

Special Questionnaires for Enumeration of Indigenous people in Australia

The description of the questionnaire as submitted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics:

“In the more remote areas of Australia it is not appropriate to use the standard questionnaires for the enumeration of indigenous people. This reflects the need for cultural sensitivity in wording questions and the lower level of literacy in English in some areas.

Two forms are used in these areas. They are the Special Indigenous Household Form and the Special Indigenous Personal Form. The questionnaires are administered by interview rather than self-completion and the language used has been modified slightly to be more appropriate to the conditions in these areas

The Special Indigenous Household Form lists the people who live in the household and collects information about the place where the household lives. The range of information collected is comparable with that collected about households in the rest of Australia.

The Special Indigenous Personal Form collects information about a single person, rather up to 6 people included on a standard census questionnaire. The range of information collected is comparable with that collected about persons in the rest of Australia.”



Special Indigenous Personal Form



Record No.
(RNO)

Person No.
(PNO)



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Why a Census?

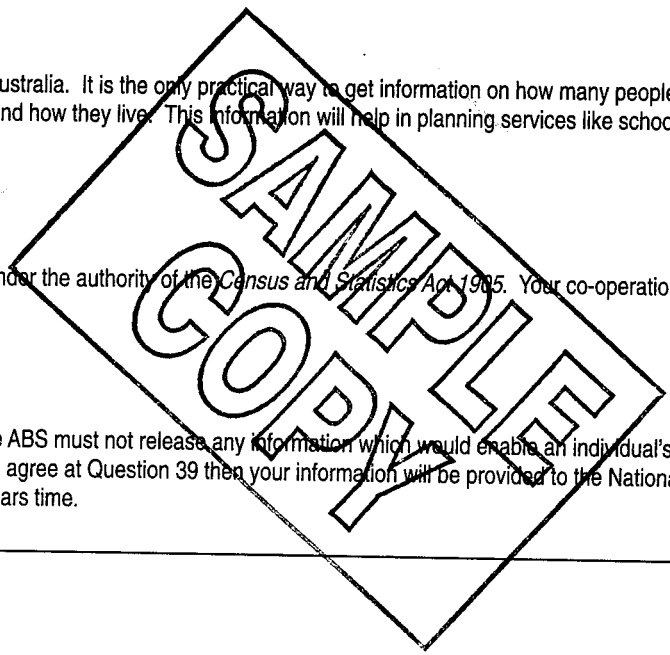
The Census is a count of everyone in Australia. It is the only practical way to get information on how many people there are in each part of Australia, what they do and how they live. This information will help in planning services like schools, hospitals and housing.

Collection authority

The information asked for is collected under the authority of the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*. Your co-operation is sought in completing this form.

Confidentiality

Under the *Census and Statistics Act*, the ABS must not release any information which would enable an individual's data to be identified. The one exception is if you agree at Question 39 then your information will be provided to the National Archives of Australia for release in 99 years time.



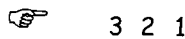
How to complete the form

Please use a **black or blue pen**.

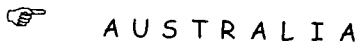
Most questions only need to be answered by **marking a box** like this,



or writing a number like this.



Please use **BLOCK** letters, and



write like this, keeping each letter within the boxes provided.



Please answer **all** the questions unless the form asks you not to.

If you **do not know** an answer, give the best answer you can.

If a mistake is made, cross out the answer and give the correct answer.

Please do not fold or bend this form.

Interviewer Note: Copy the answers to Questions 1, 2, 3 and 4 from page 2 of the Household Form.

1 What is your name?

First name

Surname or family name

2 Sex:

- Mark one box, for example — .

Male

Female

3 How old are you?

- If age is less than one year, write '0'.

Years

100 years or more

4 How are you related to Person 1 (Head of house)?

- Examples of relationships: husband, wife, de facto partner, son, daughter, granddaughter, uncle, son-in-law, friend, unrelated.

Person 1

Relationship to Person 1

5 Are you more closely related to anyone else here in this house?

No

Yes, who?

Name

Relationship e.g. grandson, niece, daughter

6 Are you married?

- Prompt categories below.

Never married

Widowed

Divorced

Separated but not divorced

Married

7 Do you live at this place most of the time?

Yes, at this place

No, somewhere else – please write address

Street number

Street name

Suburb, rural locality or town

State/Territory

Postcode

8 Did you live at this place most of the time one year ago?

- Ask: last dry season.
- If the person is less than one year old, leave blank.

Same as in question 7

No, somewhere else – please write address

Street number

Street name

Suburb, rural locality or town

State/Territory

Postcode

9 Did you live at this place most of the time five years ago?

- Ask: dry season, last Census.
- If the person is less than five years old, leave blank.

Same as in question 7

Same as in question 8

No, somewhere else – please write address

Street number

Street name

Suburb, rural locality or town

State/Territory

Postcode

10 Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?

- For persons of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin, mark both 'Yes' boxes.

- No
- Yes, Aboriginal
- Yes, Torres Strait Islander

11 Was your father born in Australia?

- Yes, Australia
- No, other country

12 Was your mother born in Australia?

- Yes, Australia
- No, other country

13 What is your ancestry?

- For example, Vietnamese, Hmong, Dutch, Kurdish, Australian South Sea Islander, Maori, Lebanese.
- Provide more than one ancestry if necessary.

