



State Nominated Skilled Migration Factsheet

Would you like to enjoy the benefits of a great Queensland career and lifestyle? Queensland nominates skilled migrants to live and work in Queensland in occupations that are in shortage. Choose Queensland as your first preference!

State migration is managed by the Queensland Government unit **Migration Queensland (MQ)**. MQ can nominate migrants for the following pathways:

- **Skilled Nominated (Permanent) visa (subclass 190)** is a points-tested permanent residency visa for applicants nominated by a state or territory government.
- **Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491)** is a points-tested provisional visa. It is a pathway to permanent residency.

Key requirements for the subclass 491 visa:

This visa requires applicants, and their dependents, to live, work and study in a designated regional area for the duration of their visa.

ELIGIBLE POSTCODES

Skilled Nominated (Permanent) visa (subclass 190)

All of Queensland.

Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491)

4019–4022, 4025, 4037, 4074, 4076–4078, 4124–4125, 4133, 4183–4184, 4207–4275, 4280–4287, 4300–4301, 4303–4498, 4500–4512, 4514–4519, 4521, 4550–4575, 4580–4895.

Benefits of seeking Queensland nomination

- Queensland offers a high standard of living and good working conditions, including a high minimum wage.
- There are visa pathways for Queensland graduates, skilled workers and small business owners.

Nomination by the state of Queensland will provide:

- an additional 5 points for a Skilled Nominated (Permanent) visa (subclass 190) towards the Australian Department of Home Affairs (HA) points test.
- an additional 15 points for a Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491) towards the HA points test.
- once your visa is granted, you'll be an independent migrant not tied to a single employer.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR INVITATION

The following factors will be used to prioritise and select applicants for invitation:

- Salary (onshore applicants)
- Additional skilled employment experience (declared on EOI)
- Superior English
- Partner Skills and English

Please note that working from home full-time is not accepted. Your Employer must have an office in Queensland. Virtual offices will not be accepted.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for Queensland nomination for the subclass 190 or 491 visa, you must meet the Department of Home Affairs (HA) criteria and MQ criteria for your chosen visa pathway.

You may be eligible to apply for Queensland state nomination if you are in one of the following categories:

1. A skilled worker in Queensland
2. A graduate of a Queensland university, who studied in one of the priority sectors
3. A skilled worker offshore
4. A skilled worker offshore with at least three years experience on energy projects.

You will need to submit a Registration of Interest (ROI) form, available on the Migration Queensland website, to be considered for selection. You can submit only one ROI and must choose which visa subclass you wish to be considered for. If you have multiple skills assessments you will need to choose the one that is best matched to your employment.

1. HA requires you to:

- have a points test result of 65 or higher, inclusive of state nomination points
- have a positive skills assessment in your nominated occupation
- be under 45 years of age
- have at least Competent English.

2. MQ requires you to:

- be working in your nominated occupation at the time of invitation, unless applying through the Queensland Graduate pathway
- have Proficient English or higher.

Additional criteria depends on the nomination pathway. These are detailed in the table below.

	1. Skilled Occupation List	2. Work experience or study requirements NOTE: The definition of 'full-time' for Migration Queensland purposes is a minimum of 30 hours per week.	3. Job offer/ongoing employment
Skilled workers living in Queensland	Have an occupation on the LIN 19/051. Priority will be given to those working in Queensland priority sectors – see Queensland Skilled Occupation List.	<p>Subclass 190</p> <p>Must provide evidence that you have been living in Queensland and undertaking full-time post-qualification employment, for six months immediately before submitting your EOI</p> <p>Subclass 491</p> <p>Must provide evidence that you have been living in regional Queensland and undertaking full-time post-qualification employment for three months immediately before submitting your EOI.</p>	<p>Subclass 190</p> <p>Must provide evidence that you have ongoing full-time employment in Queensland for a further twelve months at time of submitting your EOI.</p> <p>Subclass 491</p> <p>Must provide evidence that you have ongoing full-time employment in regional Queensland for a further six months at time of submitting your EOI.</p>

