



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REGISTRY OF

29 JUL 2019

MEMBERS' INTERESTS

To the Registrar of Members' Interests

**Statement of Member's qualifications relating to
sections 44 and 45 of the Constitution
46th Parliament**

FAMILY NAME	FLETCHER		
GIVEN NAMES	PAUL WILLIAM		
ELECTORAL DIVISION	BRADFIELD	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: _____

26/7/19

Notes

1. The requirement to make this statement is contained in a resolution adopted by the House of Representatives on 4 April 2019.
2. Forward the original, signed copy of all pages of this statement to the Registrar of Members' Interests, RG.39 Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600.

QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST

Relating to your eligibility under Section 44 of the Australian Constitution

Candidate's name

PAUL WILLIAM FLETCHER

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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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	WILTSHIRE, BRITAIN	Place of Birth	WILTSHIRE, BRITAIN
Date of Birth	01 / 01 / 1945	Date of Birth	28 / 02 / 1944
Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	MATERNAL GRANDFATHER
Place of Birth	WILTSHIRE, BRITAIN	Place of Birth	WILTSHIRE, BRITAIN
Date of Birth	05 / 10 / 1906	Date of Birth	23 / 06 / 1899
Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	PATERNAL GRANDFATHER
Place of Birth	WILTSHIRE, BRITAIN	Place of Birth	WILTSHIRE, BRITAIN
Date of Birth	12 / 05 / 1916	Date of Birth	07 / 01 / 1908

- 2b. Please provide any other relevant details:

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

ATTACHMENT 1 CONTAINS A STATEMENT IN RELATION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE 45TH PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA. THIS DOCUMENT LISTS IN FULL THE BIRTHPLACES OF EACH OF MY PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS.

[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.)
- | | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | YES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | NO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 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)?*
- | | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | YES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 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	UNITED KINGDOM	Country of foreign citizenship	UNITED KINGDOM
Period foreign citizenship held	1945 - PRESENT	Period foreign citizenship held	1944 - 2016
Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER
Country of foreign citizenship	UNITED KINGDOM	Country of foreign citizenship	UNITED KINGDOM
Period foreign citizenship held	1906 - 1999	Period foreign citizenship held	1899 - 1975
Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	PATERNAL GRANDFATHER
Country of foreign citizenship	UNITED KINGDOM	Country of foreign citizenship	UNITED KINGDOM
Period foreign citizenship held	1916 - 2013	Period foreign citizenship held	1908 - 1987

5b. Please provide any other relevant details:

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

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[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.]

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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | YES |
| <input 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) **WIFE**

Country of foreign citizenship **ITALY**

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

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

Attachment 2 is a copy of a document on the website of the Italian Consul-General in Sydney, setting out the Italian legal requirements for naturalisation through marriage to an Italian citizen. Marriages that took place after 27 April 1983 do not entitle a non-citizen to automatic Italian citizenship through their spouse (Note particularly the answer to the fifth question in the "FAQ" section: "If you were married after the said date [27 April 1983], then you are not eligible for [Italian] citizenship automatically"). Spouses of Italian citizens are required to apply in order to be eligible for citizenship. My marriage occurred after this date, and I have never applied for Italian citizenship by marriage.

[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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QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST

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 **UNITED KINGDOM**

Manner in which foreign citizenship was lost (if applicable) **RENOUNCED BRITISH CITIZENSHIP**

Date of losing foreign citizenship (if applicable) **10 / 11 / 2009**

* [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 RENOUNCED MY BRITISH CITIZENSHIP IN 2009. ATTACHMENT 3 IS A COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION, CONFIRMING MY RENUNCIATION OF BRITISH CITIZENSHIP.

[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?*

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	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.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	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?*

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

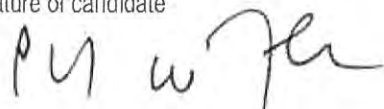
[Please provide particulars of, and documents related to, any details provided in your response to question 15a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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.

