

Bangladesh High Commission

Canberra

Press Release

Bangladeshi Australians to enroll in the Census

Bangladesh High Commission in Canberra would like to encourage eligible Australians of Bangladesh origin to actively participate in the Australian Census of Population and Housing 2006 to be conducted on 08 August 2006.

We would also like to inform that all Bangladeshi nationals including students, visitors etc regardless of how long they have been in Australia or how long they plan to stay here would be subject to this Census provided they are present in person in Australia on the Census Night of 08 August 2006. If someone stays with an Australian resident family, he/she can be included on their Census form. Students staying in paid accommodation such as halls of residence at universities, student hostels, guesthouses or group houses will be given a Census form and instructions on how to complete it. There will also be an option of completing Census form online. This option is called the eCensus and information about it will be provided in the Census form.

Census forms are to be delivered to each household dwelling from 28 July to 07 August 2006. Eligible persons present in Australia should get their forms filled on the night of 08 August 2006. Census forms will be collected from 09- 28 August 2006.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) conducts the Census. For more information visit the Census website at www.abs.gov.au/census. There is a Census Inquiry Service that will operate from 28 July 2006 till 09 September 2006, between 8:30 am to 8:00 pm, seven days a week to provide assistance to anyone regarding this Census. Their contact telephone numbers are as follows:

Census Inquiry Service - phone 1300 362 883
Hearing Impaired (TTY service) - phone 1300 364 365
Languages other than English - phone 1300 363 365
eCensus Technical Help - phone 1300 651 181

This is issued with the expectation that no eligible person of Bangladesh origin misses out of this Census.

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