



# 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.
- **Queensland Graduate Pathway (subclass 190 and 491)** offers streamlined conditions for graduates of a Queensland-based university.
- **Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491) – Small Business Owners pathway.** This pathway is for those who operate a business in regional Queensland. See the Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491) – pathway for small business owners factsheet for further information.

## Key requirements for the subclass 491 visa:

This visa requires applicants to:

- live and work in a regional area for the duration of the visa
- provide notices of assessment issued by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for three income years to be eligible for permanent residency through the Permanent Residence (Skilled Regional) visa (subclass 191).

## 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.

## 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 skilled worker offshore
3. A graduate of a Queensland university
4. Own 100% of a small business that is being operated in regional Queensland.

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

Please note that working from home will only be accepted where the employer is registered and has an office in Queensland. Virtual offices will not be accepted.

### 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:

- have a points test result of 75 or higher for the 190 visa (except for Trades occupations\*, which require 70 or higher)
- have a points test of 65 or higher for the 491 visa
- have Competent English or higher (except for occupations where a higher level of English is required\*\*).

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

	<b>1. Skilled Occupation List</b>	<b>2. Work experience or study requirements</b> NOTE: The definition of 'full-time' for Migration Queensland purposes is a minimum of 30 hours per week.	<b>3. Job offer/ongoing employment</b>
<b>Skilled workers living in Queensland</b>	Have an occupation on the HA's relevant list of eligible skilled occupations. (Instrument 19/051)	<p><b>Subclass 190</b> Provide evidence that you have been living in Queensland and undertaking full-time post qualification employment, for three months immediately before EOI lodgement</p> <p><b>Subclass 491</b> Must provide evidence that you are living in regional Queensland and have full-time post-qualification employment in your nominated occupation at the time of your EOI lodgement</p>	<p><b>Subclass 190</b> Must provide evidence that you have ongoing full-time employment in Queensland for a further twelve months at time of EOI lodgement</p> <p><b>Subclass 491</b> Must provide evidence that you have ongoing full-time employment in regional Queensland for a further six months at time of EOI lodgement</p>
<b>Skilled workers living offshore</b>	Have an occupation on the MQ Offshore QSOL (Queensland Skilled Occupation List)	<p><b>Subclass 190 and 491</b> Must provide evidence of the required years of post-qualification work experience as per the QSOL</p> <p><b>Note:</b> You must be employed in your nominated occupation when you are invited</p>	A job offer is not required
<b>PhD or Doctorate graduates</b>	Have an occupation on the HA's relevant list of eligible skilled occupations. (Instrument 19/051)	<p><b>Subclass 190 and 491</b> 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. PhD or Doctorate graduates can apply for nomination under the 190 or 491 visa subclasses</p>	A job or job offer is not required

<b>Masters Graduates in STEM or Agriculture fields (STEM and Agriculture fields are listed below)</b>	Have an occupation on the HA's relevant list of eligible skilled occupations ( <b>Instrument 19/051</b> )	<b>Subclass 190 and 491</b> Have completed 100% of your education at a Queensland-based institution and graduated in the last two years	<b>Subclass 190</b> Provide evidence of full-time employment in your nominated occupation (or ANZSCO Skill Level 1 occupation***) in Queensland <b>Subclass 491</b> Provide evidence of full-time employment in your nominated occupation (or ANZSCO Skill Level 1 occupation***) in regional Queensland
<b>Masters Graduates not in STEM or Agriculture fields (STEM and Agriculture fields are listed below)</b>	Have an occupation on the HA's relevant list of eligible skilled occupations ( <b>Instrument 19/051</b> )	Have completed 100% of your education at a Queensland-based institution and graduated in the last two years <b>Subclass 190</b> Must have a GPA of 6.0 or above <b>Subclass 491</b> Must have a GPA of 5.0 or above	<b>Subclass 190</b> Provide evidence of full-time employment in nominated occupation (or ANZSCO Skill Level 1 occupation***) in Queensland <b>Subclass 491</b> Provide evidence of full-time employment in regional Queensland in nominated occupation (or ANZSCO Skill level 1 occupation***)
<b>Bachelor Graduates</b>	Have an occupation on the HA's relevant list of eligible skilled occupations ( <b>Instrument 19/051</b> )	Have completed 100% of your education at a Queensland-based institution and graduated in the last two years <b>Subclass 190</b> Have a GPA of 6.0 or above <b>Subclass 491</b> Have a GPA of 5.0 or above	<b>Subclass 190</b> Provide evidence of full-time employment in nominated occupation (or ANZSCO Skill Level 1 occupation***) in Queensland <b>Subclass 491</b> Provide evidence of full-time employment in regional Queensland in nominated occupation (or ANZSCO Skill level 1 occupation***)

