



State nomination for skilled visas

State nominated visas allow skilled people and their families to migrate to Australia, in most cases without securing employment first.

To apply for a State nominated skilled visa you must be nominated by a state or territory. Eligible people are nominated by Skilled Migration Western Australia on the condition that they live and work in Western Australia for their first two years in Australia.

During the process it is likely you will be dealing with a number of organisations:

- an assessing authority to process your skills assessment;
- Skilled Migration Western Australia who process State nomination applications; and
- the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) who process 'expressions of interest' via SkillSelect and visa applications.

Why apply for State nomination?

Nominated visas are given priority by DIBP and are easier to qualify for, in comparison to similar visas.

State nomination does not provide employment or guarantee a job on arrival in Australia. It provides a visa pathway for you by contributing to your points score and prioritising your application.

Skilled Migration Western Australia does not assist applicants with their application, their relocation or the associated costs of the process. Applicants manage all these elements themselves.

Determining if you are eligible

Are you aged between 18-49?

You must be within this age range when you lodge your visa application.

Are you skilled in an available occupation on the Western Australian skilled migration occupation list (WASMOL)?

The WASMOL is a list of occupations which are eligible for State nomination. It is reviewed regularly. You must be skilled in an available occupation on this list.

View the WASMOL at migration.wa.gov.au

View the Australian definition, skill level and qualification information of your occupation by viewing the Australian Bureau of Statistics ANZSCO book at abs.gov.au

Do you have work experience in your occupation?

At least one year of work experience in Australia (within the last ten years) or three years of work experience overseas within the last ten years is required.

Do you have a skills assessment, suitable for permanent migration?

Your qualifications and/or work experience must be assessed by an assessing authority.

The WASMOL contains a link to the relevant authority alongside each occupation. Contact the relevant authority to arrange your skills assessment.

Note:

- If you have any questions about the skill level required or the skills assessment process, contact your assessing authority prior to applying for your skills assessment.
- Some assessing authorities can also provide official 'points advice' for your work experience, you should consider requesting this advice as part of your skills assessment.

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Are you able to score at least 60 points on the DIBP points test?

To estimate your score, visit border.gov.au

Note:

- If you are approved for State nomination you are given additional points towards this score.
- For the permanent Skilled Nominated visa (subclass 190) you receive 5 points.
- For the temporary Skilled Regional (provisional) visa (subclass 489) you receive 10 points.
- These additional points are automatically included in your expression of interest.

Do you have competent English language skills?

Those who hold a valid passport, or are a citizen of one of the following countries are considered to have competent English language skills:

- the United Kingdom;
- the United States of America;
- Canada;
- The Republic of Ireland; or
- New Zealand.

If you are not from one of the countries listed above you need to obtain at least competent English in an English test, the most common being the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) where a score of 6 in each band equates to competent English.

Health practitioners are required to take the Occupational English Test and obtain a 'B' or higher in each component.

If your occupation is listed under managers or professionals (ANZSCO groups 1 and 2) on the WASMOL, you will require at least proficient English which equates to:

- a score of at least 7 in each band (IELTS); or
- a 'B' in each component (Occupational English Test).

See migration.wa.gov.au for a full list of accepted English tests.

Note:

- Many applicants take the English test, even if it is not required, to score more points in the DIBP points test.
- There are two types of IELTS tests: 'academic' and 'general'. You are only required to take the general test unless your occupation type specifically requires the 'academic' test.
- Prepare for your English test. The test can be re-taken, but this will add time and cost to the process.
- Your IELTS result is valid for three years.

How do I apply?

- 1 Determine if you are eligible.
- 2 Submit an expression of interest to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) in their SkillSelect database.
- 3 If you are successful, you may receive an emailed invitation from Skilled Migration Western Australia via SkillSelect to apply for State nomination. (Not all eligible expressions of interest will receive an invitation.)
- 4 Submit your State nomination application within 28 days.
- 5 If your application is successful, Skilled Migration Western Australia nominates you in SkillSelect and you automatically receive an invitation from DIBP to lodge your visa application.
- 6 Lodge your visa application with DIBP.