



# State nomination migration program 2017 process and requirements

## Process for application

- Submit an Expression of Interest on the Department of Home Affairs SkillSelect database (see [homeaffairs.gov.au](http://homeaffairs.gov.au)).
- Where an applicant's Expression of Interest indicates that the applicant meets the minimum requirements (see below), the applicant **may** be invited to apply for State nomination.
- The points test pass mark is the Department of Home Affairs minimum number of points required to receive an invitation for a visa. The pass mark is currently 60 points. **Not all Expressions of Interest that meet the points test pass mark will receive an invitation.**
- Invitations will be issued to those with the highest ranking Expression of Interest by points score, subject to:
  - occupation ceilings;
  - meeting the State nomination minimum requirements; and
  - meeting the Department of Home Affairs points test pass mark.
- If an invitation is issued, the candidate has 28 days in which to apply for State nomination and successfully complete the online research tool during the application process.
- The information provided in the Expression of Interest will be examined and the State nomination application will be assessed against the State nomination requirements. **An invitation to apply for State nomination does not guarantee nomination.**
- If State nomination is approved, Skilled Migration Western Australia will nominate the Expression of Interest in SkillSelect and the applicant will automatically receive an invitation from the Department of Home Affairs to lodge a visa application.

## Western Australian State nomination minimum requirements

To be considered for an invitation to apply for State nomination candidates must:

- submit an Expression of Interest on the Department of Home Affairs SkillSelect database (see [homeaffairs.gov.au](http://homeaffairs.gov.au));
- have an Expression of Interest which indicates the applicant is seeking nomination from Western Australia or any state or territory;
- meet the Department of Home Affairs eligibility requirements for the Skilled Nominated visa (subclass 190) or Skilled Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 489<sup>1</sup>);
- have an occupation listed as available on the Western Australian Skilled Migration Occupation List<sup>2</sup>;
- be able to claim and give evidence of work experience in the Expression of Interest; this requirement can be met through:
  - at least one year of Australian work experience in the nominated (or closely related<sup>3</sup>) occupation over the last 10 years; or
  - at least three years of overseas work experience in the nominated (or closely related<sup>3</sup>) occupation over the last 10 years; and
- meet the minimum English language requirements.
  - For candidates nominating an ANZSCO<sup>4</sup> Major Occupation Group 1 (Managers) or Group 2 (Professionals) occupation, an English language level of 'proficient'<sup>5</sup> must be obtained.
  - For all other eligible occupations an English language level of 'competent'<sup>5</sup> must be obtained.
  - English language ability must be demonstrated by providing evidence of achieving the minimum English test scores as set out on page four.

Intending migrants who hold a passport from the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, the United States, Canada and New Zealand are considered to have met the minimum English language requirement and are exempt from undertaking an English proficiency test.

If an invitation is issued, recipients have 28 days in which to lodge an application for State nomination. Applications will be assessed against the minimum requirements (above) and the additional requirements listed below.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN STATE NOMINATION ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS	
OCCUPATION ON THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SKILLED MIGRATION OCCUPATION LIST	
Subclass 190 visa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a contract of employment<sup>6</sup> for full-time employment<sup>7</sup> for at least 12 months in Western Australia in the nominated (or closely related<sup>3</sup>) occupation.</li> </ul>
Subclass 489 visa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a contract of employment<sup>6</sup> for full-time employment<sup>7</sup> for at least 12 months in regional Western Australia in the nominated (or closely related<sup>3</sup>) occupation.</li> </ul>
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS LIVING OUTSIDE WESTERN AUSTRALIA (IN ANOTHER AUSTRALIAN STATE OR TERRITORY OR IN ANOTHER COUNTRY)	
Subclass 190 visa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide evidence showing sufficient funds to cover settlement costs and living costs for at least three months.</li> </ul>
Subclass 489 visa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide evidence showing sufficient funds to cover settlement costs and living costs for at least three months.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> For the State nominated Skilled Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 489) Perth is not considered regional. State nominated subclass 489 visa holders must reside in a region of Western Australia outside of Perth and surrounding areas. Regional postcodes can be found under 'About State nomination' at [migration.wa.gov.au](http://migration.wa.gov.au).

<sup>2</sup> Available at [migration.wa.gov.au](http://migration.wa.gov.au).

<sup>3</sup> Closely related occupations are those sharing the first four digits of the ANZSCO occupation code.

<sup>4</sup> Australia New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations.

<sup>5</sup> English language proficiency levels as determined by the Department of Home Affairs. See [homeaffairs.gov.au](http://homeaffairs.gov.au).

<sup>6</sup> Current employment or contract of employment is evidenced by providing a copy of a signed employment contract with the employer. A contract of employment must include at least the following:

- full names of both the employer and the employee;
- contract start date and end date (if permanent, only start date is required);
- job description of the work to be performed by the employee;
- the terms and conditions of employment (include the position's salary, hours of work, leave entitlements, superannuation, among other things) that are no less favourable than those that would apply to an Australian citizen or permanent resident doing equivalent work;
- location of employment; and
- a statement that the work specified in the employment contract must be performed by the employee and not contracted out to a third party.

Additional requirement of an employment contract:

- must be signed and dated by the employer and the employee and provided as one document; and
- must be drafted by the employer and not by the employee.

It is possible to provide two contracts of employment that combine to full time employment.

<sup>7</sup> Full time employment is defined as “on average at least 35 hours of work per week”.

### English language test minimum required scores

For candidates nominating an ANZSCO Major Occupation Group 1 (Managers) or Group 2 (Professionals) occupation.

BANDS	LISTENING	READING	WRITING	SPEAKING
Test	Minimum score			
International English Language Testing System	7	7	7	7
Occupational English Test	B	B	B	B
Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based test	24	24	27	23
Pearson Test of English Academic	65	65	65	65
Cambridge English: Advanced	185	185	185	185

All other occupations.

BANDS	LISTENING	READING	WRITING	SPEAKING
Test	Minimum score			
International English Language Testing System	6	6	6	6
Occupational English Test	B	B	B	B
Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based test	12	13	21	18
Pearson Test of English Academic	50	50	50	50
Cambridge English: Advanced	169	169	169	169