



(Subclass 189)

# Skilled independent visa

This visa is for invited workers, eligible New Zealand citizens and eligible Hong Kong or British National (Overseas) passport holders with skills we need, to live and work permanently anywhere in Australia.

## Basic Eligibility

See the relevant stream

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### Points tested stream

*(<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-independent-189/points-tested>)*

This visa lets invited workers with skills we need, to live and work permanently anywhere in Australia.

- ✓ You don't need a sponsor or nominator
- ✓ You must be invited to apply
- ✓ You must be under 45 to be invited

### Stay

Permanently

### Cost

From AUD4,640.00

### Processing Time

For an indication of processing times for this visa, use the [visa processing time guide tool](#) ([/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times](#)). This will show the processing times for recently decided applications. It is a guide only and not specific to your application.

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## New Zealand stream

*(<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-independent-189/new-zealand>)*

This visa lets eligible New Zealand citizens who have demonstrated commitment and contribution to Australia, live and work in Australia permanently.

### Stay

Permanently

### Cost

N/A

### Processing Time

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## Hong Kong stream

*(<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-independent-189/hong-kong>)*

This visa lets eligible Hong Kong or British National (Overseas) passport holders who have demonstrated commitment to Australia, live and work in Australia permanently.

- ✔ You must hold a Hong Kong passport or a British National (Overseas) passport
- ✔ You must meet certain visa requirements
- ✔ You must meet certain residence requirements

## Stay

Permanently

## Cost

From AUD4,640.00

## Processing Time

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We assess applications on a case-by-case basis, and actual processing times can vary due to individual circumstances including:

- whether you have lodged a complete application, including all necessary supporting documents
- how quickly you respond to any requests for additional information
- how long it takes to perform required checks on the supporting information provided
- how long it takes to receive additional information from external agencies, particularly in relation to health, character, and national security requirements
- how many places are available in the migration program

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