- Aboriginal
- Torres Strait Islander
- Other – please specify

14 Do you speak an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language at home?

- If Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language, please give the name of the language.
- If more than one language, indicate the one that is spoken most often.

- No, speaks only English ► **Go to 16**
- Yes – please write language

15 How well do you speak English?

- Very well
- Well
- Not well
- Not at all

16 What is your religion?

- Answering this question is **OPTIONAL**.
- If no religion, mark last box.

- Anglican (Church of England)
- Catholic
- Uniting Church
- Lutheran
- Baptist
- Traditional Beliefs
- Aboriginal Evangelical Missions
- Other – please specify

No religion

17 Did you use a personal computer at home last week?

- No
- Yes

18 Did you use the Internet anywhere last week?

- Mark all applicable boxes.

- No
- Yes, at home
- Yes, at work
- Yes, elsewhere

19 Do you go to school, TAFE or university?

- Include school of the air, external or correspondence students.

- No ► **Go to 21**
- Yes, full-time student
- Yes, part-time student

20 What type of school or place of education do you go to?

- Include school of the air, external or correspondence students.

- Pre-school**
- Infants/Primary school**
 - Government
 - Catholic
 - Other non-government
- Secondary school**
 - Government
 - Catholic
 - Other non-government
- Tertiary institution**
 - Technical or further educational institution (including TAFE Colleges)
 - University or other higher educational institution

Other educational institution

21 Are you 15 years of age or more?

- No, under 15 years ► Go to 39
- Yes, 15 years or more

22 What is the highest level of primary or secondary school you have completed?

- Mark one box only.
 - For persons who returned after a break to complete their schooling, mark the highest level completed when they last left.
- Still at school
- Did not go to school
- Year 8 or below
- Year 9 or equivalent
- Year 10 or equivalent
- Year 11 or equivalent
- Year 12 or equivalent

23 Have you finished a trade certificate/apprenticeship, TAFE course or university course since leaving school?

- No ► Go to 28
- No, still studying for first course ► Go to 28
- Yes, trade certificate/apprenticeship
- Yes, other course

24 What is the name of that course?

- If more than one course, ask for the name of the highest level course.
- For example, trade certificate, bachelor degree, associate diploma.

Full name of course

25 What did you study?

- For example, plumbing, primary school teaching.

Field of study

26 What was the name of the place you studied at?

- Include external and correspondence institutions.

Name of place

27 In which year did you finish that course?

Year course finished

28 How much money do you get each fortnight before tax?

- Mark one box only.
 - A fortnight is two weeks.
 - Include salary, government payments, CDEP money, other money, before tax or anything else is taken out.
- \$1,200 or more per fortnight
- \$1,000 - \$1,199 per fortnight
- \$800 - \$999 per fortnight
- \$600 - \$799 per fortnight
- \$400 - \$599 per fortnight
- \$320 - \$399 per fortnight
- \$240 - \$319 per fortnight
- \$160 - \$239 per fortnight
- \$80 - \$159 per fortnight
- \$1 - \$79 per fortnight
- Nil income
- Negative income

29 Did you have a paid job last week?

- Mark one box only.
- A job means any type of work including casual or temporary work or part-time work, if it was for one hour or more.

Yes, worked – CDEP

Yes, worked other than CDEP

Yes, worked in own business

Yes, but off work on holiday, sick leave, sorry business.

No, did not have a job ► Go to 37

30 What job did you do last week?

- For example, cleaner, council labourer, truck driver, station hand.

Name of job

31 What things did you do in that job last week?

- For example, cleaning school, mowing lawns, rubbish collection, mustering cattle.

Type of job

32 Who did you work for last week?

- If it is the community, give the community's name.
- If funded by CDEP, also write 'CDEP'.
- If they worked for themselves, write name of business.

Name of business

33 What is your workplace address?

Street number

Street name

Community, rural locality or town

State/Territory

Postcode

38 If you had found a job, could you have started work *last week*?

Yes, could have started work last week

No, already had a job to go to

No, temporarily ill or injured

No, other reason

39 Do you agree to your name and address and other information on this form being kept by the National Archives of Australia and then made publicly available after 99 years?

- Answering this question is **OPTIONAL**.
- A person's name-identified information will not be kept where a person does not agree or the answer is left blank.

Yes, agrees

No, does not agree

34 What work does your employer do?

- For example, raising cattle, community services, community council, mining.
- If worked for CDEP write 'community council'.

40 Declaration

I interviewed the person named at question 1 and explained the requirements of question 39 to the person. I believe the person understood my explanation of question 39 and that I have correctly recorded the person's views at question 39.

Signature of interviewer

Date

35 How many hours did you work *last week*?

- Do not include any time off. Include any overtime or extra time worked.

None

Hours worked

36 How do you get to work?

- If the person used more than one method of travel to work, **mark all methods** used.

Car – as driver

Car – as passenger

Bus

Truck

Motorbike or motor scooter

Bicycle

Walked only

Worked at home

Other

Did not go to work

Thank you for completing this form.
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37 Did you look for work at any time in the *last four weeks*?

- Examples of actively looking for work include: being registered with Centrelink as a job seeker; checking or registering with any other employment agency; writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; or advertising for work.

No, did not look for work ► **Go to 39**

Yes, looked for full-time work

Yes, looked for part-time work

Field Use Only

CD Number

State

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Office Use Only

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