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# WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S GUIDE TO SKILLED MIGRATION





# WELCOME TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA

An ancient, energetic land, brimming with opportunity and ready for you to discover.

Western Australia (WA) is offering skilled workers secure quality jobs across a variety of industries throughout WA, at all levels of expertise.

Take a look through the following pages to discover why so many people choose to live, work, study and invest in this amazing part of the world.

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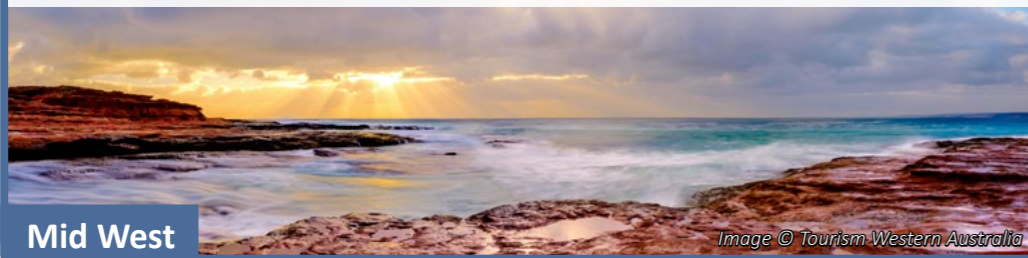


# DISCOVER WESTERN AUSTRALIA

WA offers diverse opportunities to live, work, study or invest. From white sandy beaches along the coast and spectacular outback gorges in the north, to lush vineyards and forests of the south west and the golden landscapes of the east.

No matter what kind of lifestyle you're after, you'll find it in WA.

With hot, dry summers and cool, dry winters, the Mid West region has a diversified economy based around agriculture, mining and fishing- the perfect location to start your new life.



Mid West

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The capital of Western Australia, Perth, is a friendly, vibrant and progressive city like no other, offering a wonderful lifestyle for people of all ages.

With plenty of sunshine, fresh air and more opportunities to enjoy life with friends and family, it's understandable why more migrants move to Perth than almost any other Australian city.



Perth

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The Peel region, just south of Perth, is the fastest growing in the State, with well-serviced infrastructure and attractive lifestyle options contributing to its rapid growth.



Peel

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The dynamic and evolving South West region offers spectacular nature and diverse employment opportunities, with mining and minerals forming the region's largest industry sector.



South West

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Wheatbelt



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Known for its magnificent wildflowers, the Wheatbelt has a rich agricultural history and its vibrant economy is also supported by construction, fisheries and retail.

The glorious Gascoyne region has over 600 kilometres of coastline on the Indian Ocean and climatic advantages enabling growers to meet out-of-season demands for local and export markets, strengthening the horticulture industry.



Gascoyne

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The Kimberley region is the northernmost region in WA, with tourism, construction, agricultural production, aquaculture, pearling, indigenous art, and mining all major contributors to its economy.



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Kimberley

Pilbara



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The Pilbara region is full of surprises with spectacular gorges and waterfalls, and vast red deserts. It's also vital to Australia's economy, with its oil, gas and mining industries accounting for 30% of the country's resources.

Situated in the south-eastern corner of WA, Goldfields–Esperance is the largest region. The Goldfields economy is based on gold and nickel processing, while further south near Esperance, wheat, canola and barley make up 80% of the agricultural economy.



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Goldfields–Esperance

The Great Southern region, containing the scenic town of Albany, is WA's second largest agricultural producer, with wool, timber, grains, livestock and fishing its primary produce.



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Great Southern





# MIGRATION PATHWAYS AND ADVICE

## MIGRATION PATHWAYS TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Migration in Australia is made up of three streams: humanitarian, family and skilled. The stream suitable for you depends on many factors including your age, occupation and employment status.

To find out if you are eligible to apply for an Australian visa under one of these streams, visit the Department of Home Affairs (Home Affairs) Visa Finder at [immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder) ↗



## MIGRATION ADVICE

If you would like to appoint someone to provide immigration assistance, they must be either:

- ▷ a registered migration agent;
- ▷ a legal practitioner; or
- ▷ an exempt person.

The Home Affairs website has useful information to help you appoint a suitably qualified and experienced person to assist you.

For more information visit [immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview) ↗



## HOW WE CAN HELP YOU

Moving to another country is one of the biggest life changes you can ever make, and it's important that you consider your options before making the move.

To help skilled migrants settle and work in Western Australia, the State Government's Migration WA website provides the following helpful services, information and referrals:

### MIGRATION PATHWAYS AND SKILLED VISAS

- ▷ State nominated migration program
- ▷ Certification of regional visas
- ▷ Business migration
- ▷ Migration advice

### WORKING IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- ▷ Skilled Migrant Employment Register
- ▷ Skilled Migration Job Connect
- ▷ Hints and tips to help you find a job
- ▷ Introduction to Australian workplace culture
- ▷ Your workplace rights and entitlements
- ▷ Business opportunities

### SETTLEMENT INFORMATION AND SERVICES

- ▷ Checklists for moving to WA
- ▷ Emergency and essential services
- ▷ Getting a driver's license
- ▷ Introduction to laws in WA
- ▷ Public health service
- ▷ Banking and finance
- ▷ Migrant community services

### LIVING IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- ▷ Discover regions and cities in WA
- ▷ Accommodation and housing
- ▷ Education and training
- ▷ Childcare and the health system
- ▷ Sport, recreation and leisure activities
- ▷ Public transport



Visit [migration.wa.gov.au](https://migration.wa.gov.au) for more information.



