



State nomination migration program 2018 process and requirements

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 489¹).
- 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.
Not all Expressions of Interest that meet the points test pass mark will receive an invitation to apply for State nomination.
- 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.
- 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; and
 - » meeting the Department of Home Affairs' points test pass mark.
- Invitations to apply for the State nomination Graduate stream will be issued to those with the highest ranking Expression of Interest by (in order of priority):
 - » completed a PhD² or Masters qualification in Western Australia;
 - » completed an Honours degree or other higher degree³ in Western Australia;
 - » completed a Bachelor degree in Western Australia;
 - » the highest amount of Australian work experience in the nominated or closely related occupation;
 - » highest level of English language proficiency; andsubject to:
 - » highest points score.
 - » occupation ceilings;
 - » meeting the State nomination Graduate stream minimum requirements; and
 - » meeting the Department of Home Affairs' points test mark.

- If an invitation is issued, the applicant 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 for the relevant stream.
An invitation to apply for State nomination does not guarantee nomination.
- If State nomination is approved, Migration Services will nominate the Expression of Interest in SkillSelect, which will enable the applicant to receive an invitation from the Department of Home Affairs to lodge a visa application.

Western Australian State nomination minimum requirements – General stream

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 (WASMOL)*⁴;
- 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 related⁵) occupation over the last 10 years; or
 - » at least three years of overseas work experience in the nominated (or closely related⁵) occupation over the last 10 years;
- meet the following minimum English language requirements;
 - » an English language level of ‘proficient’⁶ must be obtained by candidates nominating an ANZSCO⁷ Major Occupation Group 1 (Managers) or Group 2 (Professionals) occupation; or
 - » for all other eligible occupations an English language level of ‘competent’⁶ must be obtained;
 - » English language ability must be demonstrated by achieving the minimum English test scores in all four components in a single test as set out under English language test minimum required scores in **Tables 2a and 2b below**;
 - » candidates 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 requirements and are exempt from undertaking an English proficiency test; and
- have a contract of employment for full time employment for at least 12 months in the nominated or closely related occupation, as outlined in **Table 1**.

If an invitation is issued, the applicant has 28 days in which to lodge an application for State nomination. Applications will be assessed against the above minimum requirements and the additional requirements listed in **Table 1**.

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:
 - » Masters and PhD² graduates can access all of the occupations on the GOL; and
 - » Bachelor and higher degree³ graduates can access **some** of the occupations on the GOL.
- have gained a higher education 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;
- where required, 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 related⁵) occupation over the last 10 years; or
 - » at least three years of overseas work experience in the nominated (or closely related⁵) occupation over the last 10 years.

(work experience requirement is waived for Masters and PhD² graduates)
- meet the following minimum English language requirements:
 - » have an English language level of ‘proficient’⁶;
 - » English language ability must be demonstrated by achieving the minimum English test scores in all four components in a single test as set out in **Table 2a**;
 - » candidates 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 requirements and are exempt from undertaking an English proficiency test; and
- have a contract of employment for full time employment for at least 12 months in the nominated or closely related occupation, as outlined in the additional requirements in **Table 1**.

If an invitation is issued, the applicant has 28 days in which to lodge an application for State nomination. Applications will be assessed against the above minimum requirements and the additional requirements in **Table 1**.

Western Australian State nomination – Additional requirements

Candidates applying for State nomination under the General and Graduate streams must meet additional requirements set out below.

Table 1: Western Australian State nomination additional requirements

| Occupations on the Western Australian Skilled Migration Occupation List and the Graduate Occupation List | |
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| Subclass 190 visa | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a contract of employment⁹ for full time employment¹⁰ for at least 12 months in Western Australia in the nominated (or closely related⁵) occupation. |
| Subclass 489 visa | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a contract of employment⁹ for full time employment¹⁰ for at least 12 months in regional Western Australia in the nominated (or closely related⁵) occupation. |
| 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"> Provide evidence showing sufficient funds to cover settlement costs and living costs for at least three months. |
| Subclass 489 visa | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide evidence showing sufficient funds to cover settlement costs and living costs for at least three months. |

English language test minimum required scores

Candidates nominating an ANZSCO Major Occupation Group 1 (Managers) or Group 2 (Professionals) occupations on the WASMOL, or all occupations on the GOL, must meet the minimum English language scores in Table 2a in a single test.

Table 2a: English language required test scores – ANZSCO major occupation groups 1 and 2 and all occupations on the GOL

| 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 C1 Advanced | 185 | 185 | 185 | 185 |

Candidates nominating other ANZSCO Major Occupation Groups on the WASMOL must meet the minimum English language scores in Table 2b in a single test.

Table 2b: English language required test scores – other ANZSCO major occupation groups

| 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 C1 Advanced | 169 | 169 | 169 | 169 |

Endnotes

- 1 For the State Nominated Skilled Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 489), Perth and surrounding areas are not considered regional. State nominated subclass 489 visa holders must live and work in a region of Western 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 English language proficiency levels as determined by the Department of Home Affairs. See homeaffairs.gov.au
- 7 ANZSCO = Australia New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations.
- 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.
- 9 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.

- 10 Full time employment is identified as '*on average at least 35 hours of work per week*'.