

OUR MOMENT TO PAUSE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Counting people in mines, offshore facilities and 457 visa workers

What is the Census?

The Census of Population and Housing (Census) is Australia's largest statistical collection undertaken by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). For more than 100 years, the Census has provided a snapshot of Australia, helping to shape our nation's education, health, transport and infrastructure.

When is the Census?

The next Census will be held on August 9.

What does the Census mean to Australia?

The Census provides important information about Australia's people and their housing. It helps estimate Australia's population, which is used to distribute government funds and plan services for your community.

In 2016, the Census will count close to 10 million dwellings and approximately 24 million people, the largest number counted to date.

Does my family include me on their Census form?

No. Your spouse/partner or family should not include you on their form. If you are onsite or on an offshore facility on Census night you must complete your own form, even if you have a second residence where you live when you're not onsite.

Do 457 Visa holders need to complete the Census?

Yes. Everyone in Australia, except foreign diplomats and their families, must complete the Census, even if you are not an Australian citizen. This includes people working on a 457 Visa.

English isn't my first language. Is there someone I can call to help with translations?

Yes. If you require an interpreter please call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on **131 450**.

How to answer the 'What is the address of this dwelling?' question?

It is important that you record the address of where you are staying on Census night.

1 What is the address of this dwelling?
Please use **CAPITAL** letters only

Apartment/Flat/Unit number Street number
 (if any)

Street name (Examples: GRAHAM AVENUE, GEORGE STREET)

Suburb/Locality

State/Territory Postcode

Property/Building name (if any)

How to answer the 'Where does this person usually live?' question?

If you spend, or intend to spend, **more** than six months of the year away from home, you should mark the box 'Same as in Question 1'.

If you spend, or intend to spend **less** than six months of the year away from home, you should mark the box 'Elsewhere in Australia' and fill in your usual address.

10 Where does the person usually live?

- For persons who usually live in another country and who are visiting Australia for less than one year, mark 'Other country'.
- For other persons, 'usually live' means the address at which the person has lived, or intends to live, for a total of six months or more in 2016.
- For persons who have no usual address, write 'NONE' in the 'Suburb/Locality' box.
- For boarders at boarding school, write the address of the boarding school or college.

Same as in Question 1
 Elsewhere in Australia (please specify address)

Apartment/Flat/Unit number (if any) Street number

Street name

Suburb/Locality

Will personal information be shared with anyone else?

No. The personal information collected in the Census is not shared with any other government departments or agencies, including the police, Australian Taxation Office or Centrelink.

The ABS is legally bound to protect the privacy of all Australians and will not release information in a way that will identify any individual or household.

Is the Census compulsory?

Yes. Everyone in Australia on Census night must complete the Census. It's the law.

More information

Go to census.abs.gov.au

For general help, call **1300 214 531** from 22 July.



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