

First Home Owners Grant Application Guide.

Victoria.

Filling out forms can be tricky, so we've put together a guide to help you complete your First Home Owners Grant (FHOG) application.

The FHOG application consists of three parts:

- 1 Lodgement guide**
This contains important information about the grant, your obligations after receiving it and a glossary of terms and meanings.
- 2 Application form (pages 1-5)**
You'll be required to fill out this section. We've provided some Q&As to help you.
- 3 Supporting document checklist (page 6)**
This is a comprehensive list of the supporting documents needed for your application.

Part 1. Lodgement guide.

Section 1 – Eligibility criteria.

This section determines whether you meet the eligibility requirements to apply for the grant. You'll be asked questions such as your Australian citizenship or residency status, if you've owned residential properties in the past, or if you've entered into a contract to purchase or build a new home.

SECTION 1 Eligibility criteria

NOTE: ■ Eligibility is determined at the date of settlement or completion of construction.
■ All applicants and their spouse/partner(s) must be considered when answering eligibility questions.

Eligibility checklist

1. Is this the first time each applicant and/or their spouse/partner will receive a grant under the First Home Owner Grant Act 2000 in any State or Territory of Australia? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Is each applicant and their spouse/partner a person who has never owned a residential property, either jointly, separately or with some other person before 1 July 2000 in any State or Territory of Australia?
NOTE: Applicants are not eligible for a grant if they or their spouse/partner have held a **relevant interest** in residential property prior to 1 July 2000, even if they have never occupied the property. ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Is each applicant and their spouse/partner a person who has never occupied a residential property for a continuous period of at least six months in which they acquired a **relevant interest** on or after 1 July 2000 in any State or Territory of Australia? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Is each applicant a natural person (e.g. not a company or trust) and at least 18 years of age? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Is at least one applicant a permanent resident or Australian citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6. Will at least one applicant be occupying the home as their principal place of residence for a continuous period of at least 12 months commencing within 12 months of completion of the eligible transaction? ☐ Yes ☐ No

7. Please answer either 7a or 7b based on whichever applies to your circumstances:

7a. Has each applicant on or after 1 July 2013, either:
■ Entered into a contract for the purchase of a new home in Victoria OR
■ Entered into a contract to have a home built in Victoria OR
■ In the case of an owner builder, commenced construction of a home in Victoria? (i.e. laying of foundations) ☐ Yes ☐ No

7b. Has each applicant on or before 30 June 2013, either:
■ Entered into a contract for the purchase of a new home in Victoria OR
■ Entered into a contract to have a home built in Victoria OR
■ In the case of an owner builder, commenced construction of a home in Victoria? (i.e. laying of foundations) AND
■ Which completes or settles after 1 July 2013 AND
■ The Commissioner HAS NOT authorised payment in anticipation of the residence requirement. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Determination of eligibility
If you answered 'YES' to ALL of the above questions, either 7a OR 7b as applicable) you may be entitled to receive the First Home Owner Grant subject to the written decision being made by the Commissioner.
Please attach additional information (where applicable) to support your eligibility for the First Home Owner Grant.

Q: What does 'relevant interest' mean?

A: 'Relevant interest' refers to the number of people who will be owners of the property.



Tip: Correction fluid, or liquid paper, cannot be used on this form. To make an amendment, simply strike out the error, add the correct information, and have this initialled by all people involved in the application.

Ensure all questions are answered and captured legibly.

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Part 2. Application form.

Section 2 & 4 – Applicant details and spouse/domestic partner details.

In this section you'll be asked to provide details such as your name, date of birth, residential and indicate whether you have a spouse. If you have a spouse, you'll also need to provide their details.

Q: What does 'relevant interest' mean?

A: 'Relevant interest' refers to the number of people who will be owners of the property.

Q: What name should I use on the application?

A: Your First, Middle and Family name used on your application must be the same name that appears on your loan application and your identification documents.



Tip: There should be no variations of your name between your identity documents, building/sale contract or loan application. If variations exist, forward all supporting documents with this application to our FHOG team and we'll help resolve this with your Home Finance Manager or Broker.



Tip: You'll need to provide additional supporting evidence if you've declared a previous or alternate name (this includes any previous married names). Please refer to the 'Supporting Documentation' section of the application for a complete list of acceptable identification documents.



Tip: If you're applying as an Applicant and **will be** on the title after settlement; complete the 'Applicant details' section.

If you're applying as a Spouse or Partner and **will not be** on the title after settlement; complete the 'Spouse/Partner details' section.



