

Explanatory Statement

Migration Regulations 1994

Australian Values Statement for Public Interest Criterion 4019 - 2015

(Schedule 4, Part 3, Clause 3.1)

1. This Instrument is made under Clause 3.1 of Part 3 to Schedule 4 of the *Migration Regulations 1994* (the Regulations).
2. The Instrument revokes Instrument, IMMI 12/081 (F2012L02214), signed on 9 November 2012, under sub section 33(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.
3. The purpose of the Instrument is to specify the wording of a statement that an applicant must sign to meet the requirements of public interest criterion 4019. Amendments were made to remove repealed visa subclasses, transfer a visa subclass from permanent to temporary list and include a visa subclass. This amendment applies to all applicants including those whose applications have been made but not finally determined.
4. The Instrument operates to specify, for each visa subclass, the required wording of the values statement. This includes specifying which visa subclasses require a statement that includes provisions relating to matters concerning Australian citizenship.
5. Pursuant to section 18(1) of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* consultation was not necessary as the Instrument is of a minor or machinery nature and does not substantially alter existing arrangements.
6. The Office of Best Practice Regulation advised that a Regulatory Impact Statement is not required. (OBPR reference 18685)
7. Under section 44 of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* the Instrument is exempt from disallowance and therefore a Human Rights Statement of Compatibility is not required.
8. This Instrument, IMMI 15/065, commences on 1 July 2015.