

Subclass 190 - Skilled - Nominated Visa FACT SHEET

The subclass 190 - Skilled - Nominated visa allows highly skilled workers who are nominated by an Australian State or Territory to live and work permanently in Australia. If you wish to apply for this visa, you must first obtain a positive skills assessment for your nominated occupation, and then lodge an Expression of Interest. If this is successful, and you are nominated by a State or Territory, you will be invited to lodge a visa application.

The minimum requirements of this visa are set out below:

SKILLED – NOMINATED VISA REQUIREMENTS

At the time that you are **invited to apply** for this visa, you must:

- be under 45 years of age
 - nominate an eligible occupation that is included on the current Short-term Skilled Occupation List (**STSOL**) **OR** on the Medium and Long-term Strategic Skills List (**MLTSSL**)
 - have your skills assessed by the appropriate Australian skills assessing authority as suitable for your nominated occupation
 - have **competent English** i.e.
 - hold a valid passport issued by the UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand or the Republic of Ireland (and you are a citizen of that country) **OR**
 - an IELTS test score of at least 6 in EACH test component **OR**
 - an OET test score of at least B in EACH test component **OR**
 - a TOEFL iBT test score of at least 12 for listening, 13 for reading, 21 for writing and 18 for speaking **OR**
 - a PTE test score of at least 50 in EACH test component **OR**
 - a Cambridge C1 Advanced test score of at least 169 in EACH test component
- NOTE: In each case, the test must have been undertaken within the three years BEFORE you were invited to lodge your visa application.
- score at least 65 on the relevant points test (which takes into account your age, English competency, qualifications and work experience, amongst other factors)
 - **be nominated by an Australian State or Territory government agency**

APPLICATION PROCESS

Anyone who wishes to apply for this visa MUST first be **nominated** by an Australian State or Territory AND then be **invited** to lodge an application by the Department of Home Affairs (the DOHA).

In order to qualify for State/Territory nomination and an invitation to apply for this visa, you must lodge an 'Expression of Interest' (EOI), which sets out how you meet the requirements for this visa.

Stage 1: Initial Eligibility Assessment

The first step that we will take is to conduct an initial assessment of your eligibility for this visa. This involves reviewing your qualifications, work experience, English language and other circumstances, to establish whether or not you are likely to meet the relevant requirements.

As part of this initial eligibility assessment, we will consider which occupation(s) you are likely to be able to nominate, and whether or not you are potentially eligible for a positive skills assessment from the relevant assessing authority for that occupation.

We will then provide you with informed and comprehensive advice about your ability to meet the minimum standards (including State/Territory nomination) that the DOHA requires migrants to fulfil in order to qualify for an invitation to apply for this visa.

Note: Our initial assessment of your eligibility does not guarantee that you will (or will not) in fact obtain a positive skills assessment or nomination, or that you will be issued an invitation to apply for this visa. In particular, whether or not you are successful in obtaining a nomination will depend upon the exact requirements of the relevant State or Territory at the time that your EOI is assessed. Each State and Territory government agency regularly reviews and updates its criteria (including its list of acceptable skilled occupations) to reflect labour market conditions in its region.

Stage 2: Skills Assessment

Should our initial assessment indicate that you are eligible for a positive skills assessment, nomination and EOI, we will prepare your skills assessment application.

For each skilled occupation listed on the STSOL and MLTSSL, the DOHA has specified an assessing authority that may carry out skills assessments for that occupation. **Only a skills assessment conducted by the relevant assessing authority will be accepted by the DOHA in support of an EOI.**

We will provide you with a full list of the information and documents required to support your application. When you have provided the necessary details and documents, along with the required assessment fee, we will lodge your application with the applicable skills assessing authority.

Stage 3: Expression of Interest

Once you have received a positive skills assessment from the skills assessing authority, we will prepare and lodge your EOI. At this time, you will need to specify which Australian state or territory you wish to nominate your visa application. Alternatively, you can choose to be available for nomination by any State or Territory.

Although you do not need to provide supporting documents at this stage, you MUST be able to provide evidence that the information supplied in the EOI is correct at the time that you are invited to apply for the visa.

Provided you are successful in obtaining a State or Territory nomination (see below) and you meet all other relevant requirements, you will then be invited to lodge a visa application.

Note: The DOHA retains an EOI for 2 years from the date that it is lodged. During this time, your EOI can be updated if any of your circumstances change (e.g. you obtain a new qualification or skills assessment). If your ranking changes during this 2-year period, based on either your changing circumstances or the changing skill needs of the State/Territory, you may be issued with an invitation to apply for the visa at that point in time.

Stage 4: State/Territory Nomination

Once your EOI has been lodged, the government agency of the State or Territory that you have chosen will review your EOI to determine whether or not you meet their particular criteria for nomination (this includes the requirement that your nominated occupation be included on the skilled occupation list for that State/Territory).

We will supply the State or Territory government agency concerned with the evidence required to show that you meet their criteria. The nature and extent of the supporting evidence required varies depending upon the State or Territory in question. In addition, you must be prepared to settle in that State or Territory for a minimum of two years.

If your supporting evidence is deemed acceptable, the State or Territory government agency will then nominate you for the subclass 190 - Skilled - Nominated visa.

Stage 5: Visa Application

Once you have successfully obtained a State or Territory nomination, and the DOHA has invited you to apply for this visa, we will prepare and lodge your visa application within the specified time frame, together with all of the documents that support the information that you provided in your EOI. This includes your skills assessment, English language test results, qualifications, work references and all other required documents.

Should your visa application be approved, you will be granted a permanent visa. You may be either in Australia or overseas when your 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 (and your sponsor, if applicable) 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.

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