



Kiribati Immigration

Sponsorship for Religious Worker

This form is for sponsoring an applicant for a work visa under Religious Worker Temporary Entry procedures.

An acceptable sponsor

A sponsor under this category must be a religious organisation with a primary purpose of advancing religion.

The sponsoring organisation must:

- nominate a person authorised to enter agreements and sign the undertaking on the organisation's behalf
- demonstrate that they support the applicant's work visa application, and
- demonstrate that they are an acceptable sponsor by:
 - providing evidence that they are a charity, and
 - completing the form details and signing the declaration by sponsor.

Completing this form does not mean that the application of the person(s) being sponsoring will be approved.

Applicants must meet all the requirements of a work visa to be granted a visa.

Sponsoring an applicant for a work visa

To sponsor an applicant for a Religious Worker visa, the organisation must undertake and agree to:

- make sure the sponsored person, and dependent child(ren), if applicable, have financial support for one year from the first day as a Religious Worker work visa holder in Kiribati, and
- make sure the sponsored person and dependent child(ren), if applicable, have suitable accommodation for one year from the first day as a Religious Worker work visa holder in Kiribati, and
- guarantee to provide the cost of a return airfare for repatriation for the sponsored person, dependent child(ren), if applicable, and/or the sponsored person's partner, and
- guarantee to provide for the cost of a return airfare for deportation, if necessary, for the sponsored person, dependent child(ren), if applicable, and/or the sponsored person's partner.

Note: the sponsoring organisation does not have to meet these costs directly, however, if these costs are not funded by other means, the organisation will be responsible for them for the duration of the sponsorship period.

Who qualifies for Religious Worker work visa?

Non-Kiribati citizens or non-residence visa holders who:

- have qualifications and/or experience in religious work, and
- are healthy and of good character, and
- have genuine Kiribati-based religious work sponsored by a charitable organisation whose primary purpose is advancing religion.

What happens if your organisation does not honour the sponsorship?

- If your organisation fails to carry out their sponsorship responsibilities, the sponsored person will be in breach of their visa and may be liable for deportation.
- If your sponsored person incurs cost to the Kiribati Government or a third party to cover maintenance, accommodation or return travel, your organisation will be responsible for repaying their costs.
- If your organisation fails to repay these costs, a debt will be due to the Government or the third party. This debt may be enforced in the courts. This debt will remain your organisation's responsibility until it is repaid.
- If your organisation breaches their sponsorship undertakings, they may not be able to sponsor again in the future.

Sections A to F must be completed by the contact person authorised to make representations and enter into agreements on behalf of the sponsoring organisation.

Section A: Applicant's personal details			
Details of the applicant(s) you are sponsoring			
A1. Family/Last name:		A2. Given/first name:	
A3. Country of birth:		A4. Citizenship:	
A5. Gender:	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	A6. Date of birth (DD/MM/YY):	/ /
A7. Are you sponsoring a dependent child/children of the applicant detailed above?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Go to A8</i>	No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Go to Section B</i>	
A8. Name(s) of dependent child/children being sponsored by you			
<i>Dependent Child 1:</i>			
Full name:			
Gender:	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of birth (DD/MM/YY):	/ /
<i>Dependent Child 2:</i>			
Full name:			
Gender:	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of birth (DD/MM/YY):	/ /
<i>Dependent Child 3:</i>			
Full name:			
Gender:	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of birth (DD/MM/YY):	/ /
<i>Dependent Child 4:</i>			
Full name:			
Gender:	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of birth (DD/MM/YY):	/ /
Section B: Sponsoring organisation's details			
B1. Organisation name:			
B2. Name and address of the authorised person acting on behalf of the sponsoring organisation:			
Family/last name:		Given/first name(s):	
Role in organisation:			
Organisation address:			
Telephone Number:		Email:	

