Regional Victoria, a great place to live, work and start a new home

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Learn about the perks of living in countryside, you'll be surprised.

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Find your Match   Search a Region

News on 489 Visa

See how latest development on skilled regional visa class 489 affects you. If you are an International student, you are in for a big surprize

Click Here

Why Regional Victoria?

Concerned about your getting job, safety, education, living cost? Let us help you move to a new life, a new home in Regional Victoria

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Fun Weekend Activities

See what recreational activities you can do in Regional Victoria, Enjoy life with sports, local events and at the same time a relaxed lifestyle

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Job Industry	House price	Nationality	Order Result By

Do you prefer to rent or buy the house? Select the price range you prefer.

RENT   BUY

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Find your Match   **Search a Region**

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Top 5 areas that match your preference

1. Greater Geelong
2. Macedon Ranges
3. Ballarat
4. Baw Baw
5. Greater Bendigo

COMPARE AMONG TOP 5   BACK

*The result shows the top five regions with profile that is closest
matched with your preference input.

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HOME   VISA   FUN ACTIVITIES   WHY REGIONAL VICTORIA?
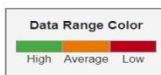
Don't know where to go among the top 5 choices you have?

We understand that it is difficult to make choice where to move given many choices.
You can compare the living factors among all 5 regions and see the difference

See all the criteria and select what's best for you

The Top 5 regions for you based on your preferences:

Data Range Color

High   Average   Low

Greater Geelong

Hospitals	Distance to City	House Price	Criminal Rate	Australia
8	62 km	$539397	0.80%	359871

Macedon Ranges

Hospitals	Distance to City	House Price	Criminal Rate	Australia
1	69 km	$675571	0.51%	73585

Ballarat

Hospitals	Distance to City	House Price	Criminal Rate	Australia
5	117 km	$386100	1.01%	170118

Baw Baw

Hospitals	Distance to City	House Price	Criminal Rate	Australia
2	118 km	$376333	0.93%	78830

Greater Bendigo

Hospitals	Distance to City	House Price	Criminal Rate	Australia
5	151 km	$350104	0.88%	186660

Explore regional Victoria in map to see more details

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Why Regional Victoria?

Affordable housing, strong job prospects, access to health and education services, and of course an unbeatable lifestyle means you have everything you need in regional Victoria.

THE BIGGEST MOVE YOU COULD MAKE FOR YOUR FAMILY

The Victorian Government is committed to making regional Victoria a great place to live, work and invest. There are plenty of reasons to move to Regional Victoria, but housing affordability and job prospects are often at the top of the list. The Government has made it a lot easier for first home buyers to buy a property to live in. Moving to a regional town could be the answer for families in Melbourne's outer suburbs struggling with big mortgages and long trips to work.

See Government plans for Housing and Renting

A big part of considering a move to regional Victoria to be sure of job security when relocating to your new location. All over Australia, rural areas need more workers. There is a wide range of job and training opportunities waiting for you.

Find more about Jobs here

Flourishing Population

The population of the regional area has less than 50% of people in Melbourne area. While regional areas have less proportion of international residents than those in Melbourne, overall the regional areas are clearly less crowded, but still represent at least 20% of international residents.

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No shortage of Jobs

Overall, the urban job opportunities are much higher than those in regional areas, however, there are still different job occupations that need talents in the regional Victoria areas. Health Care and Social Assistance have most job opportunities with 750,700, followed by Retail Trade, and Professional Scientific and Technical Services. However, the mining is least needed in regional areas overall.

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Health Services

Obviously, number of hospitals in Melbourne areas are much higher than those in regional Victoria. However, since Melbourne is much

The Best 3 things to do in Regional Victoria

With a temperate climate and changing landscapes, Regional Victoria offers a bounty of hidden treasures to uncover. Looking for fun things to do in regional Victoria?

Although, Everywhere you turn there's something special to see and do in Regional Victoria, Cycling on the coast of the Great Ocean Road, Hiking on The Pinnacle and Walking 1000 steps on Kokoda Memorial Walk are some of the best experiences.

Beach

Regional Victoria offers the boating enthusiast a range of activities in a variety of environments. Those who like to get wet can choose from white sand beaches along the Murray River, the sheltered bay beaches that extend along the Mornington Peninsula from Frankston to the heads, or the pristine Ninety Mile Beach in Gippsland. Regional Victoria provides scuba divers a rich underwater world of shipwrecks, diverse marine life, kelp forests and colorful soft corals. Surfers come from around the world to catch the famous breaks at Victoria's beaches, including Bells Beach. Learn to surf with an expert, or watch the champions at work at the annual Rip Curl Pro event. Murray River – the ultimate destination for waterskiing in Victoria. The Murray attracts experienced water skiers and beginners learning for the first time. Pick from a number towns along the Murray, with great facilities available at Lake Boga, Lake Mulwala and Lake Hume. The Gippsland Lakes and the Hazelwood Pondage in Central Gippsland, are ideal for waterskiing.

Eligible for the 489 Regional Visa?

The Skilled Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 489) can provide a pathway to Australian Permanent Residence.

See below the Next Steps to apply this visa

The Prime Minister made announcement on 20 March expressesing that there might be an extra advantage for international students studying at regional universities, giving them access to an extra year in Australia on a post-study about work visa.

