

**Australia**  
**ISSP 2014 – Citizenship II**  
**Questionnaire**

# Instructions

## How to fill out this questionnaire

Please use a black or blue ballpoint pen

Please answer the questions by:

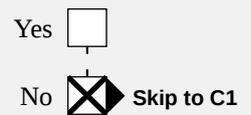
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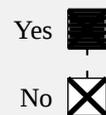
Not all questions will apply to you. Sometimes you will find an instruction telling you which questions to answer next like this:



When there is a table with a list of items, again please mark a cross in the box that corresponds to your answer for each row in the table.

|                        | Likely to do                        | Unsure                              | Unlikely                            | Already doing/done       |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Work part time         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Move to a smaller home | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Move to the coast      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you make a mistake, cross out the incorrect box and place the cross in the correct box like this:





## Section A: Citizenship

**A1. There are different opinions as to what it takes to be a good citizen. As far as you are concerned personally on a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 is not at all important and 7 is very important, how important is it:**

*Please cross one box on each line*

|  | Not at all<br>important<br>1 | 2                        | 3                        | 4                        | 5                        | 6                        | Very<br>important<br>7   | Can't<br>choose          |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Always to vote in elections  | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Never to try to evade taxes  | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Always to obey laws and regulations  | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| To keep watch on the actions of government   | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| To be active in social or political associations   | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| To try to understand the reasoning of people with other opinions                                 | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| To choose products for political, ethical or environmental reasons, even if they cost a bit more | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| To help people in Australia who are worse off than yourself                                      | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| To help people in the rest of the world who are worse off than yourself                          | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**A2. There are a number of groups in society. What do you think about the following groups holding public meetings?**

**Should religious extremists be allowed to hold public meetings?**

|                                  |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Should definitely be allowed     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Should probably be allowed       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Should probably not be allowed   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Should definitely not be allowed | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Can't choose                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |



**A3. Should people who want to overthrow the government by force be allowed to hold public meetings?**

Should definitely be allowed

Should probably be allowed

Should probably not be allowed

Should definitely not be allowed

Can't choose

**A4. Should people prejudiced against any racial or ethnic group be allowed to hold public meetings?**

Should definitely be allowed

Should probably be allowed

Should probably not be allowed

Should definitely not be allowed

Can't choose

**A5. Here are some different forms of political and social action that people can take. Please indicate, for each one,**

- whether you have done any of these things in the past year,
- whether you have done it in the more distant past,
- whether you have not done it but might do it
- or have not done it and would never, under any circumstances, do it.

*Please cross one box on each line*

|   | Have done it in the past year | Have done it in the more distant past | Have not done it but might do it | Have not done it and would never do it | Can't choose             |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Signed a petition   | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>              | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Boycotted, or deliberately bought, certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>              | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Took part in a demonstration  | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>              | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Attended a political meeting or rally   | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>              | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Contacted, or attempted to contact, a politician or a civil servant to express your views           | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>              | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Donated money or raised funds for a social or political activity                                    | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>              | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Contacted or appeared in the media to express your views  | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>              | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Expressed political views on the internet   | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>              | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/> |



**A6. How often do you use the media, including television, newspapers, radio and the internet, to get political news or information?**

*Please cross one box only*

- Several times a day
- Once a day
- 5-6 days a week
- 3-4 days a week
- 1-2 days a week
- Less than 1 day a week
- Never
- Can't choose

**A7. On average, about how many people do you have contact with in a typical week day, including people you live with.**

We are interested in contact on a one-to-one basis, including everyone with whom you chat, talk, or discuss matters. This can be face-to-face, by telephone, by mail, or on the internet. Please include only people you know. Please select one from the following categories that best matches your estimate.

*Please cross one box only*

- 0-4 persons
- 5-9
- 10-19
- 20-49
- 50 or more
- Can't choose





**A10. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

*Please cross one box on each line*

|  | Strongly<br>Agree        | Agree                    | Neither<br>Agree nor<br>Disagree | Disagree                 | Strongly<br>Disagree     | Can't<br>Choose          |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| People like me don't have any say about what the government does                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I don't think the government cares much what people like me think                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I feel I have a pretty good understanding of the important political issues facing Australia | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I think most people in Australia are better informed about politics and government than I am | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**A11. Suppose a law were being considered by federal parliament that you considered to be unjust or harmful.**

**If such a case arose, how likely is it that you, acting alone or together with others, would be able to try to do something about it?**

*Please cross one box only*

|                   |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Very likely       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fairly likely     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Not very likely   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Not at all likely | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Can't choose      | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**A12. If you made such an effort, how likely is it that federal parliament would give serious attention to your demands?**

*Please cross one box only*

|                   |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Very likely       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fairly likely     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Not very likely   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Not at all likely | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Can't choose      | <input type="checkbox"/> |







**A21. Thinking of the last national election in Australia, how honest was it regarding the counting and reporting of the votes?**