B3. Name and address for communication about this sponsorship form:			
Same address as at B2: <input type="checkbox"/>		As below: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Family/last name:		Given/first name:	
Company name (if applicable) and address		Telephone and email:	
Section C: Sponsor's eligibility			
• Has your organisation or any of its listed directors, trustees or management been convicted of an offence(s) under immigration law?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
• Does your organisation have an outstanding debt to the government or other third parties because of another sponsorship arrangement?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
• Is your organisation in receivership or liquidation?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
• Has your organisation previously breached sponsorship obligations?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Section D: Religious work details			
<i>Provide details of the position your organisation is offering the named applicant. If you have a description of the work that already contains all of the information below, it can be attached to this form, and you do not need to complete the section below. If any information requested below IS NOT covered in the employment agreement or description of the work, please complete the relevant questions.</i>			
D1. Position title:			
D2. What is the address for the place of work?			
Same address as at B2: <input type="checkbox"/>	Same address as at B3: <input type="checkbox"/>	As below: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Organisation name (if applicable) and address:			
D3. Describe the type of primary religious work, duties and responsibilities the person you are sponsoring will undertake.			
D4. What is the duration of the primary religious work?			
From:	/ /	To:	/ /
		Or period in weeks/months/years?	

Section E: Sponsoring organisation's undertakings

E1. I _____

(authorised contact person's name)

undertake to meet the requirements for maintenance, accommodation and repatriation or deportation costs, if necessary, of the applicant and any dependent children named in this form at Section A: Applicant's details, for one year following their arrival in Kiribati.

Section F: Declaration by Sponsor

Make sure you understand the declaration before you sign this section.

I,

[Full name of authorised contact]

[occupation]

of,

[name of sponsoring organisation]

[sponsor's address]

solemnly and sincerely declare that:

- that the information supplied in this form and in the attachments is true and correct, and
- that the organisation will honour the sponsorship undertakings given in Section E: Sponsorship undertakings in respect of the person(s) named in Section A: Applicant's details who the organisation has agreed to sponsor in this form.
- I acknowledge that I will be liable for any reasonable cost(s) incurred by the Kiribati Government or a third party as a result of failing to honour the sponsorship undertakings given in Section E: Sponsorship undertakings, and that those costs may be recoverable in the Kiribati courts.
- I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

Signature of authorised contact person _____

Date:

Section G. Declaration by person assisting the sponsor

If no one helped the applicant to fill in this form, this section does not have to be completed.

G1: Name and address of person assisting sponsor:

Family/last name:		Given/first name(s):	
Organisation name (if applicable) and address			
Telephone Number/s:		Email:	

G2. Declaration

The person assisting the applicant must read and sign their agreement to this declaration in the space below.

- I understand that after the applicant has signed this form it is an offence for me to change or add further information, or change or add any documents attached to the form, without making a statement identifying what information or material has been changed, added or attached and by whom. If I make these changes or additions, I must state on the form what they were, who made them and the reason they were made.
- I understand that the maximum penalty for this offence is a fine of up to AU\$5,000 and/or a term of imprisonment of up to two years.
- I certify that the applicant asked me to help them complete this form and any additional forms.
- I certify that the applicant agreed that the information provided was correct before signing the declaration.

Signature of person assisting

Date

About the information you provide

Deciding whether you are eligible to be a sponsor

The information about you on this form is collected to determine your eligibility to be a sponsor of an applicant for religious work in Kiribati. The main recipient of the information is Kiribati Immigration but it may also be shared with other Government agencies, which are entitled to the information under applicable legislation. Collecting this information is authorised by the Immigration Act 2019 and the Immigration Regulations made under that Act. You do not have to provide the information, but if you do not then the sponsored person's application may be declined. You are able to ask for the information we hold about you and have any of it corrected if you think it is necessary. The address of Immigration Kiribati is Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration, Bairiki, Tarawa, Kiribati.

Health and disability services

Temporary visa holders generally are not eligible for publicly funded health services. We strongly recommend that workers have comprehensive health insurance for the duration of their stay.

Returning your documents

We will return original documents to the address given at **B2** above.