



2022-23 State nominated migration program process and requirements

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Candidates **may** be nominated by the Western Australian Government under two streams:

- General; or
- Graduate.

Process for all candidates

- Submit an Expression of Interest on the Department of Home Affairs' SkillSelect database (homeaffairs.gov.au) and indicate the candidate is seeking either 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 491¹).
- 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 65 points.

Expressions of Interest: **Not all Expressions of Interest that meet the points test pass mark will receive an invitation to apply for State nomination.**

- The State nominated migration program may be amended at any time, including to align with directions provided by the Department of Home Affairs. The State reserves the right to amend occupation lists, policy and nomination criteria, and withdraw applications and any offer of nomination at any time.
- Where a candidate's Expression of Interest indicates that the candidate meets the State's minimum requirements (see below), the candidate **may** be invited to apply for State nomination.
- Expressions of Interest will be prioritised as follows:
 - Candidates residing in Western Australia will be given first priority.
 - Candidates residing in the rest of Australia will be given second priority.
 - Candidates residing outside of Australia will be given third priority.
- Invitations to apply for the State nomination **General** stream will be issued to those with the highest ranking Expression of Interest by points score, subject to:
 - occupation ceilings;
 - meeting the State nomination General stream minimum requirements;
 - meeting the Department of Home Affairs' points test pass mark; and
 - oldest Expression of Interest submission date.
- Invitations to apply for the State nomination **Graduate** stream will be issued to those with the highest ranking Expression of Interest (in order of priority) as per Table 1 subject to:
 - occupation ceilings;
 - nomination ceilings for university/higher education graduates and VET graduates;
 - meeting the State nomination Graduate stream minimum requirements;
 - meeting the Department of Home Affairs' points test pass mark; and
 - oldest Expression of Interest submission date.

Table 1: Western Australian ranking hierarchy for university/higher education and VET Graduates

Higher Education Graduates	VET Graduates
➤ completed a PhD ² or Masters qualification in Western Australia;	➤ completed a VET qualification at Advanced Diploma level in Western Australia;
➤ completed a Honours degree or other higher degree ³ in Western Australia;	➤ completed a VET qualification at Diploma level in Western Australia;
➤ completed a Bachelor degree in Western Australia;	➤ completed a VET qualification at Certificate IV level in Western Australia;
➤ highest Expression of Interest points score; and	➤ completed a VET qualification at Certificate III level in Western Australia;
➤ oldest Expression of Interest submission date.	➤ highest Expression of Interest points score; and
	➤ oldest Expression of Interest submission date.

- If an invitation is issued by WA Migration Services, the applicant has 28 calendar days in which to apply for State nomination.
- The information provided in the Expression of Interest will be examined by WA Migration Services and the State nomination application will be assessed against the State nomination requirements for the relevant stream.
- **An invitation to apply for State nomination does not guarantee nomination.**

If WA Migration Services nominates the Expression of Interest in SkillSelect, the applicant will receive an invitation from the Department of Home Affairs to lodge a visa application.

Western Australian State nomination minimum requirements – General stream

Western Australian skilled migration occupation list (WASMOL) Schedule 1: Health and Medical Occupations

To be considered for an invitation to apply for the State nomination General stream, candidates must:

- have an occupation listed as available and eligible for the intended visa subclass on the *Western Australian Skilled Migration Occupation List – Schedule 1⁴*;
- be able to give evidence of work experience – this requirement can be met through:
 - at least one year of Australian work experience in the nominated (or closely related⁵) occupation over the last 10 years; or
 - at least one year of overseas work experience in the nominated (or closely related⁵) occupation over the last 10 years;
- if applying for the Skilled Nominated visa (subclass 190), have a contract of employment⁶ for full time employment⁷ for at least 6 months in the nominated or closely related occupation in Western Australia.

If an invitation is issued, the applicant has 28 calendar days in which to lodge an application for State nomination. Applications will be assessed against the above minimum requirements.

WASMOL Schedule 2: All other occupations

To be considered for an invitation to apply for the State nomination General stream, candidates must:

- have an occupation listed as available and eligible for the intended visa subclass on the *Western Australian Skilled Migration Occupation List – Schedule 2⁴*;
- if applying for the Skilled Nominated visa (subclass 190), have a contract of employment⁶ for full time employment⁷ for at least 6 months in the nominated or closely related occupation in Western Australia.

If an invitation is issued, the applicant has 28 calendar days in which to lodge an application for State nomination. Applications will be assessed against the above minimum requirements.

Western Australian State nomination minimum requirements – Graduate stream

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

- have an occupation listed as available and eligible for the intended visa subclass on the *Graduate Occupation List* (GOL)⁴;
- have gained a Certificate III or higher qualification in Western Australia, including a requirement to have completed at least two years of full time study⁸ in Western Australia at a Western Australian university, higher education provider, TAFE, registered training provider or English language provider;

If an invitation is issued, the applicant has 28 calendar days in which to lodge an application for State nomination. Applications will be assessed against the above minimum requirements.

Explanatory notes

Terminology	Description
Higher degree	Bachelor Honours Degree, Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma.
Closely related occupation	Occupations sharing the first four-digits of the ANZSCO codes.
ANZSCO	Australian New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations.
Full time employment	Work on average at least 35 hours per week of paid work.
Full time study	Determined by the educational institution.
Two years study	One or more qualifications gained at an accredited institution in Western Australia.
Accredited institutions in WA	<p>Higher education providers with a campus presence in Western Australia, registered with both Tertiary Education Quality Standards Authority (TESQA) and Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS), offering face-to-face delivery.</p> <p>Vocational Education and Training providers, with a campus presence in Western Australia, registered with both Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) and CRICOS, offering face-to-face delivery.</p> <p>Providers of English language programs, with a campus presence in Western Australia, registered with CRICOS, offering face-to-face delivery.</p>

Endnotes

- 1 For the State Nominated Skilled Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491), Perth and surrounding areas are considered regional. State nominated subclass 491 visa holders must live and work in regional Australia. Regional Postcodes can be found under 'About State nomination' at migration.wa.gov.au.
- 2 Doctor of Philosophy.
- 3 Higher degree refers to Bachelor Honours Degree, Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma.
- 4 Available at migration.wa.gov.au.
- 5 Closely related occupations are those sharing the first four digits of the ANZSCO occupation code.
- 6 Current employment or contract of employment is evidenced by providing 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;
 - a statement that the work specified in the employment contract must be performed by the employee and not contracted out to a third party;
 - must be signed and dated by the employer and 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.
- 7 Full time employment is identified as 'on average at least 35 hours of work per week'.
- 8 Full time study is determined by the candidate's educational institution. It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide evidence of full time study. For international students affected by travel restrictions, exclusion periods, and education delivery changes due to COVID-19 outbreak, where online study and assessment is permitted for the Australian qualification the student may count this towards the two year study requirement whether in Australia or offshore, provided the student was enrolled or will enrol as an 'onshore' international student with a WA education or training institution for study while COVID-19 related restrictions are in place.

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