

Information for the Macedonian Community

Australia's 16th national Census of Population and Housing will be held on **Tuesday 9 August 2011**.

Its objective is to accurately measure the number and certain key characteristics of people in Australia on Census night, and the dwelling in which they live.

The census collects information relating to each person and household in the country but it is not concerned with information about individuals as such.

The public expects that the information they provide will be kept confidential and this protection is given by provisions in the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*. All employees of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) are legally bound to secrecy and to never release identifiable personal information to any person or organisation outside the ABS. Should a person breach this secrecy requirement they face a fine and/or imprisonment.

In order to ensure that the Macedonian Community in Australia is accurately identified, it is essential that each and every person takes care with in the manner in which they answer the questions in Census 2011.

The Australian-Macedonian Human Rights Committee (AMHRC) after consultation with the relevant government authorities has identified the four questions featured in this leaflet to be of particular relevance to the Macedonian Community.



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Disclaimer: The responses provided in this leaflet are the suggestions of the AMHRC. Individuals are free to answer any question as they wish.

QUESTION 12: COUNTRY OF BIRTH

If you were born in what is now the Macedonian republic, you should answer this question the following way:

 Write "MACEDONIA" IN THE SPACE BELOW THE CATEGORY "Other – Please specify".

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| 12 In which country was the person born? - Remember to mark box like this: <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Australia ▶ Go to 14 <input type="checkbox"/> England <input type="checkbox"/> New Zealand <input type="checkbox"/> Italy <input type="checkbox"/> Viet Nam <input type="checkbox"/> Scotland <input type="checkbox"/> Greece Other – please specify <input type="text" value="M A C E D O N I A"/> |
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Important Information!


Even though you may have been born in the Macedonian state during the period that it was a part of Yugoslavia, it is very important that you do not respond to this question with an answer of "Yugoslavia", as a separate category exists for this answer and you will therefore NOT be counted as originating from the current state of Macedonia.

QUESTION 12: COUNTRY OF BIRTH

The following information for Question 12 only applies to those individuals born in Aegean Macedonia or Pirin Macedonia

If you answer “Aegean Macedonia” or “Pirin Macedonia” or any other derivative of “Macedonia”, you will be counted as having originated from the country of Macedonia. It is very important that you do not answer this way.

In order to highlight the existence of Macedonians outside the borders of the state of Macedonia, you must respond accurately. Therefore, if you were born in Aegean Macedonia:

 Mark the box “Greece”

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Please note that by responding “Greece” you are not declaring your ethnic identity to be “Greek”. A separate question exists for ancestry (question 18) where you can declare Macedonian.

QUESTION 16: LANGUAGE

If you speak Macedonian, regardless of how fluently, you should for this question:

 Write “MACEDONIAN” in the space below the category “Other – please specify”.

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| <p>16 Does the person speak a language other than English at home? - Mark one box only. - If more than one language other than English, write the one that is spoken most often. - Remember to mark box like this: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No, English only ▶ Go to 18 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Italian <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Czech <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Cantonese <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Arabic <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Vietnamese <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Mandarin Yes, other – please specify | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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QUESTION 18: ANCESTRY

Regardless of where you were born (Macedonia, Greece, Australia or elsewhere) your ancestry (heritage/background) is Macedonian.


For this question, you may count back three generations (parents, grandparents, great-grandparents).

 Write “MACEDONIAN” in the space below the category “Other – please specify”.

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| <p>18 What is the person's ancestry? - Provide up to two ancestries only. - Examples of 'Other – please specify' are: GREEK, VIETNAMESE, HMONG, DUTCH, KURDISH, MAORI, LEBANESE, AUSTRALIAN SOUTH SEA ISLANDER. - See page 7 of the Census Guide for more information. - Remember to mark boxes like this: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Irish <input type="checkbox"/> Italian <input type="checkbox"/> German <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Scottish <input type="checkbox"/> Australian Other – please specify | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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QUESTION 19: RELIGION

If you identify as belonging to the Macedonian Orthodox religion you should answer the question in the following manner:

 Write “MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX” in the space below the category “Other – please specify”.

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| <p>19 What is the person's religion? - Answering this question is OPTIONAL. - Examples of 'Other – please specify' are: SALVATION ARMY, HINDUISM, JUDAISM, HUMANISM. - If no religion, mark the 'No religion' box. - Remember to mark box like this: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> Anglican (Church of England) <input type="checkbox"/> Uniting Church <input type="checkbox"/> Presbyterian <input type="checkbox"/> Greek Orthodox <input type="checkbox"/> Buddhism <input type="checkbox"/> Baptist <input type="checkbox"/> Islam <input type="checkbox"/> Lutheran Other – please specify | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No religion | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Please note that if you respond simply “Orthodox”, a separate category exists for this and you will not be counted as “Macedonian Orthodox”.

Also, if you have a different religion (eg: Methodist, Islam, Jehovah’s Witness) or have no religious affiliation, you should answer this question accordingly.