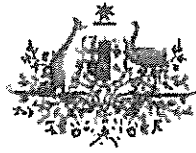
Signature of candidate



Date

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Attachment 1 to
Nomination Form of
Paul William Fletcher



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House of Representatives

05 DEC 2017

To the Registrar of Members' Interests,

Citizenship Register

Statement in relation to citizenship – 45th Parliament

I declare that at the time I nominated for election in this 45th Parliament I was an Australian citizen.

Section 1—Member's details

Surname	Other Names
FLETCHER	Paul William
Electorate	State
Bradfield	NSW

Section 2—Member's birth and citizenship details

Place of birth	Citizenship held at birth
Devizes, Wiltshire, Britain	British
Date of birth	Date of Australian naturalisation <i>(if not an Australian citizen by birth)</i>
16 / 01 / 1965 Day Month Year	30 / 10 / 1991 Day Month Year

Notes

- (1) The information which you are required to provide is contained in a resolution agreed to by the House of Representatives on 4 December 2017
- (2) If there is insufficient space on this form for the information you are required to provide, you may attach additional pages for that purpose. An electronic version of this form is available at <http://www.members.parl.nsw/citizenship> (internal link)
- (3) Forward the original, signed copy of all pages of this statement to the Registrar of Members' Interests, RG 39 Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600

Section 3(a)—Member's parents' birth details

	Mother	Father
Place of birth:	Devizes, Wiltshire, Britain	Hindon, Wiltshire, Britain
Date of birth:	2 / 01 / 1945 <small>Day Month Year</small>	28 / 02 / 1944 <small>Day Month Year</small>

Section 3(b)—Member's grandparents' birth details

	Maternal grandmother	Maternal grandfather
Place of birth:	Barford St Martin, Wiltshire, Britain	Erlestoke, Wiltshire, Britain
Date of birth:	5 / 10 / 1906 <small>Day Month Year</small>	23 / 06 / 1899 <small>Day Month Year</small>

	Paternal grandmother	Paternal grandfather
Place of birth:	Winterbourne Stoke, Wiltshire, Britain	East Knoyle, Wiltshire, Britain
Date of birth:	22 / 05 / 1916 <small>Day Month Year</small>	7 / 01 / 1908 <small>Day Month Year</small>

Section 3(c)—Member's spouse details (if applicable)

	Spouse
Place of birth:	Griffith, NSW
Date of birth:	8 / 09 / 1967 <small>Day Month Year</small>

Section 3(d)

Please list the steps you have taken to assure yourself you have not acquired citizenship of another country by descent, marriage or other means.

1. I have in the past been a citizen of Britain.
2. I became an Australian Citizen in 1991. Attachment A is a copy of my Certificate of Australian Citizenship.
3. I renounced my British Citizenship in 2009. Attachment B is a copy of a letter from the British High Commission, confirming my renunciation of British Citizenship.
4. Based upon an investigation of the date and place of birth of my parents and grandparents, I am satisfied that none of them held any citizenship other than British citizenship.
5. Based upon an investigation of the date and place of birth of my wife, I am satisfied that I do not by reason of my marriage hold citizenship of any country other than Australia.

Section 4(a)—Foreign citizenship

Have you ever been a citizen of any country other than Australia?

- NO — Proceed to Section 6
- YES — List the countries that you have been a citizen of, and evidence of the date and manner in which your citizenship of any other country was renounced or otherwise came to an end in accordance with the laws of the relevant country.

Country	Manner of renunciation or other manner in which the foreign citizenship came to an end	Date	Evidence attached
Britain	Renunciation	10 November 2009	Attachment B

NB: Evidence of the date and manner in which your citizenship was renounced or otherwise came to an end should be attached to this form. Please date and initial each page of any attachment.

Section 4(b)—Foreign citizenship at time of nomination

On the date you nominated for election in this 45th Parliament were you a citizen of any country other than Australia?

- NO
- YES — *Provide details and evidence of any steps you have taken to renounce the citizenship of the other country prior to the date of nomination*

Country	Action	Date	Evidence attached
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NB: Evidence of the steps taken to renounce the citizenship of the other country prior to the date of nomination should be attached to this form. Please date and initial each page of any attachment

Section 4(c) —Foreign citizenship now

Are you now a citizen of any country other than Australia?

