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MIGRATION

SKILLED SPONSORED – SUBCLASS 190

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The skilled migration program is for applicants who are not sponsored by an employer and who have skills in particular occupations sought after in Australia. You must be over 18 and under 45 years of age, have good English language ability and recent skilled work experience or a recently completed eligible Australian qualification (university degree or trade qualification).

This visa class uses a skilled points test to identify visa applicants with necessary characteristics needed in the Australian labor market.

This visa allows you and any secondary applicants (family members migrating with you) included in your visa application to live as permanent residents in Australia. Permanent residency is granted upon your arrival in Australia.

Australian permanent residents can:

- Live and work in Australia on a permanent basis;
- Study in Australian schools and universities;
- Receive subsidized healthcare through Medicare and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS);
- Access certain social security payments (subject to waiting periods);
- Be eligible for Australian citizenship (after 4 years and subject to the residency eligibility criteria); and
- Sponsor relatives who wish to migrate to Australia.

This visa permits you to travel to and enter Australia for five (5) years from the date the visa is granted. Your permanent residency does not end upon the expiration of this visa. However, if you wish to continue to travel to and from Australia as a permanent resident after the initial visa has expired, you must obtain a Resident Return Visa (RRV). Your eligibility for an RRV will depend on the period that you have resided in Australia during the five (5) year period.



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Skilled Independent visas are available to highly skilled migrants who have education and/or trade skills needed in the Australian labour market. This combined with high levels of English Language ability and employability enabling the migrant to contribute to the Australian economy. Skilled sponsored visas give the applicant, and all immediate family, permanent residency in Australia upon arrival in Australia.

In order to qualify for a Skilled Sponsored visa, you must meet some standard conditions and pass a skilled points test. You are required to obtain **65 points** across a number of categories in order to immediately qualify for migration.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications for a Skilled Nominated Visa are by invitation only. In order to be invited to apply for this visa subclass, you must firstly complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) using the Department of Immigration's Online Skill Select program, whether you are in or outside of Australia. You are also required to meet some standard conditions outlined below and achieve at least 65 points on the points test. There is no charge to lodge an EOI. Please note that an EOI is not itself a visa application.

Sponsorship

Due to the nature of your Occupation, you must be sponsored by a Stated Government or Territory. The various State and Territory Governments publish lists of occupations they wish to attract to their states/territories. If your occupation appears on those lists, then sponsorship is available. Please note however, each State or Territory has its own requirements to obtain sponsorship. We advise that you check these requirements before lodging for State/Territory sponsorship.

Expression of Interest

A completed Expression of Interest (EOI) is required to be lodged online in order to be invited to apply for the visa. As part of the EOI process, you will be required to provide the information about your nominated occupation, details relating to a Skills Assessment of that occupation, your educational background and qualifications, work experience and English language ability. The information you provide must be true and correct or you may be banned from applying for this particular type of visa for a period of three years.

Once you have submitted a completed EOI application to be considered for a Skilled Independent Visa, you will be ranked against others according to your score on the points test. You will not be able to view your ranking as it is subject to change as people enter and leave the Skill Select program. Your EOI will remain valid in the Skill Select database for a maximum period of two years unless it is removed or withdrawn. Incomplete EOI applications will be stored on Skill Select for two years but will not be eligible to receive invitations to apply.



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Invitation to Apply

Once a complete EOI has been submitted, you will be eligible to receive an invitation to apply for this visa from the Minister for Immigration or an Australian employer may contact you directly to discuss employment and sponsorship opportunities. If you receive an invitation to apply, you will have 60 days to lodge a valid application for the visa. Invitations are based on the claims made in your EOI at the time that the invitation to apply is issued. Therefore, it is important that you keep your EOI as up to date as possible and support all claims made in the EOI and in the application for the visa with relevant documents and other evidence.

If you receive two invitations to apply for a visa and you do not lodge a visa application, your EOI will be removed from Skill Select. Your EOI will also be removed from Skill Select if your application for a permanent or temporary visa (that you were invited to apply for) is granted. If you are granted a 482 visa, your EOI will remain in Skill Select unless you withdraw it.

As part of the EOI application process for a subclass 190 visa, you are able to select any Australian State or Territory government to seek sponsorship from. Staff from the selected State and Territory governments will be able to view your online EOI application and if you pass the points test for this type of visa, you may receive an invitation to apply from Skill Select depending on the availability of your nominated occupation.

