



Settlement facts for temporary visa holders (subclass 489)

As a State nominated subclass 489 visa holder you are required to live and work in a regional area outside of Perth and surrounding areas. If you were sponsored by a family member you can live and work anywhere in Western Australia.

Finding a house

There are many short term accommodation options from hotels to serviced apartments available in Western Australia. For more information contact the Western Australian Visitor Centre on +61 8 9483 1111 or visit their website at westernaustralia.com

Fully furnished or unfurnished rental properties are available through real estate agents or private landlords. For more information on renting a property, or to search for available properties, check the local newspaper or visit a real estate website such as reiwa.com.au

If you would like to buy a home on a temporary visa you will need approval from the Foreign Investment Review Board:

Foreign Investment Review Board

T: +61 2 6263 3795

E: firbenquiries@treasury.gov.au

W: firb.gov.au

Employment

There are a number of different ways you can look for job opportunities, including through job search websites, in local newspapers or through the services of a recruitment agent.

If you need extra support you may be eligible to register with jobactive, a government funded service providing support and assistance to

help you find employment. This may include access to services, training, skills development and work experience. For more information visit jobsearch.gov.au/serviceproviders

The Overseas Qualifications Unit can assess eligible qualifications you have gained overseas and advise on your level of education compared to the Australian Qualifications Framework. This may help you when you are seeking employment. Visit our website at migration.wa.gov.au for more information.

Unemployment and other benefits

Generally, you must be a permanent resident of Australia to receive social security payments from Centrelink. Visit the Centrelink website at humanservices.gov.au/centrelink for more information.

Children and education

All children must attend school in Western Australia up until they are 16 years of age. If your child's birthday is between 1 January and 30 June, they must start pre-primary in the year they turn five. If they turn five years of age between 1 July and December 31, they must wait for the following year to enrol.

Contact us:

Migration Services

DTWD – Customer Service Centre

GPO Building, Level 7, 3 Forrest Place, Perth WA 6000

T: +61 8 9224 6540 | E: settlementservices@dtwd.wa.gov.au |

W: migration.wa.gov.au/services/settlement-services

Our opening hours are **Monday to Friday**, 8.30 am to 4.30 pm (except public holidays)





Children can start Kindergarten in the year they turn four years old, however Kindergarten is not compulsory. If they turn four after June 30 they must enrol the following year. Sixteen and 17 year olds must be enrolled in school or training, be employed, or be in a combination of school/training/employment.

Education at public (government) schools is generally free, although most schools do have a small voluntary annual fee. Complete information on student fees and other additional charges can be found on the Department of Education website at education.wa.edu.au

For more information on private education visit the association of Independent Schools of Western Australia website at ais.wa.edu.au or the Catholic Education Office of Western Australia at ceo.wa.edu.au

Healthcare

Subclass 489 visa holders are not eligible for Medicare – the Australian government’s health fund, unless you are from a country with a reciprocal health care agreement. You need to have adequate [health insurance](#) for yourself and any dependants for the duration of your stay in Australia. This must be arranged before applying for a visa. Visit privatehealth.gov.au for more information.

To find out more about the Australian Government’s reciprocal health care agreements visit the Medicare website at humanservices.gov.au/medicare or call 132 011.

Citizenship

Subclass 489 visa holders are not eligible for Australian citizenship unless you meet specific criteria. You can find this information on the Department of Immigration and Border Protection website at border.gov.au

Electoral

You must be an Australian citizen to vote in Australian State, Federal and local government elections.

More information

Contact the Settlement Services team:

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For more detailed information on the 489 visa, visit border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/489-