

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 **Business and Skilled Migration Queensland (BSMQ)**. BSMQ 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.
 - Queensland Post-graduate degree stream (subclass 190)** offers streamlined conditions for Master and PhD graduates of a Queensland-based university.
- **Skilled Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 489)** is a point-tested provisional visa. It is a pathway to permanent residency. This visa requires applicants to live in a regional area for a minimum of two years and be employed for at least 12 months. Employment can be undertaken in the following ways:
 - Work for one or more employers.
 - Two part time jobs .
 - Be self employed.
 - Own your own business.

Skilled Nominated (Permanent) visa (subclass 190)

All of Queensland. Includes Greater Brisbane area and the Gold Coast

Skilled Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 489)

Excludes Greater Brisbane area, Ipswich and the Gold Coast. Includes the following postcodes: 4124 to 4125, 4133, 4211, 4270 to 4272, 4275, 4280, 4285, 4287, 4307 to 4499, 4515, 4517 to 4519, 4522 to 4899. As part of your visa conditions, you and your dependants must live, work and study in a regional area. If you select any of the regional postcodes that border on Brisbane, Ipswich or the Gold Coast (4124 to 4125, 4133, 4211, 4270 to 4262, 4275, 4280, 4285, 4287) you may struggle to find employment because they are mainly residential areas.

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 Australian Department of Home Affairs (HA) points test.
- an additional 10 points for a Skilled Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 489) 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 or offshore may submit an application for subclass 190 and 489 nomination if their occupation is on the appropriate Queensland Skilled Occupation List. To be eligible for Queensland nomination, applicants must meet both Australian Department of Home Affairs (HA) criteria and Business and Skilled Migration Queensland (BSMQ) criteria for your chosen visa category.

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. Business and Skilled Migration Queensland (BSMQ) criteria requires you to meet the following criteria:

	Skilled workers living in Queensland	Skilled workers living offshore	Graduates of a Queensland Master's degree	Graduates of a Queensland PhD
1. Skilled Occupation List	Have an occupation on the QSOL – I'm Working in Queensland list.	Have an occupation on the QSOL – I'm Offshore list.	Have an occupation on the QSOL – I'm a Master's graduate from a QLD university list.	Have an occupation on the HA's relevant list of eligible skilled occupations.
2. Work/study experience, specialisations and registrations	Provide evidence of full-time employment (35 hours per week) in your nominated occupation for the past six months unless otherwise specified (some occupations have higher requirements).	Provide evidence of a minimum of two year's work experience post qualification (unless specified differently on the QSOL). Mandatory registration may also be required.	Have completed 100% of your education at a Queensland-based institution and graduated in the last two years. Provide evidence of current full-time employment with a Queensland employer registered in Australia in your nominated occupation (or a closely related occupation).	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.
3. Job offer	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.	Job offers are not generally required however please check additional requirements under the nominated occupation (e.g. ICT, chefs and cooks).	Provide evidence of ongoing employment in your skilled occupation (or a closely related occupation) for a further 12 months (35 hours per week).	A job offer is not required unless otherwise stated.

OFFSHORE PhD UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

PhD graduates who have completed a doctorate outside of Australia related to their nominated occupation, may be able to have their work experience requirements waived if they can provide evidence of an offer of employment from a Queensland employer registered in Australia in their skilled occupation (or a closely related occupation). This job offer must be for a minimum of 12 months (35 hours per week).

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 BSMQ website www.migration.qld.gov.au.

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

Step 2: Lodge an Expression of Interest (EOI) through the HA SkillSelect website www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Work/Skil

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

Choose Queensland as your preferred nominating state. Applicants choosing “Queensland” as their nominating state will be given preference over candidates selecting ‘ANY’ state.

Step 3: BSMQ will review your EOI. If eligible, you will receive an email – “Queensland Nomination – Invitation to lodge an application”. You will be requested to provide the following documents:

	Skilled workers living in Queensland	Skilled workers living offshore	Graduates of a Queensland Master's degree	Graduates of a Queensland PhD
State Nomination Application form	✓	✓	✓	✓
Settlement funds declaration form	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bank statement	✓	✓	✓	✓
Skills Assessment	✓	✓	✓	✓
Evidence of job	✓	✓ #See notes 1 and 3	✓	✗
Evidence of licencing or registration	See Onshore QSOL	See Offshore QSOL	See Masters list	See PhD list
Statement of service (previous work experience)	✓	✓	✓	✗
Proof of residency	✓	✗	✓ #See note 2	✓ #See note 2
Course completion documentation	✗	✓ #See note 3	✓	✓
Pay slips	✓	✗	✓	✗
Evidence of Labour Hire Company registration	✓ #See note 4	✓ #See note 4	✓ #See note 4	✗

1. Offshore ICT, cook and chef occupations only.

2. If currently living in QLD.

3. PhD graduates who have completed a doctorate outside of Australia.

4. If employed through a labour hire company supplying labour to Queensland.

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.

Step 4: Pay a non-refundable application fee to BSMQ in order to finalise your application. Visit www.migration.qld.gov.au for detailed information on fees.

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 submit a new EO1 (does not include EOIs previously lodged or updated) if they wish to re-seek Queensland nomination.

Step 5: Once your completed BSMQ 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.

OCCUPATION CEILINGS

- Occupations on the QSOL may be subject to a cap. This means a maximum number of nominations that will be accepted by BSMQ for each occupation within a given period. BSMQ 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 BSMQ'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 BSMQ website regularly to check the status of their occupation. BSMQ will not contact you if your occupation is closed or opened at a later date.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

- Applicants choosing 'Queensland' as their nominating state will be given preference over candidates selecting 'ANY' state.
- If a suspension period is in place, please withhold submitting an EOI until reopening of processing.

TRANSFER OF NOMINATION

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

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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 BSMQ. BSMQ 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). BSMQ takes no responsibility in the event that your visa application is not approved by HA.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT)

Please note that BSMQ 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 and contact details to BSMQ when living in permanent lodgings after gaining the visa. You are also required to advise us when your circumstances change, including a change of employment or a change of address.