*Please cross one box only*

Very honest

Somewhat honest

Neither honest nor dishonest

Somewhat dishonest

Very dishonest

Can't choose

**A22. Thinking of the last national election in Australia, how fair was it regarding the opportunities of the candidates and parties to campaign?**

*Please cross one box only*

Very fair

Somewhat fair

Neither fair nor unfair

Somewhat unfair

Very unfair

Can't choose

**A23. Thinking of the public service in Australia, how committed is it to serve the people?**

*Please cross one box only*

Very committed

Somewhat committed

Not very committed

Not at all committed

Can't choose





## Section B: Climate change

**B1. How much do you feel you understand about climate change - would you say a great deal, a moderate amount, only a little, or nothing at all?**

A great deal

A moderate amount

Only a little

Nothing at all

**B2. Which of the following statements do you personally believe?**

*Please cross one box only*

Climate change is happening now, and is caused mainly by human activities

Climate change is happening now, but is caused mainly by natural forces

Climate change is not happening now

I don't know whether climate change is happening or not

**B3. How serious a threat do you think climate change will pose to you or your way of life in your lifetime?**

Very serious

Fairly serious

Not very serious

Not at all serious

**B4. How about people born in 2014? How serious a threat do you think climate change will pose to them or their way of life during their lifetime?**

Very serious

Fairly serious

Not very serious

Not at all serious

**B5. Which of the following statements do you think is more accurate?**

*Please cross one box only*

Most scientists agree that climate change is happening now, caused mainly by human activities.

There is little agreement among scientists that climate change is happening now, caused mainly by human activities.



## Section C: Describing Australia

### C1. On a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 is not at all important and 7 is very important...

*Please cross one box on each line*

|  | Not at all<br>important<br>1 | 2                        | 3                        | 4                        | 5                        | 6                        | Very<br>important<br>7   | Can't<br>choose          |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| How important to you is being an Australian citizen or resident?                         | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| How important do you think the Anzac heritage is for Australia's national identity?      | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| How important is the Anzac heritage to your own sense of what it means to be Australian? | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### C2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

*Please cross one box on each line*

|   | Strongly<br>agree        | Agree                    | Disagree                 | Strongly<br>disagree     |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| The Australia that you know and love isn't changing too fast, and will never change.                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| There are forces in Australian society that may be changing the country for the worse.                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Most people in Australia don't realise how much our lives are controlled by plots hatched in secret places.           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The people that really run Australia are known to everyone.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I often feel that the really important matters in Australia are decided by people we never even hear about.           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No sooner do most foreign immigrants get here than they try to bring Australia down by refusing to abide by our laws. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The true Australian way of life is disappearing so fast that we may have to use force to save it.                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Regardless of what some people say, racial background has no bearing on who can be a real Australian.                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I am afraid there isn't going to be as much freedom in Australia as time goes on.                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



**C3. How much confidence do you have in the following organisations?**

*Please cross one box on each line*

|   | A great deal of confidence | Quite a lot of confidence | Not very much confidence | No confidence at all     | Can't choose             |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| The defence forces                            | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The unions                                    | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The courts and the legal system               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The Federal parliament                        | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The public service                            | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Major Australian companies                    | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Banks and financial institutions              | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Churches or religious institutions            | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The police in my State or Territory           | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Charities                                     | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Universities                                  | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Australia's social welfare system             | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**C4. Which one of the following sources of information would you say you rely on MOST for your news and information?**

*Please cross one box only*

|                                       |                          |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ABC and/or SBS television             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Commercial television                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ABC and/or SBS radio                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Commercial radio (including talkback) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Newspapers                            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Internet sites                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| News magazines                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Friends and family                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |



**C5. Thinking about Federal government in Australia these days, would you say it is run for a few big interests looking out for themselves, or that it is run for the benefit of all the people?**

*Please cross one box only*

- Entirely run for a few big interests
- Mostly run for a few big interests
- Mostly run for the benefit of all
- Entirely run for the benefit of all
- Can't choose

**C6. Thinking about the amount of power organisations have in Australia today, please say whether you think each of the following should have more power, less power or the same amount.**

*Please cross one box on each line*

|                        | A lot more power         | A bit more power         | Same amount of power     | A bit less power         | A lot less power         | Can't choose             |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Big business           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The Federal government | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The mass media         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unions                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## Section D: Personal background

Now we would like to finish up by asking you some questions about your background. The information you provide is totally confidential and will be used only for this research.

