

APPLYING FOR A TEMPORARY GRADUATE VISA

To apply for Temporary Graduate (Subclass 485) Visa you must meet the following requirements:

- **younger than 50 years of age**
- **holds an eligible visa**
- **meet the English Language requirement**
- **meet the Australian Study requirement within the last six months**
- **meet health and character requirements**
- **have obtained an Australian Federal Police Certificate**
- **have non-student health insurance in Australia**
- **meet the specific requirements for the relevant stream (Graduate Work Stream/Post-Study Work Stream)**

More information:

<https://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/485->

Australian Study Requirement

- Complete one or more degrees, diplomas or trade qualifications as a result of a CRICOS registered course/s (CRICOS: Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students)
- Completed course instructions should be in English
- Completed course duration should be at least two academic years (92 weeks)
- Completed in not less than 16 calendar months
- Study has been undertaken while in Australia holding a visa that authorises to study

Visas will be granted for between 18 months and 4 years depending on level of study completed (Bachelors/Masters by coursework = 2 years, Masters by Research = 3 years, PhDs = 4 years)

ABOUT US



Deakin Legal Service for Students provides free and confidential legal advice and information for all current Deakin University students.

Even if you are not sure if your problem is a legal one please complete the online query form available at:

eclc.org.au/deakin

If we are unable to help, we can refer you to someone who can.



Eastern Community Legal Centre
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Barwon Community Legal Service
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USEFUL LINKS:

ImmiAccount

<https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login>

English Language Requirement:

<http://www.border.gov.au/Lega/Lega/Form/Immi-FAQs/how-can-i-prove-i-have-competent-english>

How to Prepare your Application:

<https://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa/Info>

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APPLYING FOR A SKILLED MIGRATION VISA (Subclass 189/190/489)

The Process:

- ⇒ **Choose an occupation** - Medium and Long-term Strategic Skills List (MLTSSL) – for Skilled Independent (Subclass 189) visa (Point-tested Stream) and Skilled (Regional) Provisional (Subclass 489) Visa (Family Sponsored) / MLTSSL and Short Term Skilled Occupation List (STSOL) – for Skilled Nominated (Subclass 190) and MLTSSL/STSOL and ROL—for Subclass 489 visa (State or Territory nominated)
- ⇒ **Skill Assessment** - apply for a skill assessment from the relevant assessing authority
- ⇒ **Self-assess point test** - have at least 65 points
- ⇒ **Lodge an Expression of Interest (EOI)** - through SkillSelect
- ⇒ **Wait** - until the Minister invites you to apply for the relevant visa
- ⇒ **Apply for the Visa** - within 60 days from the Invitation

Threshold eligibility criteria to lodge an EOI:

- less than 45 years old
- nominate an occupation from the relevant occupation list
- have a positive and valid skill assessment from the relevant assessing authority
- meet the English Language Requirement
- complete point test self-assessment
- Seek Nomination by State or Territory (for Subclass 190 and Subclass 489 (State/Territory Nominated) **only**)
- has family sponsorship (for Subclass 489 - Regional Sponsored **only**)
- Willingness to reside in regional Australia/designated area (for Subclass 489 **only**)

Expression of Interest

Submit an online Expression of Interest (EOI) through SkillSelect.

To submit an EOI you need to complete a Skills Assessment and English test. You do not need full 65 points to lodge EOI; you can update your EOI with additional points as you complete requirements. Once you have reached 65 points*, your EOI will be examined by the Department of Home Affairs and each claim you made will be considered. Subclass 189 EOIs are ranked according to date that 65 points were achieved and number of points (>65). Subclass 190 and 489 EOIs are not subject to ranking. There is no cost to submit an EOI .

**some occupations may require more than 65 points to receive an invitation .*

Note:

EOI is not an application for a visa and lodging an EOI does not entitle you to a bridging visa. You will have to leave Australia at the end of your current visa if you do not hold another valid visa that allows you to remain in Australia.

FURTHER RESEARCH:

Assessing Authorities:

<http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Work/Work/Skills-assessment-and-assessing-authorities/assessing-authorities>

MLTSSL/STSOL
<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2019L00278>

SkillSelect
<http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Work/Skil>

Subclass 189, 190 and 489

One overall Expression of Interest can be submitted for the following 3 visa types:

Subclass 189 – Skilled Independent visa.

Subclass 190 – Skilled Nominated visa – nominated by a state government.

Subclass 489 – Skilled Regional Sponsored (Provisional) visa – nominated by state government OR sponsored by an eligible relative in Australia.

- ⇒ Subclass 489 is a 4 year temporary visa. After meeting prerequisites, including two years living and at least 1 of those working in a 'regional' or 'designated' area of Australia, permanent residency may be applied for via a Skilled Regional (subclass 887) Visa.

More information: Subclass 189/190/489

<https://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/189->

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<http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/489->

<http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Work/Work/Allocation-dates-for-General-Skilled-Migration-applications/specified-regional>

<http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/887->

If using a private migration agent they should be registered with the Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA).

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