<p>Queensland Graduates</p>	<p>Have an occupation on the LIN 19/051. Priority will be given to those working in Queensland priority sectors – see Queensland Skilled Occupation List</p>	<p>Subclass 190 and 491</p> <p>Have completed 100% of your qualification at a Queensland-based university and graduated after 1 July 2022. Qualification must be in one of the priority fields of study listed below.</p> <p>Employment can be in any occupation but must be a Skill Level 1 occupation*</p> <p>Subclass 190</p> <p>Provide evidence that you have been living in Queensland and undertaking full-time post-qualification employment for six months immediately before submitting your EOI.</p> <p>Subclass 491</p> <p>Provide evidence that you have been living in Queensland and undertaking full-time post-qualification employment for three months immediately before submitting your EOI.</p>	<p>Subclass 190</p> <p>Must provide evidence that you have ongoing full-time employment in Queensland for a further twelve months at time of submitting your EOI.</p> <p>Subclass 491</p> <p>Must provide evidence that you have ongoing full-time employment in regional Queensland for a further six months at time of submitting your EOI.</p>
<p>Skilled workers living offshore</p>	<p>Have an occupation on the Offshore Queensland Skilled Occupation List</p>	<p>Subclass 190 and 491</p> <p>Must provide evidence of at least five years full-time post-qualification work experience. Only work experience declared as related to your nominated occupation on your EOI will be considered.</p> <p>Note: You must be in ongoing, full-time employment in your nominated occupation when you are invited.</p>	<p>A job offer in Queensland is not required</p>
<p>Offshore Energy Workforce</p>	<p>Have an occupation on the Queensland Energy Skilled Occupation List</p>	<p>Provide evidence of at least five years full-time post-qualification work experience. Only work experience declared as related to your nominated occupation on your EOI will be considered</p> <p>In addition – at least three years experience must be in the energy sector or working on energy projects.</p>	<p>A job offer in Queensland is not required</p>

QUEENSLAND GRADUATES PRIORITY FIELDS OF STUDY:

Agriculture and Environment – agriculture, horticulture and viticulture, forestry studies, fisheries studies, environmental studies, other agriculture, environmental and related studies.

Education – education, teacher education.

Engineering and related technologies – aerospace engineering and technology, civil engineering, electrical and electronic engineering and technology, engineering and related technologies, geomatics engineering, manufacturing engineering and technology, maritime engineering and technology, mechanical and industrial engineering and technology, other engineering and related technologies, process and resources engineering.

Health – health, medical studies, nursing, radiography.

Information technology – computer science, information systems, information technology, other information technology.

Natural and physical sciences – biological sciences, chemical sciences, earth sciences, mathematical sciences, natural and physical sciences, other natural and physical sciences, physics and astronomy.

* ANZSCO Skill Level 1 occupations are those that have a level of skill commensurate with a bachelor degree or higher qualification. Qualifications must be in one of the priority sectors and meet the minimum skilled employment as outlined above.

	Skilled workers in Queensland	Queensland Graduates	Skilled workers offshore	Offshore Energy Workforce
State nomination application form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Passport bio page	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
VEVO statement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skills assessment or evidence of registration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of residential address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bank statements showing declared settlement funds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Employment contract	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Statement of Service form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
myGov Income Statement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of salary payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Letter from employer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Graduation certificate or Course completion letter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of work experience in energy sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

NOTE 1: Migration Queensland will only accept current form versions – these are available in your document portal.

NOTE 2: These are the minimum requirements for documents to support a state nomination application. Migration Queensland has discretion to request further information or supporting documents if required.

Document checklist explanatory notes

Passport bio page – good quality colour scan of bio-page of your valid passport.

VEVO statement – Visa Entitlement Verification Online allows a visa holder to check their visa conditions and validity. Please provide a copy of your recent VEVO statement. ([VEVO](#))

State nomination application form – required for all applicants. This form is only available when you receive an invitation from Migration Queensland.

Skills assessment or Evidence of Registration – a valid skills assessment in your nominated occupation. Some occupations must provide Evidence of Registration instead. Doctors, GPs, Resident Medical Officers and medical specialists will need to provide their current AHPRA registration. Solicitors will need to provide their Certificate of Admission.

Evidence of address – provide a copy of your current rental lease or a recent (issued within last three months) utility bill with your name on it. If this cannot be provided, please provide a statutory declaration declaring your current residential address.

Evidence of salary payments – at least three payslips to demonstrate the required period of work experience in Queensland. Payslips should cover the beginning, middle and most recent period of employment.

Bank statements showing declared funds – bank statements that show the declared amount of settlement funds. The amount declared in the application form and the amount on the bank statements must match. Please see the Settlement Funds Factsheet for more information.

Statement of Service form – this form is to be completed by the employer/s of onshore applicants, to support the work experience requirement. If you have had more than one employer during the period of required work experience, each one will need to complete this form. If you are employed through a labour hire company, your statement of service must come from the placement company.

Letter from employer – offshore applicants must provide reference letters to evidence the minimum period of post-qualification work experience required. You must also provide a letter from your current employer. If these letters are not in English, a translated copy must be provided as well.