**D1. Are you ...**

- Male
- Female

**D2. When were you born?**

*Please, write in the year of your birth (use four digits for the year)*

Year (YYYY)

**D3. Are you currently in school or studying in higher education?**

- I am still at school
- I am still at college/university/in vocational training
- No I am not currently in school, college, university or in vocational training



**D4. How many full years of schooling or education have you had?**

**Please include primary and secondary schooling, university and full-time vocational training, but do not include repeated years. If you are currently in education count the number of years you have completed so far.**

Years

**D5. What is the highest year of schooling you have completed?**

*Please cross one box only*

- Year 12 or equivalent
- Year 11 or equivalent
- Year 10 or equivalent
- Completed primary school
- Completed pre-primary school
- Did not go to school

**D6. What is the highest educational qualification you have completed outside of school?**

*Please cross one box only*

- Doctorate by research
- Doctorate by coursework
- Masters' Degree
- Graduate Diploma
- Graduate Certificate
- Bachelor Degree
- Advanced Diploma or Associate Degree
- Diploma
- Certificate IV
- Certificate III
- Certificate II
- Certificate I
- No post-school qualification



**D7. Which of the following sexual orientations do you identify with?**

*Please cross one box only*

Straight (Heterosexual)

Gay/Lesbian

Bisexual

Other

Rather not answer

**D8. Are you currently working for pay, did you work for pay in the past, or have you never been in paid work?**

By work we mean doing income-producing work, as an employee, self-employed or working for your own family's business, for at least one hour per week.

If you temporarily are not working for pay because of temporary illness/parental leave/vacation/strike, etc., please refer to your normal work situation.

I am currently in paid work

I am currently not in paid work but I had paid work in the past  **Skip to D10**

I have never had paid work  **Skip to D17**

**D9. How many hours, on average, do you usually work for pay in a normal week, including overtime?**

If you work for more than one employer, or if you are both employed and self-employed, please count the total number of working hours that you do.

Hours







The next questions deal with the work situation of your spouse/partner.

**D19. Is your spouse/partner currently working for pay, did he/she work for pay in the past, or has he/she never been paid work?**

By work we mean doing income-producing work, as an employee, self-employed or working for his/her own family's business, for at least one hour per week.

If he/she temporarily is not working for pay because of temporary illness/parental leave/vacation/strike, etc., please refer to his/her normal work situation.

*Please cross one box only*

He/she is currently in paid work

He/she is currently not in paid work but he/she had paid work in the past  **Skip to D21**

He/she has never had paid work  **Skip to D26**

**D20. How many hours, on average, does your spouse/partner usually work for pay in a normal week, including overtime?**

If he/she works for more than one employer, or if he/she is both employed and self-employed, please count the total number of working hours that he/she does.

Hours

The next questions deal with some more details on your spouse's/partner's work situation.

**D21. Is/was your spouse/partner an employee, self-employed, or working for his/her own family's business?**

If he/she works for more than one employer, or if he/she is both employed and self-employed, please refer to his/her main job.

If he/she is retired or not currently working, please refer to his/her last main job.

*Please cross one box only*

An employee

Self-employed without employees

Self-employed with employees

Working for his/her own family's business





**D26. Which of the following best describes your spouse's/partner's current situation?**

If he/she temporarily is not working because of **temporary** illness/parental leave/vacation/strike etc., please refer to his/her normal work situation.

*Please cross one box only*

- In paid work (as an employee, self-employed, or working for his/her own family's business)
- Unemployed and looking for a job
- In education (not paid for by employer), in school/student/pupil even if on vacation
- Apprentice or trainee
- Permanently sick or disabled
- Retired
- Doing housework, looking after the home, children or other persons
- Other

**D27. Are you or have you ever been a member of a trade union or similar organisation? If yes: is that currently or only previously?**

*Please cross one box only*

- Yes, currently
- Yes, previously but not currently
- No, never











**D40. Is there at least one telephone inside your home that is currently working and is not a mobile phone?**

Yes

No

Don't know

**D41. How many people in your household, including yourself, have a currently working mobile phone?**

**D42. In your home, do you have a computer (such as a PC, laptop or iPad) that is connected to the Internet?**

Yes

No

Don't know

**D43. Before taxes and other deductions, what on average is your own total monthly income?**

\$

**D44. Before taxes and other deductions, what on average is the total monthly income of your household?**

\$

**D45. What is your current legal marital status?**

*Please cross one box only*

Married

Separated from my spouse but still legally married

Divorced from spouse

Widowed

I have never been married

**D46. Would you describe the place where you live as ...**

*Please cross one box only*

A big city

The suburbs or outskirts of a big city

A town or a small city

A country village

A farm or home in the country



## Section E: Optional feedback

**E1. What is the date that you mostly filled out this questionnaire?**

Day

Month

**E2. How much did you enjoy filling out this questionnaire?**

Disliked a lot

Disliked a bit

Neither liked nor disliked

Liked a bit

Liked a lot

**E3. How easy or difficult did you find filling out this questionnaire?**

Very difficult

Quite difficult

Neither easy or difficult

Quite easy

Very easy

**E4. How would you describe your mood when filling out this questionnaire?**

Very bad mood

Quite bad mood

Neither good nor bad mood

Quite good mood

Very good mood

