



Australian Government
Department of Immigration
and Citizenship

Do you want to come to Australia as a skilled migrant?

Do you have the skills Australia needs?

From 1 July 2012 you may need to submit an expression of interest (EOI) in SkillSelect.

SkillSelect is an online service where skilled workers interested in migrating to Australia can record their details to be considered for a skilled visa through an EOI.

An EOI is not the same as a visa application. It is an indication that you would like to apply for a skilled visa. There is no fee to submit an EOI.

By using SkillSelect you could be found and nominated for a skilled visa by Australian employers or state and territory governments, or you could be invited by the Australian Government to lodge a visa application.

SkillSelect will shorten the time taken to process visa applications and improve the employment prospects of skilled migrants.

More information about SkillSelect is available at www.skillsselect.gov.au

Skilled visas for Australia



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This information is to be used for comparison only and does not represent an exhaustive list of visas or their requirements. For more information and updates go to www.immi.gov.au or www.skillsselect.gov.au

	Type of visa	Visa duration	SkillSelect expression of interest (EOI) required?	Sponsorship required?	Required to work in regional Australia?	Points tested visa?	Skill/qualification requirements	Additional information	Which booklet can give me more information?*
Employer sponsored categories	Subclass 457 - Business (Long Stay)	From one day up to four years	SkillSelect EOI is optional for this visa	Yes, by an employer	No, unless approved prior to September 2009 under regional certification arrangements	This visa is not points tested	Occupation must be on the relevant legislative instrument and applicant must have the skills necessary to perform the occupation. Applicant must also have the necessary English language skills unless exempted	After two years continuous employment you may be able to be sponsored through the fast-tracked and streamlined Temporary Residence Transition stream under ENS or RSMS (See Booklet 5: Employer Sponsored Migration available from 1 July 2012)	Booklet 9: Temporary Business (Long Stay) (subclass 457) visa
	Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS) Subclass 186 Direct Entry Stream	Permanent	SkillSelect EOI is optional for this visa	Yes, by an employer	No	This visa is not points tested.	Applicants must have the skills necessary to perform the occupation, three years full-time work experience, or be exempt. Relevant registration or licensing if required	Occupation must be on the new consolidated sponsored occupation list. Employee to be paid at least the same as an Australian in the same occupation Must be: Under 50, unless exempt Have at least competent English, unless exempt	Revised booklet (Booklet 5: Employer Sponsored Migration) is available from 1 July 2012
	Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS) Subclass 187 Direct Entry Stream	Permanent	SkillSelect EOI is optional for this visa	Yes, by a regional employer	Yes	This visa is not points tested.	Applicants must have a related Australian or overseas equivalent qualification or be exempt. Overseas qualified trades workers will need to have their skills assessed by Trades Recognition Australia. Relevant registration or licensing if required	Occupation must be an ANZSCO skill level 1-3. Employee to be paid at least the same as an Australian in the same occupation Must be: Under 50, unless exempt Have at least competent English, unless exempt	Revised booklet (Booklet 5: Employer Sponsored Migration) is available from 1 July 2012
General Skilled Migration (GSM) options	Skilled – Independent Subclass 189	Permanent	SkillSelect EOI is mandatory	No	No	Yes, this is a points tested visa	Nominated occupation must be on the applicable Skilled Occupation List (SOL) and skills assessed by relevant assessing authority	Must be: Invited to apply Under 50 Have at least competent English	Revised booklet (Booklet 6: General Skilled Migration) is available from 1 July 2012
	Skilled – Nominated Subclass 190	Permanent	SkillSelect EOI is mandatory	Yes, applicant must be nominated by a state/territory government.	No	Yes, this is a points tested visa	Nominated occupation must be on the applicable Skilled Occupation List (SOL) and skills assessed by relevant assessing authority	Must be: Invited to apply Under 50 Have at least competent English	Revised booklet (Booklet 6: General Skilled Migration) is available from 1 July 2012
	Skilled – Regional Sponsored (provisional) Subclass 489	Four years	SkillSelect EOI is mandatory	Yes, applicant must be nominated by a state/territory government or sponsored by an eligible relative.	Yes, an applicant must live, work and study in a specified regional area	Yes, this is a points tested visa	Nominated occupation must be on the applicable Skilled Occupation List (SOL) and skills assessed by relevant assessing authority	Must be: Invited to apply Under 50 Have at least competent English	Revised booklet (Booklet 6: General Skilled Migration) is available from 1 July 2012

* Booklets are available online, see: www.immi.gov.au/allforms/booklets/booklets.htm

Until 31 December 2012, the following points tested skilled migration visas will remain open for new applications:

Subclass 885 (skilled independent)

Subclass 886 (skilled nominated/sponsored)

Subclass 487 (skilled regional sponsored)

Information about these visas can be found on the department's website: www.immi.gov.au/skilled/general-skilled-migration/