

## Passenger records held in Melbourne

### About the records

Passenger records are a valuable source of genealogical (family history) information. Passenger lists are usually arranged by date, name of ship and port of arrival or departure. Unless you know these details your search may be very time-consuming.

### Passenger lists for Victorian ports

The National Archives in Melbourne holds inwards and outwards ships passenger lists for the ports of Melbourne, Geelong and Portland.

Digital copies of the Inwards passenger lists for the port of Melbourne for 1924–64 (series B4397 – see table below) are available to view on RecordSearch. Microfilm copies of this series are held in all other National Archives research centres. For outwards passenger lists, or inwards lists later than 1964 you will need to search the original records. Lists for the ports of Geelong and Portland are held only for the years 1965 and 1966.

**Please note:** Incoming passenger lists for aircraft arrivals are not held in the Melbourne Office. Refer to *Sources in other offices of the National Archives*, detailed below.

### Melbourne

Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
<u>Inwards assisted passenger list – ships</u>	1921–37	B4094
<u>Inwards passenger lists – ships</u>	1924–64	B4397
<u>Outwards passenger lists – ships</u>	1924–44	MP56/9
<u>Outwards passenger lists – ships</u>	1944–64	B4400
<u>Inwards passenger lists – ships (Melbourne)</u>	1965–71	B6542
<u>Outwards passenger lists – ships (Melbourne)</u>	1965–71	B6543

## Geelong

Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
<u>Inwards/outwards passenger lists – ships (Geelong)</u>	1965–66	MP905/2
<u>Inwards/outwards passenger lists – ships (Geelong)</u>	1966	MP990/4

## Portland

Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
<u>Inwards/outwards passenger lists – ships (Portland)</u>	1965–66	MP905/3
<u>Inwards/outwards passenger lists – ships (Portland)</u>	1966	MP990/5

## Earlier passenger records

Passenger records for Victorian ports prior to 1923 are held by the Public Record Office Victoria (PROV). The PROV and the National Archives operate a joint research centre in Melbourne, known as the Victorian Archives Centre. Please see *Fact sheet 2 - Addresses of other Australian archival institutions* for details.

## Sources in other offices of the National Archives

The National Archives has offices in each capital city. All research centres hold collections of passenger lists. The lists and registers in the table above are available on microfilm in each research centre, with the exception of the Melbourne research centre.

Further information on passenger lists held by the National Archives is available in the following fact sheets:

- *Fact sheet 38 - Passenger records held in Canberra*
- *Fact sheet 56 - Passenger records held in Perth*
- *Fact sheet 64 - Passenger records held in Sydney*
- *Fact sheet 184 - Passenger records held in Hobart*
- *Fact sheet 190 - Passenger records held in Brisbane*
- *Fact sheet 256 - Passenger records held in Adelaide*