

General Skilled Migration Permanent Residency Visas

Points Test Factors Summary

Criterion	Summary Requirements		Points
Nominated Skilled Occupation	Managerial occupations; the professions; trades		60
	Other occupations usually requiring a university degree		50
	Paraprofessional and associate professional occupations; occupations requiring vocational education		40
Age	18 or over and < 30		30
	30 or over and < 35		25
	35 or over and < 40		20
	40 or over and < 45		15
English Ability	Proficient English (IELTS - 7 on each component)		25
	Competent English (IELTS - 6 on each component) or native English speaker (that is, applicant is the holder of a UK, USA, Canadian, Irish or New Zealand passport)		15
Australian Qualifications	Completed a PhD – minimum 2 academic years of study		25
	At least 3 academic years of study, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 yr (minimum) undergraduate study, and • 1 yr (minimum) Masters study 		15
	At least 3 academic years of study - Bachelor degree with at least Upper Second Honours		15
	Other qualifications at least Diploma level (or Certificate III for trades) – minimum 2 academic years of study		5
Employment Experience - General	Nominated skilled occupation is worth 60 points and applicant has work experience in nominated skilled occupation or closely related skilled occupation for 36 out of 48 months immediately before the lodgement of the application		10
	Nominated skilled occupation is worth 40 or 50 or 60 points and applicant has work experience in any skilled occupation for 36 out of 48 months immediately before the lodgement of the application		5
Employment Experience in Australia	OR	Applicant has work experience in nominated skilled occupation or closely related skilled occupation in Australia for 12 out of 48 months immediately before the lodgement of the application	10
		Completion of a 'professional year' in Australia	
Occupations in Demand (available only for applicants who held or had applied for a 485 visa on 8/02/2010)	OR	Nominated skilled occupation is on list of occupations in demand and applicant has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 12 months work experience in nominated occupation • Job offer in the skilled occupation from an eligible Australian employer 	20
		Nominated skilled occupation is on list of occupations in demand and applicant has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 12 months work experience in nominated occupation 	15

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Foreign Language Skills	OR	Accredited by the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters as a professional translator/interpreter in an Australian community language	5
		Completed a bachelor degree or higher overseas qualification and language of instruction was an Australian community language	
Australian Regional Study	Applicant completed an Australian qualification being at least Diploma level (or Certificate III for trades) after 2 academic years of study while living and studying outside the ACT and the greater metropolitan areas of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane		5
Partner Skills	<p>Partner means a person with whom the applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is legally married • Has lived together in a de facto or same sex relationship for at least 12 months or have registered their relationship <p>The points are available only if the partner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is under 45 years of age • Has competent English • Has nominated a skilled occupation • Is suitably assessed for the nominated skilled occupation • Meets one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Has work experience in a skilled occupation for 12 out of 24 months immediately before the lodgement of the application; or – Within 6 months from date of lodgement of the application, completed a degree, diploma or trade qualification at an Australian institution after at least 2 academic years of study in Australia and the Australian studies are closely related to the skilled occupation nominated 		5
Sponsorship	Nominated by a State or Territory Government		10
	Sponsored by an Australian citizen or permanent resident, or eligible New Zealand relative, usually resident in Australia		0