



State Nominated Skilled Migration

Would you like to enjoy the benefits of a great Queensland career and lifestyle? Queensland nominates highly 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 nominates migrants for the following visas:

- **Skilled Nominated (Permanent) visa (subclass 190)** is a point-tested permanent residency visa for applicants nominated by a state or territory government.
- **Skilled Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491)** is a point-tested provisional visa. It is a pathway to permanent residency.
- **Queensland Graduate Pathway (subclass 190 and 491)** offers streamlined conditions for graduates of a Queensland-based university.
- **Skilled Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491) – Small Business Owners pathway.** This pathway is for those that want to operate a business instead of working for an employer. **See the Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491) – pathway for small business owners factsheet for further information.**

Key requirements for the 491 visa:

This visa requires applicants to:

- live and work in a regional area for a minimum of three years and;
- have a taxable income at or above \$53,900 for at least three years to be eligible for permanent residency

Employment can be undertaken in the following ways:

- Work for one or more employers.
- Two part-time jobs.
- Operate/own a business.

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:

- safe working conditions
- high minimum wages
- and entitlements including public holidays and leave.

Nomination by the State of Queensland will provide:

- an additional 5 points for a Skilled Nominated 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.
- the same work rights as an Australian citizen. You'll be an independent migrant not tied to a single employer.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants currently working in Queensland may submit an application for subclass 190 and/or 491 (if living and working in regional Queensland). Offshore workers who have an occupation on the Queensland Skilled Occupation List (QSOL) can also apply.

If eligible to be considered for both visa subclasses please lodge one EOI and select both the 190 and 491.

If you have multiple skills assessments, only submit one EOI with the skills assessment that is best matched to your employment.

To be eligible for Queensland nomination, applicants must meet both Australian Department of Home Affairs (HA) criteria and MQ criteria for your chosen visa category.

Working from home will only be accepted where the employer is registered in Queensland and has a office in Queensland. Virtual offices will not be accepted.

1. HA criteria 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.
- meet the minimum English language requirement of COMPETENT, unless a higher level is required by your assessing authority.

2. Migration Queensland criteria requires you to meet the following criteria:

Points and work experience requirements must be met when EOI lodged. You will need to score a minimum of 80 points for the 190 (unless otherwise specified) and 65 for the 491.

	1. Skilled Occupation List	2. Work/study experience, specialisations and registrations	3. Job offer	4. English Language requirement
Skilled workers living in Queensland	Have an occupation on the HA's relevant list of eligible skilled occupations. (Instrument 19/051)	<p>Subclass 190</p> <p>Provide evidence of full-time employment (minimum 35 hours per week) in your nominated occupation for the past six months unless otherwise specified (some occupations have higher requirements).</p> <p>Subclass 491</p> <p>Provide evidence of full-time employment (minimum 35 hours per week) in your nominated occupation for the past three months in a regional area of Queensland, unless otherwise specified (some occupations have higher requirements).</p>	Provide evidence of ongoing employment with a Queensland employer registered in Australia for a further 12 months (35 hours per week), and any additional requirements as specified. For 491 applicants the offer must be from a regional employer.	Proficient or higher (**Trade occupations: Competent or higher)
Graduates of a Queensland Bachelor Degree (available for 491 only)	Have an occupation on the HA's relevant list of eligible skilled occupations. (Instrument 19/051)	Have completed 100% of your education at a Queensland-based institution and graduated in the last two years. Have an overall GPA of 5.5 (or equivalent).	A job offer is not required however you must be employed full-time in a regional area (minimum 35 hours per week).	Proficient or higher
Graduates of a Queensland Masters Degree	Have an occupation on the HA's relevant list of eligible skilled occupations. (Instrument 19/051)	Have completed 100% of your education at a Queensland based institution and graduated in the last two years. <p>Masters 190</p> <p>Must have a Masters degree and skills assessment in a STEM field (see list below)* Be employed full-time (minimum 35 hours per week) in Queensland in the nominated or closely related STEM occupation (as per list below)*.</p> <p>Masters 491 criteria</p> <p>Be employed full-time (minimum 35 hours per week) in a regional area of Queensland in the nominated or closely related occupation.</p>	A job offer is not required, however, you must be employed full-time (minimum 35 hours per week).	Proficient or higher

Graduates of a Queensland PhD or Doctorate	Have an occupation on the HA's relevant list of eligible skilled occupations. (Instrument 19/051)	Have completed 100% of your education at a Queensland-based institution and graduated in the last two years. Have a positive decision on your thesis.	A job offer is not required.	Proficient or higher
Skilled workers living offshore	Have an occupation on the MQ Offshore QSOL (Queensland Skilled Occupation List)	Have a minimum of 3-years of post-study work experience (except where otherwise specified)	A job offer is not required.	Proficient or higher (except where otherwise specified)

***Natural and physical sciences** – biological sciences, chemical sciences, earth sciences, mathematical sciences, natural and physical sciences, other natural and physical sciences, physics and astronomy. **Information technology** – computer science, information systems, information technology, other information technology. **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.

**A trade occupation is defined as an ANZSCO occupation grouping beginning with 3.

	Skilled workers living in Queensland	Graduates of a Queensland Bachelor or Masters Degree (available for 491 visa only)	Graduates of a Queensland Masters Degree (190 and 491)	Graduates of a Queensland PhD	Skilled Workers living offshore
State Nomination Application form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Settlement funds declaration form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bank statement (showing salary contributions)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bank statement (showing balance)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Skills Assessment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of job for minimum of a further 12 months	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Academic Transcript	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Statement of service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proof of residency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Course completion documentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 payslips (beginning, middle and end of required timeframe)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Last 2 payslips	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of Labour Hire Company registration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *See note 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thesis outcomes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extract of Superannuation showing most recent employer contributions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PAYG/Income statement or ATO Notification Assessment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Passport Bio Page	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
VEVO documentation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1. If employed through a labor hire company, your statement of service must come from the placement company.

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: Lodge 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 of lodgement. We will not be selecting any EOIs that met requirements after lodgement.

Step 3: FOR GRADUATES ONLY – complete the **Graduate Assessment form** on the Migration Queensland website (after your EOI has been submitted).

Step 4: MQ will review your EOI. If eligible, 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, so for multi-page documents you will have to save together as one file and then upload that file.

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 until 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 applicants will need to provide a new EOI number if they wish to re-seek Queensland nomination. **An applicant will have to wait 6 months before lodging a new EOI.**

Step 6: Once your completed MQ application is received and approved, you will receive an invitation from HA to lodge your visa application. You will be given 60 days to lodge your visa application with HA.

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.

Occupation ceilings

- Occupations across all pathways may be subject to a cap. This means a maximum number of nominations that will be accepted by MQ for each occupation within a given period. MQ will not provide the caps per occupation.
- When program targets are met, the occupation will be closed and further applications will not be accepted. It is at MQ’s discretion when program targets will be opened or closed.
- The status of occupations will be regularly updated to indicate whether applications are being accepted.
- Applicants are encouraged to review the MQ website regularly to check the status of their occupation. MQ will not contact you if your occupation is closed or opened at a later date.
- MQ will not go back and select any EOIs that met requirements after submission date.

DISCLAIMER NOTICE TO APPLICANTS

Nomination and approval

Queensland Skills Occupation Lists (QSOL) reflects 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 Appeals Tribunal

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

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/visa granted 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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