



Tax file number – application or enquiry for individuals living outside Australia

If you are a foreign resident for tax purposes, you can apply for a tax file number (TFN) by downloading and completing the form [Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals living outside Australia \(NAT 2628, PDF, 337KB\)](#) ([/uploadedFiles/Content/CAS/downloads/IND-TFN-%20NAT2628.pdf](#)).

The tests we use to determine your residency status for tax purposes are not the same as those used by other Australian agencies for other purposes, such as immigration.

For detailed information about residency, visit [International tax for individuals \(/Individuals/International-tax-for-individuals/\)](#)

If you are a permanent migrant or temporary visitor to Australia, refer to [Permanent migrants or temporary visitors to Australia - online tax file number \(TFN\) application or enquiry \(/Forms/Permanent-migrants-or-temporary-visitors---online-TFN-application/\)](#)

If you are an Australian resident for tax purposes, refer to [Australian residents – TFN application \(/Individuals/Tax-file-number/Apply-for-a-TFN/Australian-residents---TFN-application/\)](#)

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Some of the information on this website applies to a specific financial year. This is clearly marked. Make sure you have the information for the right year before making decisions based on that information.

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