FOR SELLERS

Selling property? Here's what your agent will ask you for, and why.

From 1 July 2026, every Australian real estate agent is required by federal law to verify the identity of the people they help sell property. The check happens once, up front — before your property goes to market.

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Applies to every agent — regardless of who you choose.

Once	~5 min	7 years	AUSTRAC
VERIFIED ONCE PER TRANSACTION	AVERAGE TIME FOR INDIVIDUALS	RECORDS SECURELY RETAINED	THE FEDERAL REGULATOR

WHEN VERIFICATION HAPPENS FOR SELLERS

1. **Appraisal** — Agent visits your property — PREP YOUR ID
2. **Listing Signed** — You sign the agency agreement
3. **AML Verified** — Your ID is checked via app or in office — 5–10 MINUTES
4. **Listing Launched** — Your property goes to market
5. **Sale Agreed** — Contracts exchanged with the buyer
6. **Settlement** — Transaction completes — DONE

WHAT YOU'LL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE

If you own the property personally

- ✓ Photo ID (driver's licence or passport)
- ✓ Full name, date of birth, residential address
- ✓ Confirmation of your ownership of the property
- ✓ If selling jointly, all owners must provide ID

If the property is owned by a company or trust

- ✓ ASIC company details, or the trust deed
- ✓ ID for directors, trustees, and beneficial owners (25%+)
- ✓ Authority to sell on behalf of the entity

SELLING ON BEHALF OF SOMEONE ELSE? YOU'LL ALSO NEED:

Estate sale
Grant of probate or letters of administration, plus the executor's photo ID.

Power of attorney
The original or certified power of attorney document, plus the attorney's photo ID.

Trustee sale
The trust deed (and any variations), plus ID for each trustee.

Joint owners
Every registered owner must verify their identity — partners, family members, business co-owners.

Company-owned property
Current ASIC company extract, plus ID for the directors and any shareholders with 25%+ ownership.

Selling from overseas
Additional documents may be required — talk to your agent before listing if you're not in Australia.

BE PREPARED
Have your driver's licence or passport ready before your appraisal. If you're selling on behalf of an estate, trust or company, bring the supporting documents listed above. Verification takes about five minutes when you have the documents on hand.

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