- NO
- YES — *Provide details and evidence of any steps taken to renounce the citizenship of the other country.*

Country	Action	Date	Evidence attached
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NB: Evidence of the steps taken to renounce the citizenship of the other country should be attached to this form. Please date and initial each page of any attachment

Section 5—Member with foreign citizenship at nomination or now

Complete this section if you answered YES in section 4(b) or 4(c)

Basis on which you contend you are not disqualified under s 44(i) of the Constitution	Evidence attached
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NB: Please date and initial each page of any attachment

Section 6—General declaration

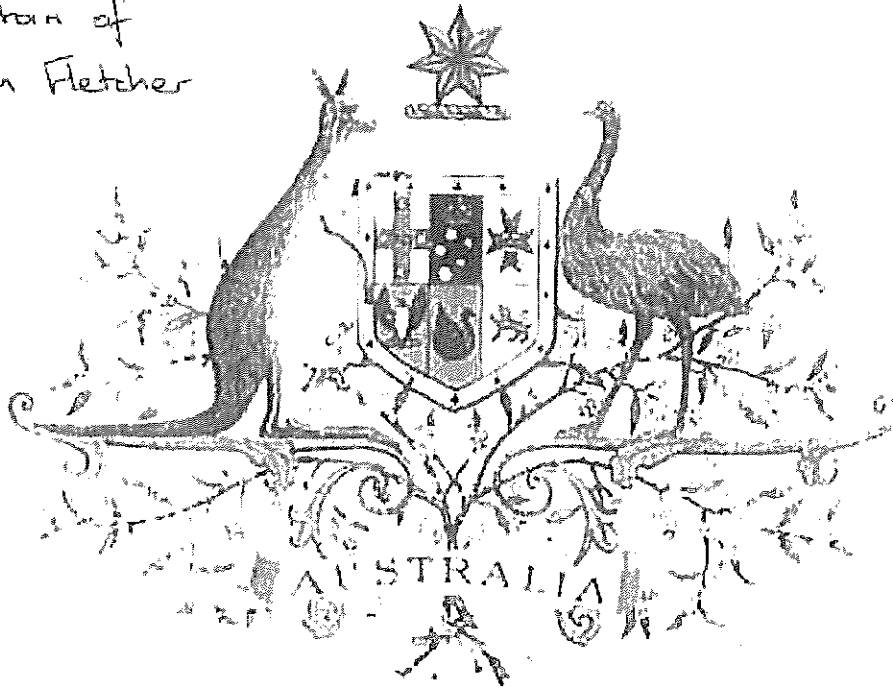
I declare that I have completed this statement to the best of my knowledge and have attached all evidence relevant to my declarations.

Signed

Date:

4 1 12 / 2017
Day Month Year

Attachment 1(A) to
Nomination Form of
Paul William Fletcher



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Australian Citizenship Act

Certificate of Australian Citizenship

PAUL WILLIAM FLETCHER

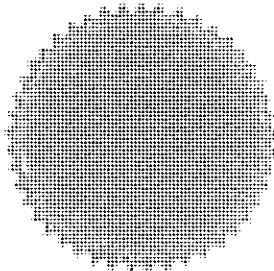
born on 16th January 1965

having applied for a Certificate of Australian Citizenship, and having satisfied the conditions prescribed by the Australian Citizenship Act 1948 for the grant of such a Certificate.