Employment contract – a complete employment contract that demonstrates ongoing, full-time (minimum 30 hours per week) employment for the required period, at the time of submitting your EOI.

myGov income statement – this statement can be found in the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) profile in your myGov account. This must be a current statement up to the time of application.

Graduation Certificate or course completion letter – a copy of your graduation certificate, academic transcript or letter of completion from your Queensland university that demonstrates your area of study, study location and date of graduation.

Evidence of working in energy sector or on energy projects – provide letters from employers that evidence at least three years experience in the energy sector or on energy projects. Letters should confirm the project details, dates and duties of the applicant. If letters are not in English, a translated copy must be provided as well.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To be considered for Queensland nomination:

Step 1: Review your eligibility criteria and visa conditions:

1. on the HA website www.homeaffairs.gov.au and
2. on the MQ website www.migration.qld.gov.au

Ensure that you meet both HA criteria and MQ state nomination requirements.

Step 2: Submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) through the HA SkillSelect website

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/working-in-australia/skillselect>

Please ensure all information, such as work experience, is included in your EOI.

Note: EOIs must meet all Queensland requirements at time they are submitted. We will not nominate any EOIs that meet requirements after being submitted. EOIs must be submitted after the Queensland program opens to be considered for invitation.

Step 3: Applicants that wish to be invited by Queensland must complete a Registration of Interest (ROI) form, found on the Migration Queensland website. Only one ROI is allowed per candidate and candidates must nominate their preferred visa subclass and preferred EOI number.

Providing false or inaccurate information on the ROI form will result in the ROI or application being rejected.

Step 4: MQ will review your ROI and EOI. If selected for invitation, you will receive an email – “**Queensland Nomination – Invitation to lodge an application**”.

Documents are to be uploaded electronically through the Document Portal link provided in your invitation email. We no longer accept attachments sent to us by email. You can only upload one file per criteria, so multi-page documents will have to be saved together as one file then uploaded.

Step 5: Pay a non-refundable application fee to MQ in order to finalise your application.

Visit www.migration.qld.gov.au/fees for detailed information on fees.

Do not pay fees unless you have received an invitation and all documents have been uploaded.

Note: you will be given **14 days** to finalise your application from the date of invitation. Applications not finalised within this timeframe will be closed and will not be considered again this program year. **An applicant will have to wait until the following financial year before lodging a new ROI.**

Step 6: If your completed MQ application is approved, you will receive Queensland nomination and an invitation from HA to lodge your visa application. You will be given 60 days to lodge your visa application with HA. **Applicants who do not lodge their visa application with HA will not be nominated by Queensland again this program year.**

Expressions of interest (EOI)

- Applicants must choose ‘**Queensland**’ as their nominating state.
- If a suspension period is in place, please do not submit an EOI until processing reopens.

Transfer of nomination

Transfer of nomination is considered on a case by case basis. Please contact MQ to seek approval. If seeking a release from another state or territory, please contact them before approaching MQ.

DISCLAIMER NOTICE TO APPLICANTS

Nomination and approval

Queensland Skilled Occupation Lists (QSOL) reflect the current labour demand and change regularly. Applying for nomination correctly does not guarantee you will receive Queensland nomination or be granted an Australian visa. Nomination is granted at the discretion of MQ. MQ reserves the right to suspend certain conditions should mitigating circumstances arise. The final decision and timeframe on granting a visa is made by the Department of Home Affairs (HA). MQ takes no responsibility in the event that your visa application is not approved by HA.

Administrative Review Tribunal

Please note that MQ will not, under any circumstances, appeal to the Administrative Review Tribunal (ART) (formerly Administrative Appeals Tribunal) against decisions by HA to decline granting a visa to any skilled or business migration applicants nominated by Queensland.

Eligibility for the Permanent Residence (Skilled Regional) visa (subclass 191)

To be eligible for the subclass 191 visa applicants must:

- Provide notices of assessment issued by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for three income years out of five years of your eligible visa, and
- have complied with the conditions of the regional provisional visa; including that the holder and any dependants must live, work and study in a designated regional area of Australia.

Please refer to HA website for additional eligibility criteria. It is the duty of the visa holder to understand the criteria they need to meet on a subclass 491 to be eligible to apply for subclass 191 after the required time frame. MQ takes no responsibility if an applicant does not meet subclass 191 visa requirements.

After moving to Queensland

It is a requirement of nomination by the state of Queensland that the applicant supplies their residential address, date of arrival, and visa grant date and contact details to MQ when living in permanent lodgings after date of arrival or gaining the visa. You are also required to advise us when your circumstances change, including a change of employment or a change of address.

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