the response to question 11 is unknown):

Other relevant details relating to possible disqualification by reason of section 44(i) of the Australian Constitution

[Please provide particulars of, and documents related to, any details provided in your response to questions 11a and 11b. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

12. Are you under sentence or subject to be sentenced, for an offence for which you have been convicted, which is punishable by imprisonment for one year or longer? *

☐ YES
☒ NO

NOTE: A person convicted of an offence with a maximum penalty of imprisonment for one year or longer may be disqualified even if the sentence imposed on the person for the offence is less than the maximum penalty.

12a. If 'yes', please provide any relevant details:

Relevant details relating to possible disqualification by reason of section 44(ii) of the Australian Constitution

[Please provide particulars of, and documents related to, any details provided in your response to question 12a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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Relating to your eligibility under Section 44 of the Australian Constitution

13. Are you an undischarged bankrupt or insolvent?*

☐ YES
☒ NO

13a. If 'yes', please provide any relevant details:

Relevant details relating to possible disqualification by reason of section 44(iii) of the Australian Constitution

[Please provide particulars of, and documents related to, any details provided in your response to question 13a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

14. Do you hold an office of profit under the Crown, other than an office expressly exempt from section 44(iv) of the Australian Constitution?*

(Offices of profit under the Crown include, for example, many public sector jobs in Australia.)

☐ YES
☒ NO
☐ UNKNOWN

14a. Please provide any relevant details, to the extent known (for example, the relevant body in which you hold the office of profit and your role, or why the response to question 14 is unknown):

Relevant details relating to possible disqualification by reason of section 44(iv) of the Australian Constitution

[Please provide particulars of, and documents related to, any details provided in your response to question 14a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST

Relating to your eligibility under Section 44 of the Australian Constitution

15. Do you have a direct or indirect financial interest in any contract or other agreement with the Commonwealth public service?*

☐ YES
☒ NO
☐ UNKNOWN

Do not count an interest that is expressly excluded from section 44(v) of the Australian Constitution, such as a shareholding in a company that has 25 or more other shareholders.

NOTE: Section 44(v) may disqualify you even if you are not a party to the relevant contract or agreement. A disqualifying financial interest may arise, for example, from an agreement between the Commonwealth public service and a trustee of a family trust of which you are a beneficiary.

- 15a. Please provide any relevant details, to the extent known (for example, your direct or indirect financial interests, or why the response to question 15 is unknown):

Relevant details relating to possible disqualification by reason of section 44(v) of the Australian Constitution

[Please provide particulars of, and documents related to, any details provided in your response to question 15a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

16. Please provide any additional details relating to your qualification under the Australian Constitution or the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*:

[Please provide particulars of, and documents related to, any details provided in your response to question 16. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

I confirm the information in the checklist provided above, and any additional information provided in support of my statements, to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of candidate

Date

02 / 04 / 2025



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Ruj. Kami: JPN:WN:163/6/3104/0005617
Tarikh: 17/03/2021

SOON XIAN-ZHI



Tuan / Puan,

**PEMBERITAHUAN KUTIPAN AKUAN PELEPASAN TARAF KEWARGANEGARAAN
MALAYSIA DI BAWAH PERKARA 23 PERLEMBAGAAN PERSEKUTUAN**

NAMA : SOON XIAN-ZHI

NO.PERMOHONAN : [REDACTED]

NO.KAD PENGENALAN : [REDACTED]

Dengan hormatnya saya diarah merujuk perkara di atas.

2. Sukacita dimaklumkan bahawa Akuan Pelepasan Taraf Kewarganegaraan tuan/puan telah didaftarkan mengikut nombor Akuan 0000221203 bertarikh 17/03/2021. Oleh yang demikian tuan/puan telah terhenti menjadi warganegara Malaysia berkuatkuasa pada tarikh tersebut. Sila tuan/puan hadir ke:-

PESURUHJAYA TINGGI MALAYSIA CANBERRA AUSTRALIA

pada waktu pejabat untuk mengambil Akuan Pelepasan Taraf Kewarganegaraan dan sijil/dokumen tuan/puan dengan membawa bersama surat/dokumen seperti berikut:-

- 2.1 Resit Penerimaan/Permohonan (WN.DOC7);
- 2.2 Resit Bayaran Permohonan;
- 2.3 Kad Pengenalan tuan/puan; dan
- 2.4 Surat ini.

Sekian, terima kasih.

'BERKHIDMAT UNTUK NEGARA'

Saya yang menjalankan amanah,

SHIMATON BINTI HASHIM

b.p. Ketua Pengarah Pendaftaran Negara,
Malaysia

RAKYAT DIHATI JPN





NATIONAL REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF MALAYSIA
No. 20, Persiaran Perdana, Precinct 2
The Federal Government Administrative Centre
62551 THE FEDERAL TERRITORY PUTRAJAYA
MALAYSIA

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Your Ref.:
Our Ref.: JPN:WN:163/6/3104/0005617
Dated: 17/03/2021

SOON XIAN-ZHI



Sir / Madam,

**COLLECTION NOTIFICATION MALAYSIAN CITIZENSHIP RENUNCIATION DECLARATION
UNDER ARTICLE 23 OF THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION**

NAME : SOON XIAN-ZHI
APPLICATION NO. :
IDENTITY CARD NO. :

I have been respectfully instructed to refer to the matter above.

2. We are pleased to inform you that your Citizenship Renunciation Declaration has been registered under Declaration number 0000221203 dated 17/03/2021. As such you have ceased being a Malaysian citizen effective from that date. Please present yourself to:-

The High Commission of Malaysia Canberra Australia

during office hours to obtain your Citizenship Renunciation Declaration and your certificates/documents by bringing along the following certificates/documents:-

- 2.1 Acceptance/Application Receipt
- 2.2 Application Payment Receipt;
- 2.3 Your Identity Card; and
- 2.4 This letter.

Thank you.

“SERVING THE NATION”

Yours Obediently,
[Signature]
Shimatun daughter of Hashim
on behalf of the Director-General for National Registration
Malaysia.

Soon Xian-Zhi : Malaysian Renunciation of Citizenship Notification Letter [obverse only, reverse blank]



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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Australian Citizenship Act 1948

Certificate of Australian Citizenship

XIAN-ZHI SOON

born on 4th December 1985

having applied for a Certificate of Australian Citizenship, having satisfied the conditions prescribed by the Australian Citizenship Act 1948 for the grant of such a Certificate and having undertaken to fulfil the responsibilities of a citizen,

*I, the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs,
grant this Certificate of Australian Citizenship to the abovenamed applicant who is
an Australian citizen on and after 26th January 2007.*

*Issued by the authority
of the Minister
for Immigration and
Multicultural Affairs*



**MINISTER
FOR IMMIGRATION AND
MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS**

No. [REDACTED]

MAYOR OF BLANKSTOWN