*I, the Minister of State for Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs,
hereby grant this Certificate of Australian Citizenship to the abovenamed applicant who shall be
an Australian citizen on and after 30th October 1991*

*Issued by authority of
the Minister of State for
Immigration, Local Government
and Ethnic Affairs*

Henry Fat
ACTING
MINISTER OF STATE FOR
IMMIGRATION, LOCAL GOVERNMENT
AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS



No. [REDACTED]

Attachment 2 to
Nomination Form of
Paul William Fletcher



Consolato Generale d'Italia – Sydney

ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP General Information

Italian citizenship can be acquired:

1. by birth (from a parent who is/was an Italian citizen at the time of birth) – see point 1
2. through marriage to an Italian citizen – see point 2
3. by re-acquisition (for former Italian citizens only) – see point 3

1. DETERMINING CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT

Italian citizenship can be acquired by descent at the time of one's birth, as long as one parent was an Italian citizen at the time. Due to previous laws in force before the formation of the Italian Republic women can only transmit citizenship to children born after 1 January 1948. Prior to this date, only fathers could transmit the Italian citizenship.

Any claim for Italian citizenship must be supported by documentary evidence. Once the relevant documents have been produced to this Consulate General, they will be forwarded to the competent Italian Municipality for registration. Therefore a waiting period between 2 and 8 weeks should be expected. Once the procedure has been concluded, applicants will be notified via email from one of our staff members.

As of 8 July 2014, according to the Italian law (art. 5-bis of the D.L. 24.04.2014, n. 66, and the act n. 89 of 25.06.2014) every application for the recognition of Italian citizenship by descent (*jure sanguinis*) is subject to a non-refundable administrative fee (irrespective of the outcome) of 300 EUR, payable only in cash in Australian dollars. This fee only applies to adults applicants (18+) and must be paid on the day of lodging.

2. ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP THROUGH MARRIAGE

Case 1: Foreign women who married an Italian citizen prior to 27 April 1983, automatically acquired Italian citizenship on the date of marriage. An original copy of the woman's birth certificate is required (please note an original copy of the marriage certificate may be required). Please refer to the "[How To – Certificate Registration](#)" leaflet for further information.

Case 2: Spouses of Italian citizens residing abroad can apply for Italian citizenship after 3 years of marriage (or 1.5 years if they have children (Further details may be found in the "[How To – Naturalization Through Marriage](#)" leaflet).

3. REACQUIRING CITIZENSHIP

Re-acquisition is automatic after one year of legal residence in Italy, or it can happen in a shorter time frame if one decides to reside in Italy for this purpose for a few weeks. Once in Italy, one must register as a resident in an Italian Municipality of choice and submit the citizenship request to the Mayor of that Municipality (Comune).

Further details may be found in the "[How To – Reacquisition of Italian Citizenship](#)" leaflet

Important Note

Under Italian law, children who were naturalized Australian citizens along with their parents prior to 16 August 1992, would lose Italian citizenship at the time. Please note that before 8 March 1975 adulthood in Italy was reached at the age of 21; after this date, it changed to 18.

After 16 August 1992, Italian citizens who acquire another citizenship, do not lose their Italian citizenship.



Consolato Generale d'Italia - Sydney

ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT

Step by Step Guide

PRE-REQUISITES

The General Consulate of Italy in Sydney is competent for processing citizenship applications for NSW residents **ONLY** (Please note. The cities of Queanbeyan and Cooma are under the jurisdiction of the Embassy of Italy in Canberra). A proof of residence is required upon submitting the application.

STEP 1: ONLINE BOOKING

Visit our website <http://www.conssydney.es/eri.it> and follow the instructions to book an appointment for citizenship

One appointment only must be booked all members of the same family, living at the same address. However, one "main applicant" must be chosen for the time of booking.

STEP 2: WHAT TO BRING AT THE CONSULATE

- Documentary evidence of citizenship of the main applicant's parent/ancestor (old Italian Passport, Italian certificates, and any other documentation providing proof of the parent/ancestor Italian Citizenship)
- If the parent/ancestor is/was not Australian, original and copy of the Australian visa if issued after 16 August 1992 or Certificate of Evidence of Resident Status (from the Australian Department of Immigration)
- Simple copies of all birth/marriage/death/change of name/divorce certificates of all applicants, starting from the ancestor.
- Simple copies of all applicants ID (driver license, passport)
- Completed citizenship form (see next page)
- Fees of 300 EUR, payable only Australian dollars for applicants (18+) and must be paid on the day of lodging **CASH ONLY**

Please Note: If you don't have all the required documents on the day of your appointment, please do attend our offices anyway to allow us to assist you with the application process.