POINTS AND CRITERIA

The Points Test

You must obtain 65 points to be eligible for skilled migration

Factor	Description	Points
Age, at time of invitation	18 - 24 years (inclusive)	25
	25 - 32 years (inclusive)	30
	33 - 39 years (inclusive)	25
	40 - 44 years (inclusive)	15
English language competency level, at time of invitation	Competent English – IELTS 6 / OET B	0
	Proficient English – IELTS 7 / OET B	10
	Superior English – IELTS 8 / OET A	20
Overseas skilled employment in nominated skilled occupation or a closely related skilled occupation, at time of invitation	At least three but less than five years (of past 10 years)	5
	At least five but less than eight years (of past 10 years)	10
	At least eight and up to 10 years (of past 10 years)	15
Australian skilled employment in nominated skilled occupation	At least one but less than three years (of past 10 years)	5



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or a closely related skilled occupation, at time of invitation (Note that the maximum points awarded for any combination of overseas and Australian skilled employment is 20 points)	At least three but less than five years (of past 10 years)	10
	At least five but less than eight years (of past 10 years)	15
	At least eight and up to 10 years (of past 10 years)	20
Educational qualifications at time of invitation	Doctorate from an Australian educational institution or other Doctorate of a recognised standard	20
	At least a Bachelor degree, including a Bachelor degree with Honours or Masters, from an Australian educational institution or other degree of a recognised standard	15
	Diploma completed in Australia, trade qualification completed in Australia, or qualification or award of a recognised standard	10
Specialist Education Qualifications	The Applicant met the requirements for the award of a specialist educational qualification	10
Australian study qualifications, at time of invitation	One or more degrees, diplomas or trade qualifications awarded by an Australian educational institution and meet Australian Study Requirement	5
Partner Qualifications	Spouse or de facto partner is part of the application; not Australian; under 45; nominated a skilled occupation; and has competent English	10
	Either: (a) the applicant does not have a spouse or defacto partner; or (b) the applicant has spouse or defacto partner who's Australian	10
	Spouse or de facto partner (a) is an applicant to the application; and (b) is not Australian; and (c) at time of invitation had competent English	5
Other factors, at time of invitation	Credentialed community language qualifications (NAATI accredited)	5
	Study in regional Australia or in a low population growth metropolitan area (excluding distance education)	5



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	Completion of Professional Year in Australia, for a period of at least 12 months in the four year period immediately before the day on which the invitation was issued	5
Nomination/Sponsorship, at time of invitation	Nomination by State or Territory government (visa subclass 190 only)	5
	Nomination by State or Territory government or sponsorship by an eligible family member, for residing and working in a specified/designated area (visa subclass 489) or a subclass 491 Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) Visa.	10

Occupation

In order to qualify your occupation must appear on Schedule 1 or 2 the Consolidated Skilled Occupation List ('CSOL') published by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. You must also possess the necessary qualifications and experience to be accredited within your occupation or trade in Australia. This is the first step in the skilled migration process.

Age

You must be between 18 and 45 years of age in order to apply for this visa.

English Language Ability

You must demonstrate that you meet the English language threshold. This means that you must already have your English language test results **before** you lodge your Expression of Interest.

In most cases, the English language threshold is at the competent English level (6 in each band of IELTS) however you do not receive points on the points test. However, you can receive points if your level of English is proficient (7 in each band of IELTS) or superior (8 in each band of IELTS).

You also meet the English language threshold if you hold a valid passport from, and a citizen of the United Kingdom (UK), Canada, New Zealand, United States of America (USA) or Republic of Ireland. However, you do not gain any points for meeting this threshold. If you are seeking additional points, then it is often advisable to sit an IELTS exam to gain the additional points.

Note: Some professional assessment bodies require competent English as part of their skills assessment process. Regardless of the level allocated for visa purposes a higher level may be required for particular skills assessments.

Qualifications

You must have a minimum of a trade qualification or Diploma level education in order to obtain points.



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Work experience

To gain points for work experience, you must demonstrate that you have been employed in a closely related occupation to your nominated occupation on the Consolidated Skilled Occupation List (SOL). Depending on whether you are claiming on or off-shore work experience will determine how many years you will need to demonstrate to gain points. Work experience needs to have been conducted at the required skill level which is generally from the completion of a relevant qualification and for at least 20 hours per week.