# AVAILABLE SUPPORT AND SERVICES

## SKILLED MIGRANT EMPLOYMENT REGISTER

Western Australia's strong economic growth and low unemployment rates has increased the need for skilled workers across many sectors in the State.

The Skilled Migrant Employment Register is a free initiative supporting employers and skilled migrants to connect and build the WA workforce.

For more information visit [migration.wa.gov.au/our-services-support/skilled-migrant-employment-register](https://migration.wa.gov.au/our-services-support/skilled-migrant-employment-register) ↗

## STATE NOMINATED MIGRATION PROGRAM

Migration Services delivers the State nominated migration program on behalf of the WA State Government. Eligible applicants can receive State nomination for two visa subclasses (gaining extra points on the Department of Home Affairs points test):

- Skilled nominated visa (subclass 190) — receiving an extra five points; or
- Skilled work regional (provisional) visa (subclass 491) — receiving an extra 15 points.

For more information visit [migration.wa.gov.au/our-services-support/state-nominated-migration-program](https://migration.wa.gov.au/our-services-support/state-nominated-migration-program) ↗

## CERTIFICATION FOR REGIONAL VISAS

Migration Services are an approved Department of Home Affairs Regional Certifying Body, providing certification for regional visas for WA, except the Goldfields–Esperance region.

This program allows employers in regional Australia to sponsor (nominate) skilled migrants to fill employment vacancies, where the employer cannot source an appropriately skilled Australian worker.

For more information visit [migration.wa.gov.au/our-services-support/certification-regional-visas](https://migration.wa.gov.au/our-services-support/certification-regional-visas) ↗

## SETTLEMENT SERVICES

Settlement Services is a free information and referral service, assisting migrants to establish their life in WA, ensuring a successful settlement journey.

For more information visit [migration.wa.gov.au/living-western-australia/settlement-services](https://migration.wa.gov.au/living-western-australia/settlement-services) ↗

## SKILLED MIGRATION JOB CONNECT

Skilled Migration Job Connect is a new initiative supporting migrants to overcome barriers to find and secure sustainable employment in WA.

For more information visit [migration.wa.gov.au/our-services-support/skilled-migration-job-connect](https://migration.wa.gov.au/our-services-support/skilled-migration-job-connect) ↗

## THE OVERSEAS QUALIFICATION UNIT

The Overseas Qualification Unit offer a free assessment service to have your tertiary or higher education qualification/s recognised, which could help you to secure employment in WA.

For more information visit [migration.wa.gov.au/our-services-support/overseas-qualifications-unit-ogu](https://migration.wa.gov.au/our-services-support/overseas-qualifications-unit-ogu) ↗





# WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IS THRIVING!

Strong economic growth and low unemployment rates are making skilled workforce needs a priority for the State Government.

## CONSTRUCTION VISA SUBSIDY PROGRAM

The Western Australian Government has invested \$11 million in the Construction Visa Subsidy Program (CVSP) to support skilled migration visa pathways to fill in-demand construction occupations.

The CVSP will provide grant payments of up to \$10,000 per skilled migrant, offsetting costs such as migration agent fees, visa application fees and relocation expenses.

For a step-by-step guide on how to apply for the CVSP for **employers** or **independent skilled migrants**, visit [migration.wa.gov.au/our-services-support/construction-visa-subsidy-program](https://migration.wa.gov.au/our-services-support/construction-visa-subsidy-program) ↗

## CONSTRUCTION MIGRATION OFFICE

Our dedicated team provides end-to-end support, assisting with the Skilled Migrant Employment Register, offering educational resources, and connecting you to existing services.

Send an email to [jobconnect@dtwd.wa.gov.au](mailto:jobconnect@dtwd.wa.gov.au) ↗, and one of our friendly Construction Migration Officers will contact you.







## USEFUL WEBSITES

Build a Life in WA: [buildalife.wa.gov.au](http://buildalife.wa.gov.au) ↗

City of Perth: [perth.wa.gov.au](http://perth.wa.gov.au) ↗

Consulates in Australia: [protocol.dfat.gov.au/Public/ConsulatesInAustralia](http://protocol.dfat.gov.au/Public/ConsulatesInAustralia) ↗

Department of Home Affairs: [immi.homeaffairs.gov.au](http://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au) ↗

Destination Perth: [destinationperth.com.au](http://destinationperth.com.au) ↗

Invest and Trade WA: [investandtrade.wa.gov.au](http://investandtrade.wa.gov.au) ↗

Jobs and Skills WA: [jobsandskills.wa.gov.au](http://jobsandskills.wa.gov.au) ↗

Migration Agents Registration Authority: [mara.gov.au](http://mara.gov.au) ↗

Move to More: [movetomore.com.au](http://movetomore.com.au) ↗

Places to go – Western Australia: [australia.com/en/places/western-australia](http://australia.com/en/places/western-australia) ↗

Real estate: [realestate.com.au](http://realestate.com.au) ↗

Red Cross: [redcross.org.au/migration](http://redcross.org.au/migration) ↗

Visit Perth: [visitperth.com](http://visitperth.com) ↗

Visiting Australia: [visiting.com.au/attractions/wa](http://visiting.com.au/attractions/wa) ↗

WA – it's like no other: [likenoother.wa.gov.au](http://likenoother.wa.gov.au) ↗

Western Australia: [westernaustralia.com](http://westernaustralia.com) ↗







