

For further information



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The website includes guidance for completing the IRS Tax Forms and other relevant information. Please refer to your local tax adviser for any tax information as HSBC is unable to give tax advice



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*Certification can be provided by any authorised referee as outlined in the Customer Identification/Authorised Referee form available on www.hsbc.com.au/1/2/misc/forms. The authorised referee must sign and date a copy of the document and certify that it is a true and correct copy of the original presented. Alternatively you can present an original at a branch and have a staff member copy and certify.

†US Territories are American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands and Northern Mariana Islands.

^ You can find your customer number at the top of the 'cover sheet' provided with the letter sent to you, or at the top right of your HSBC bank statement

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FATCA

Explanation of documents
we request from you.

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA)

(FATCA) is legislation introduced by the Department of Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) of the United States to counter tax evasion by US Persons on their income and assets. FATCA will require banks such as HSBC Bank Australia Limited to report information on financial accounts held directly or indirectly by US Persons.

HSBC is committed to be fully FATCA compliant and so will verify all our customers tax status under FATCA in order to identify where we need to report information. Where necessary we will ask customers for further information and documentation.

The table below provides detailed descriptions of documents we may request from a customer to enable us to confirm whether or not the customer is a US person.

Short Code: W9 Doc. Name IRS Form W-9	This is an IRS form titled 'Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification'. It is commonly referred to as Form W-9. It allows a US taxpayer to provide details of their Taxpayer Identification number or TIN. Form W-9 is available from the IRS website http://www.irs.gov/Forms-&-Pubs Please provide a completed and signed original form.
Short Code: W8 Doc. Name: IRS Form W8-BEN	This is an IRS form titled 'Certificate of Foreign Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding and Reporting (Individuals)'. It is commonly referred to as Form W-8BEN. It is used to demonstrate a person is 'foreign' and exempt from backup withholding. Form W-8BEN is available from the IRS website http://www.irs.gov/Forms-&-Pubs Please provide a completed and signed original form.
Short Code: S1 Doc. Name: Government Issued ID	Please provide a certified copy* of original government issued identification that can be used to confirm that you are a citizen of a country other than the US. Acceptable forms of government issued identification include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current passport• Citizenship card• National Id card• Citizenship certificate

Short Code: S2 Doc. Name: Explanation of Non-US Citizenship	Please provide a certified copy* of an original Certificate of Loss of Nationality of the United States (CLN) to prove you are no longer a US citizen. CLNs are applied for and issued at a U.S. consulate or embassy and document renunciation or relinquishment of United States citizenship.
Short Code: S3 Doc. Name: Written Explanation of US Address	Please download and complete the 'Explanation of a US address' form which is available from our website http://www.fatca.hsbc.com/en/rbwm/australia
Short Code: S4 Doc. Name: Documentary Evidence of Non-US Status	Please provide us with a certified copy* of any one of the following documents to confirm that your permanent residence address or country of residency or citizenship is not the US or a US territory [†] : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certificate of residence• Tax assessment notice• Permanent residence card• National Id card• Valid identification issued and authorised by a government body (eg. pension card), that is typically used for identification purposes and includes your residential address.
Short Code: S8 Doc. Name: Written Explanation of US Country of Birth	Please provide us with a written explanation, in English, of the fact that you have advised us that your place of birth is the US or a US territory [†] but that you are not a US citizen. The explanation must be provided in the form of a letter, and should provide your name and HSBC customer number [‡] , together with the country and city / town of birth and the reason you did not receive US citizenship at birth.

* †^ See back for details