

Fact Sheet

General Skilled Migration - Subclass 190 Skilled Nominated Visa

The General Skilled Migration programme enables highly skilled workers to migrate permanently to Australia with sponsorship from a state or territory.

Visa Criteria

In order to qualify for this, you would need to:

- Lodge an EOI and be invited to apply;
- Be nominated by a State or Territory Government;
- Meet the pass mark in the skilled migration points test – currently 65;
- Be aged between 18 and 44 inclusive;
- Pass Skills Assessment in an occupation on the relevant Skilled Occupations List;
- Have competent English or higher;
- Meet health and character requirements.

Each State and Territory Government publishes a list of occupations in short supply in their area. There may be specific requirements in terms of work experience, English language ability or specialised skills. Some State or Territory Governments offer concessions to the General Skilled Migration points test.

Do I apply in Australia or Overseas?

You can either be in Australia or overseas when you apply for a Subclass 190 Visa. In order to lodge from within Australia, you would need to hold a substantive visa or a Bridging A, B or C Visa. Once you apply from within Australia, you would receive a bridging visa allowing you to remain in Australia during processing of your visa application.

Including Family Members

You can include the following types of family members in your application:

- Spouses, de facto partners and same-sex partners
- Dependent children
- Other dependent family members – e.g. parents who live with you and are financially dependent

Points Test System

To be eligible for this visa, you must achieve a score of at least 65 points against the test factors:

Factor	Description	Points
Age (at time of invitation)	18–24 years	25
	25–32 years	30
	33–39 years	25
	40–44 years	15
English language	Competent English (IELTS Band 6)	0
	Proficient English (IELTS Band 7)	10
	Superior English (IELTS Band 8)	20

Skilled employment in nominated skilled occupation or closely related skilled occupation	Outside Australia:	
	3 – 5 years	5
	5 – 8 years	10
	8 – 10 years	15
	In Australia:	
	1 – 3 years	5
	3 – 5 years	10
	5 – 8 years	15
Qualifications	8 – 10 years	20
	Doctorate	20
	Bachelor / Bachelor and Master degree	15
Australian study	Diploma or trade qualification	10
	Degree, diploma or trade in Australia	5
Spouse / Partner	No partner	10
	Partner with skills on the STSOL	10
	Partner with Competent English	5
	Partner with no skills	0
Other factors	NAATI-accredited language skills	5
	Study completed in regional Australia	5
	Professional Year in Australia	5
	Specialist research qualification	5
State Nomination	State nomination	5

Application Process

1. Skills Assessment

The first stage of the application process involves completing a skills assessment with the relevant government authority. Your skills assessment enables the Department of Home Affairs to determine whether you have the required level of skill in your chosen occupation to work in Australia.

2. Expression of Interest

To be able to lodge a valid application for this visa you need to first submit an Expression of Interest through SkillSelect and/or the manner prescribed by individual States or Territories, where you will wait for an invitation from a State or Territory to nominate you for the visa.

3. Invitation & 190 Visa Application

Once you have been issued an invitation, you must submit your visa application to the Department of Home Affairs within 60 days. At the time of application, you must provide evidence of skill level, English language ability, health and character.

Processing times

The Department of Home Affairs' published processing time is currently 13 to 16 months. Processing times can vary from case to case.

Duration and Conditions

If you are outside Australia when the visa is granted, you and your family members will need to enter Australia for the first time prior to expiry of your health and police clearances. You would generally be expected to reside for 2 years in the State or Territory that nominated you for the visa.

This Visa is a permanent visa, allowing applicants to remain in Australia indefinitely with full work rights. The travel facility on this visa is valid for 5 years, after which you will have to apply for a further Permanent Residence visa to be able to travel outside of Australia (if you have not applied for and been granted Australian Citizenship by then).

Estimated Costs

Subclass 190 Visa	
Stage 1 - Skills Assessment	
Professional Fees	\$2,350 to \$2,850 + GST
Skills Assessment Application Fee	Varies by assessment authority
Stage 2 – Expression of Interest & Nomination	
Professional Fees	\$2,200 + GST
State Nomination Application Fee	Varies by State or Territory
Stage 3 – Visa Application	
Professional Fees	\$3,500 + GST (includes a spouse and up to 2 children. Additional children are \$500 + GST each)
Government Charge – Primary applicant	\$4,045
Government Charge – Secondary applicant(s)	\$2,025 adult \$1,010 child under 18 years

Additional costs apply for English tests, medical and police clearances. Secondary applicants over 18 years must have functional English or a supplementary visa charge of \$4,885 applies.

Our Services

Our services include an assessment of your eligibility for the visa, obtaining a skills assessment, devising strategies to maximise your points score and managing your bridging visa. We operate on a fixed fee basis, our costs including the assistance of a migration agent from initial assessment, preparation of the EOI, nomination and visa application, and liaison with the Department of Home Affairs.

Need more information?

Find further information about The Migration Agency and our services on our website www.themigrationagency.com.au or contact us by phone on (02) 8896 6056.