

SKILLED REGIONAL SPONSORED (PROVISIONAL) VISA SUBCLASS 475

MIGRATE TO AUSTRALIA AS A SPONSORED SKILLED PERSON

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This visa is a three (3) year provisional visa for skilled workers who are unable to meet the criteria for a Skilled - Independent visa. You will have the opportunity to apply for permanent residency after you have lived for two (2) years and worked at least 12 months in a Specified Regional Area of Australia.

This visa requires you to be either:

- nominated by a participating State or Territory government agency
or
- sponsored by an eligible relative living in a designated area of Australia.

This visa uses a points test to select visa applicants with characteristics needed in the Australian labour market.

This visa is for you if you are:

- outside Australia
or
- a New Zealand citizen who holds a Special Category visa (subclass 444)

You must:

- be under 45 years of age
- have good English language skills
- have the skills and qualifications that meet the Australian standard for an occupation on the Skilled Occupation List

This visa will:

- allow you to remain in Australia for up to three (3) years and requires you to live and work in a Specified Regional Area in Australia
- allow accompanying secondary applicants to work and study, but only in a Specified Regional Area of Australia
- provide a pathway to permanent residence.

To qualify for this visa you must score 100 points in the points test. Firstly, you have to meet certain basic requirements which are that-

- you need to obtain a positive skills assessment before you lodge your application.. This is an evaluation of your qualifications conducted by a certifying authority nominated by the Department of Immigration to make sure that you are sufficiently qualified for your nominated occupation;
- you must be nominated by a participating State/Territory or sponsored by an eligible relative
- you must demonstrate that you have been employed in an occupation on the Skilled Occupation List for 12 of the 24 months immediately before lodging your visa application;
- you pass a health examination;
- you are of good character;
- commit to the Australian values statement.

You will then be awarded different points depending on your-

- Age;
- English language ability;
- Nominated skilled occupation;
- Specific work experience;
- Australian work experience;
- Australian qualifications;
- Occupations in demand;
- Community languages;
- Regional study in Australia;
- Partner skills.

Australian Values Statement

If you are aged 18 years or over, you are required to sign an Australian values statement. The statement is included in your visa application form and all applicants aged 18 years and over will need to sign it to confirm that they will respect the Australian way of life and obey Australian laws. Before signing this statement you are required to have read, or had explained to you, material made available by the government on life in Australia which is contained in the Life in Australia book.