Tip: Ensure your email address is legibly captured.

SECTION 2 Applicant details

NOTE: ■ It is essential that ALL applicants complete this section.
■ If there are more than two applicants please complete and attach an additional application form.
■ Each applicant must sign the 'declaration by applicant(s)' at section 7.

How many people will have a **relevant interest** in the property?

Are any of the applicants or their spouse/partner(s) related to or associated with the vendor or builder? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please refer to 'further supporting evidence' in the Lodgement Guide

Indigenous Australian ☐ This question is optional - the information will only be used for statistical purposes by Commonwealth and State Governments, and has no bearing on your application.

Are any of the applicants Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Applicant 1 (Contact applicant)	Applicant 2
Title <input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Dr	Title <input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Dr
First name	First name
Middle name(s)	Middle name(s)
Family name	Family name
Name on birth certificate (if different from above)	Name on birth certificate (if different from above)
First name	First name
Middle name(s)	Middle name(s)
Family name	Family name
Date of birth	Date of birth
Place of birth	Place of birth
State/Territory	State/Territory
Country	Country
Have you ever used any name other than the name(s) declared above? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – list name(s) below <input type="checkbox"/> No	Have you ever used any name other than the name(s) declared above? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – list name(s) below <input type="checkbox"/> No
Daytime telephone number ()	Daytime telephone number ()
Email address	Email address
Current residential address	Current residential address
Street no.	Street no.
Street name	Street name
Suburb/town	Suburb/town
State	State
Postcode	Postcode
Address for service of notices (if different from above)	Address for service of notices (if different from above)
Street no.	Street no.
Street name	Street name
Suburb/town	Suburb/town
State	State
Postcode	Postcode
Do you have a spouse/partner? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you have a spouse/partner? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes, your spouse/partner must complete the details as 'applicant 2' above.	If Yes, your spouse/partner must complete the details as an applicant.
If No, you must complete section 4 - spouse/partner details.	If No, you must complete section 4 - spouse/partner details.

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Section 5 – Property and transaction details.

Here you'll provide the property address details and the type of transaction that applies to your new home application (e.g. purchasing a new home, a contract to build, etc.).

SECTION 5 Property and transaction details

Address of the property
Lot no. Unit/Street no. Street name
(only add lot no. if street no. is not allocated)
Suburb/town State Postcode
Date when occupation as a principal place of residence commenced or is intended to commence (if not known estimate) Purchase or construction price \$

Title details
Lot no. Plan no. Plan type* Volume Folio
* SP for Strata Plan or PS for Plan of Subdivision

Transaction details
What type of transaction does this application refer to? Please tick one:
☐ Off the plan ☐ Contract to build ☐ New home ☐ Owner Builder ☐ Established home*
* Only for contracts entered into on or before 30 June 2013
Date of contract (or if owner builder, date the foundations were laid)
Date of settlement (or if building, date of completion)
NOTE: If lodging with an Approved agent, please estimate

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All evidence sighted ☐ Name of person sighting the evidence
Payment eligibility date (Enter settlement, completion or first draw down date only)

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Q: What if I don't know the exact address of my property or only have a lot number?

A: If the street number has not been allocated you can provide the lot number, street name, suburb and postcode of the property.

Q: What if the property has not yet been subdivided and I don't have the new title details?

A: The property needs a lot, plan and volume/folio number before the FHOG can be submitted. This can be found on your contract of sale or building contract. Refer to your conveyancer or solicitor for confirmation.

Section 6, 7 & 8 – Payment details, Declaration by applicant and by spouse/partner.

If you're applying with State Revenue Office, the grant will be paid via electronic funds transfer into the account nominated in this section.

Finally, you'll be asked to declare and confirm that all the details you've provided are correct. If you have a spouse, they'll also need to declare and confirm the details listed in Section 3 are correct.



Tip: If you are applying with BankSA, please **do not** complete this section as the grant will be paid through BankSA.

Q: What do I need to consider before making this declaration?

A: Ensure all sections of the form are complete and the contract of sale or building contract is signed.

Print your full name, date and sign the section relevant to you (i.e. 'Applicant' or 'Spouse/partner of applicant').

Note: the signature witness must not be an applicant, spouse or related to either party.



Tip: Ensure your signature matches the contract(s) and loan application.

The declaration pages cannot be amended or backdated.

SECTION 6 Payment details

NOTE: If applying with the SRO, the grant will be paid by electronic funds transfer into the account nominated below.
If you are applying with an approved agent, please DO NOT complete the account details below as the grant will be paid through the approved agent in accordance with your agreement.