Australian 2 Year Study

To gain points for Australian study, you must have completed in no less than 16 calendar months either:

- A single qualification requiring at least two (2) academic years study in Australia
or
- More than one qualification resulting in a total period of at least two (2) academic years study in Australia.

Regional Australia – study and residence

Points are available if you have lived and studied for at least two years in one or more areas in regional Australia or low population growth areas.

Partner Skills

You may receive points if your spouse is also able to satisfy the basic requirements of age, English language, qualifications, nominated occupation and has obtained a suitable skill assessment in Australia for an occupation listed on the CSOL.

Designated Language

You may receive points if you are fluent in a designated language. You must be accredited with the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI).

Currently designated languages are Afrikaans, Albanian, Arabic/Lebanese, Armenian, Bangla (Bengali), Bosnian, Bulgarian, Burmese, Chinese – Cantonese, Chinese – Mandarin, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Estonian, Fijian, Filipino (Tagalog), Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Lao, Latvian, Lithuanian, Macedonian, Malay, Maltese, Norwegian, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Sinhalese, Slovak, Slovene, Spanish, Swedish, Tamil, Thai, Turkish, Ukrainian, Urdu, Vietnamese and Yiddish

Skills Assessment

In order to qualify for skilled migration, you must obtain accreditation in Australia within your nominated occupation. A positive skills assessment indicates to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship that you have the necessary skills to contribute to the Australian Labor market.

You must obtain a positive skills assessment before you lodge your Expression of Interest. This is an evaluation of your qualifications to make sure that you are sufficiently qualified for your nominated occupation.



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The skills assessment must be performed by the approved assessing body for your nominated skilled occupation.

It is your responsibility to contact the relevant assessing authority for your nominated occupation to arrange for an assessment of your skills. Each assessing authority has its own assessment procedures, timeframes and charges. You need to contact the relevant assessing authority about your skills assessment well before you intend to lodge your application.

You must lodge evidence of a completed positive skills assessment with your application.

In most cases, assessing bodies will require that you have post-secondary qualifications, such as university or trade qualifications, in order to receive a positive assessment of your skills.

In a small number of occupations, substantial relevant work experience may be accepted instead of formal qualifications. Each assessing authority will be able to advise you on what is required.

Important: Assessing authorities are responsible for undertaking skills assessments for migration purposes and are not employment agencies. The assessing authorities will not reply to requests for job placement. They cannot give advice on the likely success of your visa application

STANDARD CONDITIONS

Location at time of application and grant of visa

You may be in or outside Australia at the time you apply for a Subclass 190 visa. You may also be either inside or outside Australia at the time the Department goes to make a decision on your visa.

Note: A bridging visa will only be issued to those who have applied for this visa subclass whilst **inside** Australia. There is no provision for a bridging visa to be granted to an off-shore application, even if the applicant were to enter Australia after the application.

Health Requirements

All members of your immediate family, including dependant family members, must meet the health requirement. This includes all children under the age of 18 years as well as other dependents regardless of whether they live with you and whether they intend to migrate.

Your responsibilities when attending a health examination

You must truthfully disclose your medical history and details of any known medical conditions.

Note: The provision of false information or client substitution during the examination may result in your application being refused. A refusal on these grounds would make it extremely difficult for you to apply again in the future.

If you are applying outside Australia, you must attend the same Panel doctor during the course of your current health assessment. If any further tests are required for your health examination, the Panel doctor will refer you to an appropriate specialist. We can advise the name and address of a Panel doctor close to your overseas location.



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Character Requirements

To enter Australia all applicants (primary and secondary) must be of 'good character'. Certified copies of police checks and military discharge papers are required from you as evidence of whether you can meet character requirements. You and any secondary applicants aged 16 years or over will need to submit the character assessment form with your application. We will contact you if we require further details.

You should also be aware that police clearances from some countries may take up to one (1) year to obtain. It is important therefore, that you initiate this process as soon as possible.

You will also need to provide a clearance from all countries you have lived in during the last ten (10) years, for a total of 12 months or more, and you were aged 16 years or older.

Your application will be processed more quickly if you include completed clearances for all applicants at the time you lodge your application.

Australian Values Statement

If you are aged 18 years or over, you are required to sign an Australian values statement. The statement is included in your visa application form and all applicants aged 18 years and over will need to sign it to confirm that they will respect the Australian way of life and obey Australian laws. Before signing this statement, you are required to have read, or had explained to you, material made available by the government on life in Australia which is contained in the Life in Australia book.