



OVERVIEW

Stay:
Permanently

With this visa, you can:

- stay in Australia permanently
- work, study and live anywhere in Australia
- enrol in Australia's free, world-class, public health care scheme
- sponsor eligible relatives for permanent residence
- if eligible, become an Australian citizen

You must:

- have an occupation on the ['skilled occupation list'](#)
- satisfy the ['Eligibility Assessment'](#) points test with a score of 65 points or more
- have suitable skills for the occupation



Skilled Independent Visa
(subclass 189)

Points-Tested Stream

How to Migrate to Australia in 6 Easy Steps



This visa lets invited workers with skills Australia need, live & work **permanently** anywhere in Australia

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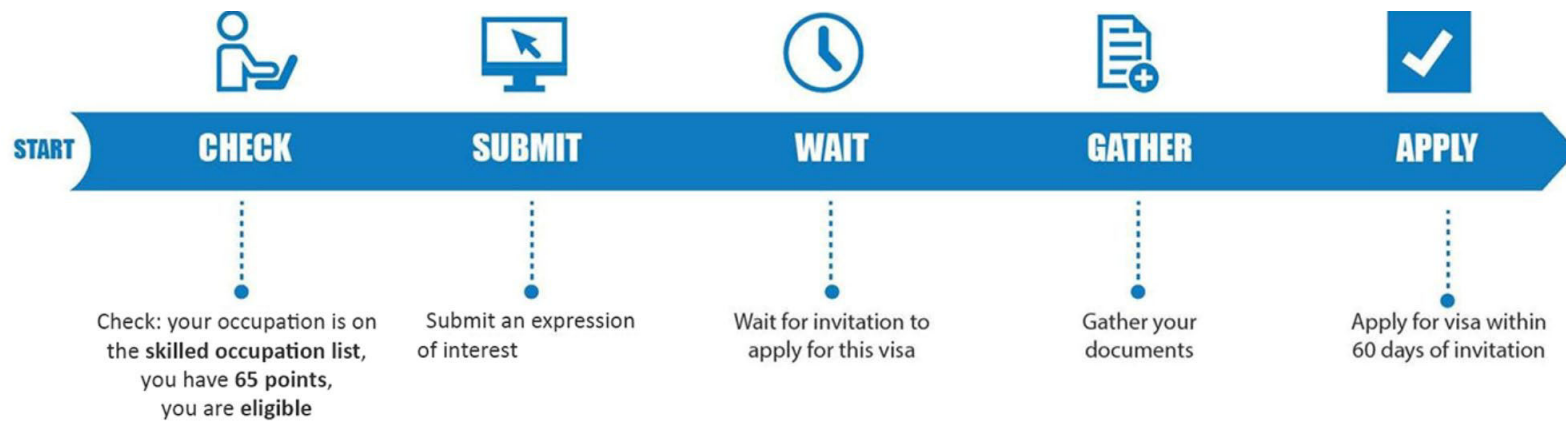
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THE PROCESS



ABOUT THIS VISA

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How long you can stay

This is a permanent visa. It lets you stay in Australia indefinitely.

You become a permanent resident on the day the Department grants you the visa.

For citizenship purposes - your permanent residence starts on the day:

- your visa is granted, if you are in Australia
- when you enter Australia on this visa, if you are outside Australia



Include family

You can include members of the family unit in your application. You can:

- include them when you lodge your visa application
- add them after you lodge your application but before the Department decides on your visa.

If your partner or dependent children are not included in this application, tell the Department the reason why (for example, they already hold Australian citizenship or are a permanent resident).

Apply from

You can be in or outside Australia when you apply for the visa and when the Department decides on your application, but not in immigration clearance.

If you apply in Australia, you must hold a substantive or a subclass 010 Bridging A visa, a subclass 020 Bridging B visa or a subclass 030 Bridging C visa, otherwise your application will not be processed.



Processing times

The Department assesses applications on a case-by-case basis, and actual processing times can vary due to individual circumstances including:

- whether you have lodged a complete application, including all necessary supporting documents
- how quickly you respond to any requests for additional information
- how long it takes to perform required checks on the supporting information provided



GET STARTED



Step 1

Check your occupation via the Skilled Occupations List

Your occupation must be on the relevant [list of eligible skilled occupations](#) for the Skilled Independent visa (subclass 189). The Australian Skilled Occupations List is available at www.immigrationsaustralia.com.au

Step 2

Check your Points via the Eligibility Assessment

You must be able to obtain at least 65 points on the points test to be eligible for this visa. If you cannot obtain 65 points, the Department will not invite you to apply.

If the Department invites you to apply for the visa, you must prove the claims you make in your Eligibility Assessment, when the Department assesses your application.

Use the [Online Eligibility Assessment](#) to check how many points you might score.

Step 3

Submit

Submit an expression of interest.



Step 4

Wait

Wait for an invitation to apply for this visa.

Step 5

Gather

Gather your documents.

Step 6

Apply

Apply for this visa within 60 days of invitation.

START YOUR JOURNEY HERE

STEP 1

ImmigrationsAustralia.com.au





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To prove you have Competent, Proficient or Superior English, you must provide evidence.

To prepare and succeed in your IELTS English Test, **OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION AUSTRALIA** recommends [CAREER WISE ENGLISH!](#)

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