

General Skilled Migration Permanent Residency Visas

Table 1. Requirements of Main Applicant (for applications lodged on or after 1 July 2010)

Key Criteria		Visa Subclasses				
		Skilled Independent		Skilled Sponsored		
		Offshore 175	Onshore 885	Offshore 176	Onshore 886	Onshore 887
Less than 45 years of age at the time of application		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/a
Successful skills assessment in a skilled occupation *		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not required – completed at provisional visa stage
Minimum English language skills - competent English *		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not required – completed at provisional visa stage
Achieve the pass mark in the points test *		120 points	120 points	100 points	100 points	n/a
Sponsored by an eligible Australian relative * OR Nominated by an Australian State or Territory government		n/a	n/a	Yes	Yes	n/a
OR	Work experience in any skilled occupation * for 12 out of the 24 months immediately before application is lodged	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/a
	Lodge a visa application within 6 months after completing an Australian qualification closely related to the nominated skilled occupation after at least 2 academic years of study	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/a
	Holder of a temporary graduate visa *	n/a	Yes	n/a	Yes	n/a
	Holder of a temporary skilled visa *, living for 2 years and working for 1 year full time in the applicable Specified Regional Area *	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes

Note: Underlined text and asterisk(*) indicate terms defined in our web site's migration dictionary please see: http://www.visalawyersaustralia.com.au/Content_Common/pg-Dictionary.seo

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**Table 2. Requirements of Main Applicant and All Secondary Applicants
(for applications lodged on or after 1 July 2010)**

Key Criteria	Visa Subclasses				
	Skilled Independent		Skilled Sponsored		
	Offshore 175	Onshore 885	Offshore 176	Onshore 886	Onshore 887
Meet all health criteria	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Meet all character criteria *	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
All Secondary Applicants aged 18 or over have at least functional English * OR pay the English language charge to the Immigration Department	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/a

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