

Subclass 887 - Skilled - Regional Visa FACT SHEET

The subclass 887 - Skilled - Regional visa allows individuals holding a qualifying visa who have lived for at least 2 years, and worked full-time for at least 1 year in a specified regional area (unless concessions apply), to reside permanently in Australia. The minimum requirements for this visa are set out below:

SKILLED REGIONAL VISA REQUIREMENTS

Visa Applicant

You must:

- **hold (or have held during the COVID-19 concession period) one or more qualifying visas for at least 2 years as listed below:**
 - subclass 489, 495, 496, 475 or 487 visa, or
 - Bridging visa A or Bridging visa B, associated with having lodged a valid application for a subclass 489, 495 or 487 visa
- have **complied with the conditions of the qualifying visa(s)** while in Australia (as detailed above)
- **lived in a specified regional area** for at least 2 years on a qualifying visa (as detailed above), unless a COVID-19 concession applies
- **worked full-time in a specified regional area** for at least 1 year on a qualifying visa (as detailed above), unless a COVID-19 concession applies

NOTES: COVID-19 event concessions may apply to lodgement location, regional living and working arrangements for subclass 887 visa applications lodged after 19 September 2020. The COVID-19 concession period commenced on 1 February 2020.

Specified regional areas are defined by postcode.

- have **functional English** or pay the second visa application charge
- meet relevant **health and character criteria**

APPLICATION PROCESS

Stage 1: Initial Eligibility Assessment

We will first conduct an initial assessment of your eligibility for this visa. This involves reviewing your qualifications, employment, English language and other circumstances, to establish whether or not you are likely to meet the relevant requirements.

We will then provide you with informed and comprehensive advice about your ability to meet the minimum standards that the Department of Home Affairs (the DOHA) requires migrants to fulfil in order to qualify to apply for this visa.

Note: Our initial assessment of your eligibility does not guarantee that you will (or will not) in fact successfully apply for this visa. Whether or not the DOHA grants you a visa, will depend upon whether you meet the visa criteria.

Stage 2. Visa Application

We will prepare your visa application and lodge it with the DOHA for assessment. The main criterion is that you meet the requirements referred to above.

You must be inside Australia when the application is lodged, unless a COVID-19 concession applies. Should your visa application be approved, you will be granted a permanent visa. You may be either in Australia or overseas when this visa is granted.

PLEASE NOTE: We estimate that it may take several weeks to prepare and lodge your application, with the time taken largely dependent on how promptly you provide us with the necessary supporting information and documents.

The time that it takes the DOHA to process your application is dependent upon its processing time service standards, and may also vary due to a number of other factors, including the complexity of your case, perceived risk factors and processing priorities. Please contact us for current information regarding likely processing timeframes for this type of application.

This Fact Sheet contains **general information only**. We strongly recommend that you seek specific guidance from us that is relevant to your circumstances before taking any further action.

Do you have additional questions regarding the subclass 887 - Skilled - Regional visa? Please feel free to contact us by email at support@dojolegal.com.au, or by phone on **+61 02 9138 0688** to arrange a paid consultation.

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