



General Skilled Migration

The General Skilled Migration Program includes 3 different of visas. You do not need an employer to sponsor you.

You must have an occupation on the list of occupations available for this visa program to qualify. This is a point tested visa. You must score a minimum of 65 points to lodge an Expression of Interest. If you are selected, you will be invited to apply for a visa. It is only at this visa lodgement stage that you will have lodged a visa. If inside Australia when lodging the visa, you may be issued with a Bridging Visa.

You can include your immediate family in this application.

BASIC ELIGIBILITY

You must meet the following:

- 1) Be under 45
- 2) Have a minimum of IELTS 6+/PTE 65+ (or equivalent)
- 3) Score a minimum of 65+ points on the points test
- 4) Have an occupation on the skilled list
 - a. <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2022C00574>
- 5) Pass a skills assessment in your occupation
- 6) Be *invited* to apply for the visa

VISA CLASSES

We can enter you in all your eligible visa class competitions below.

Independent 189 - Permanent

You do not need a state or regional to sponsor you. This is an independent application. You can live anywhere after grant. The points requirement for this visa is very high. We recommend also using a state or regional nomination to increase your chances of success.

Your occupation must be on the list below:

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2022C00574>



State Sponsored 190 - Permanent

This is a permanent visa. You should live in your nominated state for a minimum period of 2 years after entering Australia. IE – not live in any other state. You can travel overseas.

Each state has different eligibility criteria.

You receive an additional 5 points for the state nominated visa. This is very valuable for those who have low points.

Your occupation can be on the Short-Term or Regional occupation list below.

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Regional Sponsored 491 – Temporary

This is a 5 year temporary visa. You may apply for permanent residency after 3 years if you meet eligibility requirements.

Each regional area has different eligibility criteria.

You receive additional 15 points for your 491 visa. This is very valuable for those who have a low points

Basic eligibility requirements for permanent residency are:

- Have lived in a regional area for the 3 year duration
- Have earnt a minimum salary per year – *currently no minimum salary prescribed.*

Your occupation must be on the Regional list below:

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2022C00574>

PROCESS

Please see information below:

This application requires three separate stages:

- 1) Skills Assessment + English Exam
- 2) Expression of Interest



Plus Expression of Interest with nominating state/regional area (recommended)

3) Visa Application

You must pass each stage to move on to the next stage.

Skills Assessment + English Exam

A positive skills assessment is required to lodge an Expression of Interest. A skills assessment is an assessment of your education and employment experience to ascertain if you meet the Australian industry standard in your profession. Each occupation has a dedicated skill assessing body that conducts these assessments.

You must also pass an English exam with the score of IELTS 6.0 or equivalent.

Expression of Interest (EOI)

Once you have obtained a positive skills assessment and the required English score, you are able to lodge an Expression of Interest. You must have a minimum of 65 points to enter the program. An EOI is an indication to the Department of Home Affairs that you would like to be considered for a visa under this skilled program. Once your EOI has been lodged, it will be ranked against other candidates in the same occupation. Those with higher points will receive an invitation to apply for a visa faster than those with lower points. Your EOI will remain in the system for a period of 2 years. You may apply again if you do not receive an invite during this time.

If you are seeking State or Regional nomination, separate *Expressions of Interests/Registrations of Interest* with your selected state are required.

There are various ways to increase your points on your EOI. For example:

- English score
- Qualification
- Work experience
- Study in Australia
- Relationship status
- Partner Points
- NAATI Accreditation – certain languages earn more points
- State or Regional nomination

You may be able to access additional points depending on your circumstances.

This is not a visa application and a bridging visa will not be issued.



Visa Application

If your Expression of Interest has been positively assessed, you will be invited to apply for a visa. The visa application is an assessment of the claims you made in the Expression of Interest.

If you lodge your application in Australia, you will be issued with a bridging visa that will permit you to stay here during the processing period.

MIGRATION AGENT SERVICE

Your migration agent will guide you through the whole process. This includes migration advice, updates on state/regional eligibility, preparation and lodgement of your skills assessment EOI and visa application.

You will be provided with a checklist of documents. Your migration agent will then cross reference them to ensure they are at the required standard.

NEXT STEPS

Our Registered Migration Agents are happy to assist you with the preparation and lodgement of your skills assessment, EOI and visa application. We will review your documents and ensure that you meet the eligibility requirements before applying.

Our Registered Migration Agents are also available for Migration Pathway consultation and planning. This is a consultation and subsequent written plan about how to meet the eligibility criteria for a visa under the General Skilled Migration program and meeting state/regional nomination requirements. We can also assist you with course selection and enrolment.

Provide the following for a basic assessment:

- Resume/CV/LinkedIn profile
- English test – if any
- Your date of birth
- Your partner's resume/CV/LinkedIn profile
- Your partner's English test – if any
- Your partner's date of birth



Ensure that your resume/CV/LinkedIn profile includes your dates of education, dates of employment, and brief description of your employment history.

Please contact us to book an appointment for further assessment of your eligibility.