

Australian Skilled Independent Visa (Subclass 189)

The Skilled Independent visa (Subclass 189) is a permanent work visa for individuals who have the qualifications and skills required to fill Australia's skill shortages.

Skilled Independent visa (Subclass 189) applicants are required to obtain a minimum of 60 points on a point assessment. The assessment is such that applicants are required to be under 50 years of age and be able demonstrated that they have a qualification and/or skills in an occupation on the Skilled Occupation List (SOL). Applicants for the Skilled Independent visa (Subclass 189) do not require sponsorship.

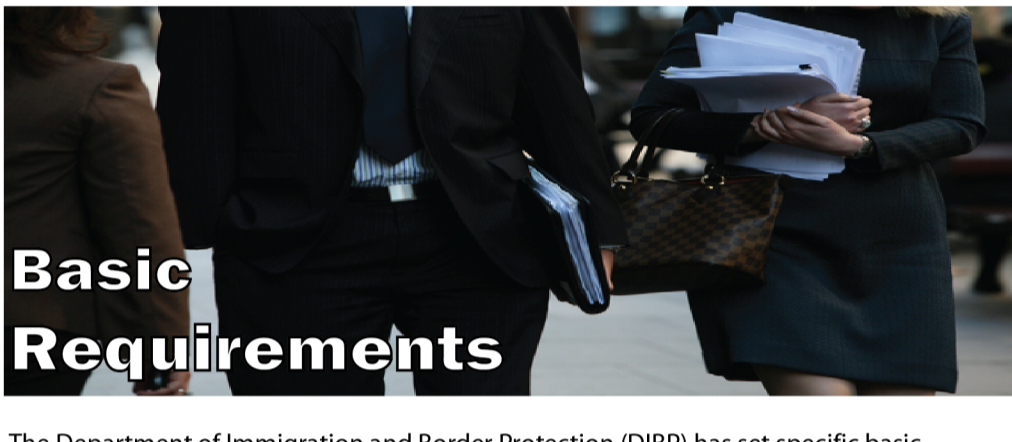
Employers seeking to sponsor or hire foreign workers can sign up for Australian Corporate Immigration Services.



Skilled Independent Visa Eligibility Assessment



The **Free Visa Eligibility Assessment** from Migration Expert lets you know if you meet the basic requirements to apply for a Skilled Independent visa to Australia. To ensure that your assessment gives you a realistic result, ensure that the information you provide is as accurate as possible.



Basic Requirements

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) has set specific basic requirements that all applicants must meet in order to apply for a visa in the General Skilled Migration program.

To qualify for a skilled visa, applicants (or their partner) must be able to satisfy the basic visa requirements related to age, English language ability, occupation, skills, qualification, health and character.

In addition, applicants for a skilled visa must also pass a points test. Points can be claimed in areas related to age, English language ability, specific work experience, spouse skills and other bonus categories.

The current pass mark for the Skilled Independent visa (Subclass 189) is 60 points.

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Entitlements



Successful applicants and holders of an Australian Skilled Independent visa (Subclass 189) become permanent residents of Australia. Australian permanent residents are entitled to live, work and study in Australia on a permanent basis. Additional benefits of Australian permanent residence include access to government-subsidized healthcare (Medicare), certain social security benefits and the ability to apply for Australian citizenship.



Australian Employer Nomination Scheme

The Australian Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS) grants permanent residence to overseas workers who are sponsored by their Australian employer. The Employer Nomination Scheme is specifically designed to enhance Australia's ability to compete globally while satisfying genuine shortages in the Australian skilled labor market.



If you are an Australian Employer looking to sponsor an overseas worker to work in Australia, please take the Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS) Eligibility Assessment

Visit https://www.migrationexpert.com.au/work_visa/work_sponsored_457_ens_for_employers/online_assessment/

Australian Employer Nomination Scheme Visa

Basic Requirements

The Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS) allows overseas workers or temporary workers in Australia to be sponsored for permanent positions that the employer has been unable to fill from within the Australian labor market or through their own training efforts.



The Employer Nomination Scheme visa application process is made up of two important stages:

1. Nomination by the employer

The Australian employer must obtain sponsorship status. To obtain sponsorship, the employer must:

- * Demonstrate that they are actively and lawfully operating in Australia
- * Have a commitment to training existing employees

Once the employer has demonstrated they satisfy the sponsorship criteria, the position to be filled (or nominated) must also meet certain requirements. For example, the position must be full time for at least 3 years and be on the gazette list of approved occupations for this category.

2. Visa application

Once the nomination has been approved, the visa application must be lodged within six (6) months. The visa application must be lodged at the same Business Centre of Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) as the corresponding nomination, even if the nominee is outside Australia. To qualify, prospective applicants must be less than 49 years of age, meet the prescribed English language criteria and hold the necessary skills and qualifications for the nominated position. In some cases, applicants may access exemptions for the age, skills and English language criteria depending on the occupation, salary and past work experience for their particular case. All applicants are required to satisfy certain health and character requirements in order to meet the visa criteria. In cases where an applicant does not have a sponsor, there is the ability to lodge an Expression of Interest through the DIBP skill Select database. This step allows prospective employers and also the state/territory governments to view applicant details and offer sponsorship



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