For any question or other enquiry on Italian citizenship applications please write to info_sydney@esteri.it quoting CITIZENSHIP ENQUIRY in the subject of the email

ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP

The following FAQs reflect the most common cases in Australia. Each individual case, even if based on general rules and principles could differ according to an individual's personal situation. There are sometimes, exceptions and particular rules that are not considered in this section. Please contact the nearest Italian consular office to obtain more detailed information about your individual case.

Q: How do I know if I am eligible for Italian citizenship?

A: Italian citizenship is based on the principle of "iure sanguinis" (blood right) by virtue of which a baby born from an Italian father or mother (depending on the year of birth of the child) is an Italian citizen.

Q: My father was born in Italy and moved to Australia before I was born. He also became Australian citizen. Am I still eligible for Italian citizenship?

A: Cases like yours are not always black and white, as there could be a possibility that you are eligible and another that you are not. If your parent became an Australian citizen as an adult or, as a child included in his parents' naturalization, then you would not be eligible because you were born from a parent who was no longer an Italian citizen at the time of your birth. However, if your father was still an Italian citizen at the time of his marriage to your mother but not at the time of your birth, then, depending on the date of your parents' marriage, you may still be eligible.

Q: My grandparents moved to Australia many years ago. My father was born in Australia. Am I eligible for Italian citizenship?

A: Citizenship may be passed on from generation to generation without limitation - but there can be no generation gap. To be eligible for Italian citizenship you must prove that your father born to an Italian citizen, i.e., that your grandfather had not acquired Australian citizenship before the birth of your father. If you are looking at your grandmother as the holder of citizenship at the time of your father's birth, you have to take into consideration that women can only bequeath Italian citizenship to children born from the 1st of January 1948 (the birth of the Italian Constitution). Prior to this date, Italian citizenship was passed on only by the father.

Q: I was born in Italy and I moved to Australia with my parents when I was a child. My father became an Australian citizen while I was under age. Am I still an Italian citizen?

A: If your father became an Australian citizen and did not include you in his naturalization certificate, and nor did your mother, then, unless you have become an Australian citizen in your own right, there is a good chance that you are still an Italian citizen.

Q: I married an Italian gentleman. Am I eligible for Italian Citizenship?

A: If your marriage was celebrated before the 27th April 1983, then you have acquired Italian citizenship automatically at the date of marriage. If you were married after the said date, then you are not eligible for citizenship automatically, but would have to request to become an Italian citizen by naturalization on the basis of marriage. Request for citizenship may be lodged only after 3 years of marriage if you reside overseas or 6 months of marriage if you reside in Italy.

Q: I have lost my Italian citizenship because I obtained Australian citizenship before the 16th of August 1992. How can I regain Italian citizenship?

A: If you became an Australian citizen before 16/08/1992, even if you were included in your parents' naturalization certificate, you automatically lost your Italian citizenship.

Current Italian citizenship laws (entered into force on the 16th of August 1992) allow dual citizenship. You can reacquire Italian citizenship by residing in Italy for one year. You must obtain an Italian visa for elective residence before departing for Italy.

By signing a declaration in which you state your intention to reside in Italy for this purpose, and then registering as a resident, within 1 year of the date of the declaration, at the Italian municipality of your choice. This declaration may be signed at the competent Consulate before departing for Italy or directly at the chosen Municipality (Comune) in Italy.

Documentation required for the declaration:

- Australian passport;
- Australian citizenship certificate;
- Birth certificate.

If the applicant has children (under 18 years of age) that will reside with him/her during the whole stay in Italy, they will also acquire Italian citizenship.

Q: I am a dual citizen, Italian and Australian. Does the possession of the Italian citizenship affect my situation as an Australian citizen?

A: The possession of Italian citizenship by descendant does not affect your position as an Australian citizen. Since the Australian Citizenship Act was changed in April 2002, Australian citizens are allowed to hold dual citizenship even by naturalization.

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