



ADVICE ON UPCOMING AUSTRALIAN CENSUS 11 AUGUST 2026

MACEDONIAN COMMUNITIES COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

25 June 2026

Dear Fellow Australian Macedonians,

The Australian Census helps the government understand people in our country.

This information is used to plan services and provide funding in local areas.

The Census helps plan:

- Health services
- Aged care services
- Language support services
- Education
- Multicultural programs
- Community services
- Research and representation

It is very important to answer the Census carefully and honestly.

If Macedonian Australians do not write their ancestry, language, or religion correctly, our community may not be fully counted and this can affect future funding, services, and recognition.

Macedonian Australians have contributed to this country for many years.

Every person has the right to say who they are and where they come from.

By completing your Census properly, you help make sure our community is:

- Seen
- Counted
- Respected

We will continue our advocacy and lobbying of the Australian Bureau of Statistics for changes to future questions in future censuses that will provide fairer and more accurate data that better represent the Australian Macedonian Community and other communities. This will assist federal, state and local governments to allocate funds, grants and support in a fair and equitable manner.

Chris Angelkov,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Angelkov', written in a cursive style.

Chairman, Macedonian Communities Council of Australia

If you were born in Macedonia please print "MACEDONIA" in block letters in the boxes under Other (please specify)

17 In which country was the person born? • Mark one box, like this: ☒	☐ Australia ▶ Go to 19 ☐ England ☐ India ☐ New Zealand ☐ Philippines ☐ Vietnam ☐ South Africa Other (specify) M A C E D O N I A	☐ Australia ▶ Go to 19 ☐ England ☐ India ☐ New Zealand ☐ Philippines ☐ Vietnam ☐ South Africa Other (specify) M A C E D O N I A
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If your mother was born in Macedonia please print "MACEDONIA" in the boxes under Other (please specify)

19 In which country was the person's mother born? - Provide the country of birth for one of the person's parents, this could be a mother or a parent of any gender. - This could be a step-parent or adoptive parent. - If unable to answer this question, leave blank.	☐ Australia	☐ Australia
	Other (specify)	Other (specify)
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If your father was born in Macedonia please print "MACEDONIA" in the boxes under Other (please specify)

20 In which country was the person's father born?		
- Provide the country of birth for one of the person's parents, this could be a father or a parent of any gender. - This could be a step-parent or adoptive parent. - If unable to answer this question, leave blank.	☐ Australia Other (specify) M A C E D O N I A	☐ Australia Other (specify) M A C E D O N I A

If you speak Macedonian, irrespective of how fluent you do so, you should print MACEDONIAN in the space below Yes, other language (specify)

21 Does the person use a language other than English *at home*?

- If more than one language other than English, write the one that is used most often.
- Include use of sign languages in the 'Yes, other language (specify)' box. For example: AUSLAN.
- Include use of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander languages in the 'Yes, other language (specify)' box.
- Mark one box, like this: ☒

☐ No, English only **► Go to 23**

☐ Yes, Mandarin

☐ Yes, Arabic

☐ Yes, Vietnamese

☐ Yes, Cantonese

☐ Yes, Punjabi

☐ Yes, Greek

Yes, other language (specify)

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☐ No, English only **► Go to 23**

☐ Yes, Mandarin

☐ Yes, Arabic

☐ Yes, Vietnamese

☐ Yes, Cantonese

☐ Yes, Punjabi

☐ Yes, Greek

Yes, other language (specify)

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Regardless of where you were born (Republic of Macedonia, Aegean Macedonia, Pirin Macedonia, Mala Prespa, other parts of Greece, Bulgaria, Albania, Serbia, Kosovo, Australia or elsewhere, your ancestry (heritage/background) is Macedonian. For this question, you may count back 3 generations (parents, grand parents, great grandparents). Please print MACEDONIAN in each box under Other ancestry 1 (please specify) and if you have other ancestry fill in Other Ancestry 2 accordingly with whatever other ancestry you may have.

	Please use CAPITAL letters only.	10	Person 1	Person 2
23 What is the person's ancestry?				
• Provide up to four ancestries only.			☐ English	☐ English
• Examples of 'Other ancestry': CROATIAN, SERBIAN, HMONG, FILIPINO, SINHALESE, TAMIL, MAORI, PITCAIRN, AUSTRALIAN SOUTH SEA ISLANDER.			☐ Irish	☐ Irish
• Mark box, like this: ☒			☐ Scottish	☐ Scottish
			☐ Chinese	☐ Chinese
			☐ Italian	☐ Italian
			☐ German	☐ German
			☐ Aboriginal	☐ Aboriginal
			☐ Torres Strait Islander	☐ Torres Strait Islander
			☐ Australian	☐ Australian
			Other ancestry 1(specify)	Other ancestry 1(specify)
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			Other ancestry 2(specify)	Other ancestry 2(specify)

If you identify as belonging to the Macedonian Orthodox religion you should print
MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX in the boxes under Other (specify).

24 What is the person's religion? • Answering this question is OPTIONAL. • Use 'Other (specify)' to provide a religion or a level of detail not included in the list. • For example: MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX, LUTHERAN, SALVATION ARMY, JUDAISM, SIKHISM, TAOISM. • Mark one box, like this: ☒	☐ No religion ☐ Catholic ☐ Anglican (Church of England) ☐ Islam ☐ Hinduism ☐ Uniting Church ☐ Buddhism ☐ Presbyterian ☐ Greek Orthodox ☐ Baptist Other (specify) M A C E D O N I A N O R T H O D O X	☐ No religion ☐ Catholic ☐ Anglican (Church of England) ☐ Islam ☐ Hinduism ☐ Uniting Church ☐ Buddhism ☐ Presbyterian ☐ Greek Orthodox ☐ Baptist Other (specify) M A C E D O N I A N O R T H O D O X
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