Currently, the points score required for an invitation for a 189 visa remains very high. On the other side, the 489 visa gives you an additional 10 points for regional sponsorship, solicitations whenever amid the year (once every month), and just the minimum 65 points are required (counting the 10 points for sponsorship).

This visa could be a perfect answer for anybody attempting to acquire extra focuses through different methods, and will kick you off towards your dream of permanent residency much sooner.

Follow the steps below to apply for the Skilled Regional (Provisional) Visa 489

1 Submit an Expression of Interest

You will need to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI). See a step-wise guide on how to write your EOI on **SkillSelect**.

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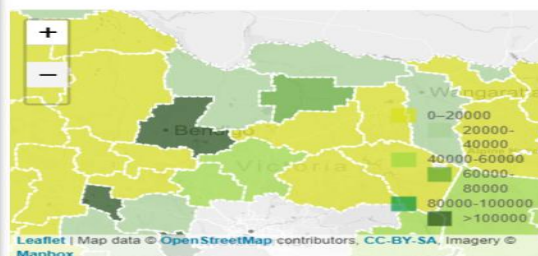**2** Apply for the Skilled Regional Provisional Visa (Subclass 489)

3 Wait for a decision

Map Exploration in regional Victoria

Once you select a region on the Map, you can see various details like:

- **Demographic:** Top five cultural communities residing in that region
- **Criminal:** Yearly rate of crimes in that region
- **Hospital:** Number of hospitals in the region as well as the list of hospitals
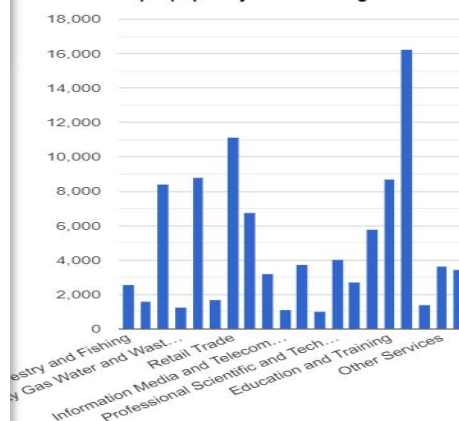- **Jobs:** Popular jobs in different sectors among yours.

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Top 5 popular jobs in this region
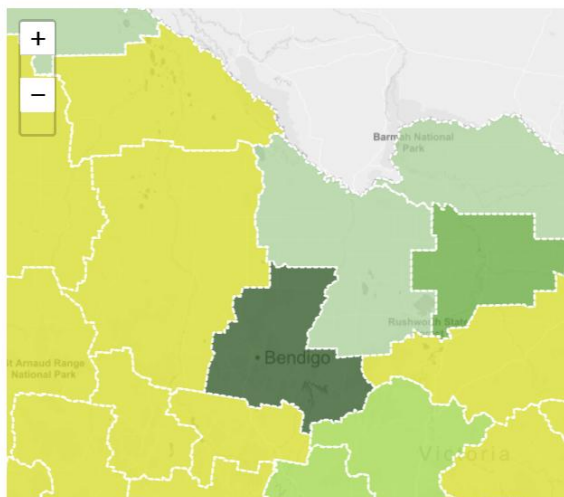
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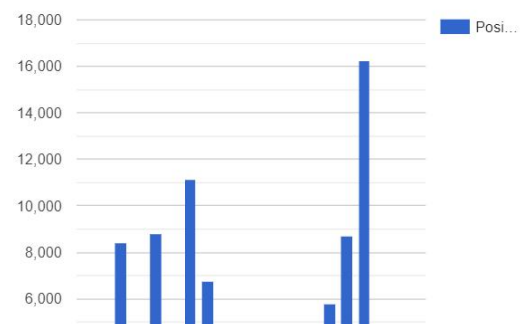- **Jobs:** Popular jobs in different sectors among yours.

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RECENT NEWS

Positive News for International Students

If you get this visa, you might be able to apply for the Skilled Regional (Permanent) visa (subclass 887)

There are three visas as which the international student can be apply to be eligible for PR in Victoria, including 489 Skilled Regional (Provisional) Visa, 190 Skilled Nominated visa and 189 Skilled independent visa. Detailed information on each visa can be found on the Department of Homeaffairs

The major regions sponsored under 489 visa are Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo, Horsham, Seymour And Shepparton, Wangaratta and Traralagon.

Want to Explore more?

Explore Victoria

However, it is worth to mention that, according to the newest information of Australia government the permanent overseas migration cap **has come down from 190,000 to 160,000 a year which includes 23,000 regional visas** for skilled migrants. The number of invitation to apply for 489 Skilled Regional (Provisional) Visa is quite high as compared to Skilled Independent visa 189. Moreover, Migrants who apply for a 489 Skilled Regional (Provisional) visa before November 2019 will continue to be able to apply for permanent residence after only 2 years of living and working in a regional area.

So, If you have been considering a Subclass 489 visa, then we suggest applying for this as soon as possible in order to avoid having to wait a further year to be eligible for PR.

Check if you satisfy all conditions before you apply.

Skip the quiz and see steps to apply visa

Question 1 of 5
Are you currently in Australia?

◯ No

◯ Yes

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