



## Subclass 494

# Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (Provisional) visa

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## Basic Eligibility

### You must:

- be nominated by an approved work sponsor
- have an occupation on a relevant skilled occupation list (</visas/working-in-australia/skill-occupation-list>)
- have a suitable skills assessment (</visas/working-in-australia/skills-assessment>) for the occupation
- be under 45 years of age
- meet minimum standards of English language proficiency

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## Employer Sponsored stream

(<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-employer-sponsored-regional-494/employer-sponsored-stream>)

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- ✓ You can live, work and study only in designated regional areas of Australia
- ✓ You can apply for permanent residence after 3 years from the time your visa is granted

## Stay

5 years

## Cost

[Ask a question](#)

From AUD4,640.00

## Processing Time

For an indication of processing times for this visa, use the [visa processing time guide tool \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times\)](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/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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## Labour Agreement stream

*(<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-employer-sponsored-regional-494/labour-agreement-stream>)*

This stream is for skilled workers nominated by employers who have a labour agreement. Labour agreements are developed between the Australian Government (represented by the Department) and employers.

- ✔ Your employer has to have a labour agreement with the Australian government in effect

## Stay

5 years

## Cost

From AUD4,640.00

## Processing Time

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## Subsequent entrant

(<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-employer-sponsored-regional-494/subsequent-entrant>)

This visa is for members of the family unit of a Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (SESR) (Provisional) visa (subclass 494) holder who are applying separately for their SESR visa and wish to join the primary SESR visa holder in Australia.

- ✔ This is for members of the family unit of SESR visa holders

### Stay

Up to 5 years

### Cost

From AUD4,640.00

### Processing Time

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