

## Assurance of Support (AoS)

Some permanent residents visas will only be granted on the condition that you (the applicant) obtain an AoS. This is a legally binding agreement between an Australian Resident (the assurer) and the Australian Government. The assurer agrees to provide support to you in Australia and repay the Australian Government any social security payments paid to you during your first years in Australia. You may be required to have an AoS for 2 (two) to 10 (ten) years as determined by the Department of Immigration & Citizenship. The AoS will remain in force for the two to ten year period, even if there is no contact between you and your assurer, or the relationship between you breaks down.

To be eligible to provide the AoS the assurer needs to;  
be  
an Australian resident

be 18 years or older

at the present time, the assurer must have an income of greater than the threshold, for a single person of AUD\$43,818.00 for the current financial year

have had an income greater than the threshold for the previous consecutive financial years

It is possible to have 2 assurers with a combined income of the above.

The assurer will have to pay a bond of AUD\$3,500.00 for a single person or AUD\$5,000.00 for a couple for a two year bond period, and AUD\$10,000.00 for a single person or AUD\$14,000.00 for a couple for a ten year period. The bond will be lodged with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, which will be returned after the AoS expires if you have not received any payments from Centrlink in the bond period. If you do not make any claims on Centrelink the bond amount plus interest will be released to the assurer.

Centrelink is responsible for assessing the AoS applications and for administration of same NOT DIAC.