**STEM and Agriculture fields: 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.

**Agricultural, environmental and related studies** – agriculture, horticulture and viticulture, forestry studies, fisheries studies, environmental studies, other agriculture, environmental and related studies.

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

\*\*To be registered or licensed in certain occupations, a higher level of English is required. In these cases it is the responsibility of the applicant to understand the language requirements of the skills assessment and registration process for their nominated occupation. Migration Queensland will not nominate anyone who has lower language skills than is required for their occupation.

\*\*\*Eligible graduates must be employed in an occupation at ANZSCO Skill Level 1. ANZSCO Skill Level 1 occupations are those that have a level of skill commensurate with a bachelor degree or higher qualification. At least five years of relevant experience may substitute for the formal qualification. In some instances, relevant experience and/or on-the-job training may be required in addition to the formal qualification.

	Skilled workers in Queensland		Skilled workers offshore		Graduates – Masters or Bachelors	Graduates – PhD or Doctorates
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VEVO statement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
State nomination application form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of address - lease, utility bill or stat dec	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of salary payments - payslips	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Settlement funds declaration form and bank statement(s) showing declared funds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Statement of Service form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employment contract	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of Superannuation contribution – My Gov statement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Academic transcript	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Course completion letter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Thesis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Offshore commitment statement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**NOTE 1:** Migration Queensland will only accept current form versions – these can be found on our website [MQ – Documents and forms](#) (migration.qld.gov.au) and are available on the 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.

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

**Skills assessment** – a valid skills assessment in your nominated occupation.

**Evidence of address** – lease, utility bill or statutory declaration – please 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: payslips** –

- Skilled workers in Queensland 190: at least three payslips to demonstrate the required three months of work experience
- Skilled workers in Queensland 491: at least one recent payslip
- Graduates – Masters or Bachelors: at least one recent payslip

**Settlement funds declaration form and bank statement(s) showing declared funds** – completed form and bank statement(s) that show the declared amount of settlement funds. The amount declared in the form and the amount on the bank statement(s) must match. Please see the Settlement funds declaration form 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 declared. If you have had more than one employer, 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 at least the minimum period of post-qualification work experience required for the occupation as per the QSOL. You must also provide a letter from your current employer. If these letters are not in English, they must be translated.

**Employment contract** – an employment contract that demonstrates the following:

- Skilled workers in Queensland 190: contract must show full-time (minimum of 30 hours per week) ongoing employment for a further twelve months at time of EOI lodgement
- Skilled workers in Queensland 491: contract must show full-time (minimum of 30 hours per week) ongoing employment for a further six months at time of EOI lodgement
- Graduates – Masters or Bachelors 190 and 491: contract must show full-time (minimum of 30 hours per week) employment in nominated or ANZSCO Skill Level 1 occupation\*\*\*

**Evidence of superannuation contribution - My Gov income statement** – this statement can be found in the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) profile in your My Gov account.

**Academic transcript** – a copy of full academic transcript from your Queensland university.

**Course completion letter** – a letter of completion from your Queensland university.

**Thesis** – PhD and Doctorate graduates need to provide evidence of a positive thesis decision.

**Offshore commitment statement** – offshore applicants are required to complete this form to declare their commitment to living and working in Queensland for two years for 190 nomination, and three years for 491 nomination.

## 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](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au) and
2. on the MQ website [www.migration.qld.gov.au](http://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 meet 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 invited, 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](http://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-see 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.

## 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.

### 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/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.

## Connect. Be connected.

-  [migration.qld.gov.au/contact](https://migration.qld.gov.au/contact)
-  @migrationqueensland
-  @qldmigration
-  @migration-queensland

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