Name of financial institution and branch	
Account name (e.g. John & Jane Citizen)	
BSB number (must have 6 numbers)	
Account number (maximum of 9 numbers)	

SECTION 7 Declaration by applicant(s) (continued)

I declare that I have read and understood the information and that the information provided in this application is true and correct

Applicant 1	Applicant 2
Name	
Signature	
Date	
Before me (signature of witness)*	
Full name and address of witness	

SECTION 8 Declaration by spouse/partner(s)

- I declare that the spouse/partner details in section 4, in so far as they relate to me, are true and correct.
- I declare that I have not previously received and retained the grant under the First Home Owner Grant Act 2000 or a corresponding Act in another State or Territory, either alone or together with any other person or persons.
- I declare that I have not owned a home or had a relevant interest in a residential property within Australia prior to 1 July 2000.
- I declare that I have not owned and occupied for a continuous period of at least six months a residential property within Australia in which I held a relevant interest on or after 1 July 2000.
- I authorise the SRO to access and exchange information about me to verify my proof of identity information and to confirm other details with the approved agent (where applicable), document issuing authorities, other State, Territory and Australian Government agencies and commercial organisations as permitted by law. I recognise that these checks may affect the applicant's eligibility for the First Home Owner Grant.
- I acknowledge that I may be prosecuted and fined for making a false or misleading statement in or in connection with this application for the grant.

Spouse/partner of applicant 1	Spouse/partner of applicant 2
Name	
Signature	
Date	
Before me (signature of witness)*	
Full name and address of witness	

Lodgement
The application and all supporting documents can be mailed to:
State Revenue Office, GPO Box 1641, MELBOURNE VIC 3001
or
DX 260090 MELBOURNE

Victorian Government



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Part 3. Supporting document checklist.

Section 9 – Supporting documentation checklist.

This checklist helps ensure you've attached copies of all the required supporting documents.

SECTION 9 Supporting documentation checklist

NOTE: To ensure your application is processed in a timely manner, make sure the application is fully completed, signed and dated. Please complete the checklist to ensure you have attached the required supporting documentation defined in the lodgement guide. Attach these papers to this page. Your application will be returned to you if not fully completed and all the required supporting documentation is not attached. Additional documents may be requested after lodgement of your application.

Eligibility checklist	Applicant to tick if attached	Approved agent or SRO use only
Proof of identity of all applicants and their spouse/partner		
Category 1 Type of document submitted _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Category 2* Type of document submitted _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Category 3* Type of document submitted _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Category 4* Type of document submitted _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional supporting evidence (if applicable)		
■ a marriage or divorce certificate, death certificate or change of name certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
■ a statutory declaration for those who are separated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transaction type		
Contract to purchase a new home off the plan		
■ a copy of the exchanged contract of sale, dated and signed by all parties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
■ a copy of the transfer of land with a dealing number	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contract to purchase a new home		
■ a copy of the exchanged contract of sale, dated and signed by all parties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
■ a copy of the building permit and/or a copy of the Domestic Building Insurance Certificate of Insurance from the contract of sale	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
■ a copy of the Certificate of Occupancy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
■ a copy of the transfer of land with a dealing number	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contract to build a home		
■ a copy of your contract to build dated and signed by all parties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
■ a title search showing the applicant(s) as the registered proprietor(s)*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
■ a copy of the Certificate of Occupancy*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Owner builder		
■ a copy of the evidence for laying of the foundations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
■ a copy of the Certificate of Occupancy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
■ a copy of receipts for the home totalling more than the grant amount*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
■ a title search showing the applicant(s) as the registered proprietor(s)*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Related or associated party, nominee purchaser or deceased estate transactions		
Supporting evidence if your application falls within one of the following: related or associated party*, nominee purchaser*, or deceased estate (not related) transaction. All deceased estate (related) transactions must be lodged with the SRO. (please refer to page 4 of the Lodgement Guide)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* Not required if your application is lodged with an approved agent

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Name of person signing the documentation above _____

Name of employer _____

Signature _____ Date

Q: What should I consider when providing my building contract or contract of sale?

A: Contracts must be signed and dated by all parties e.g. all buyers and vendors (builder or developer). **The date of the contract must be prior to the date of the FHOG application.** Any variation to the original contract must be included, signed and dated by all parties, as above.

 **Tip:** Only send copies and not the original ID documents. A driver's licence is not an acceptable form of ID.

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Lenders | Refer to OBI

Brokers | Talk to your BDM