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General Skilled Migration

About this booklet

This booklet is designed so that you can understand the steps for applying for **General Skilled Migration** to Australia, and complete the application form with minimal, if any, help.

This booklet is one of a series of booklets about migration to Australia. The booklets are:

- 1 Partner Migration
- 2 Child Migration
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- 4 Other Family Migration
- 5 Employer Sponsored Migration
- 6 General Skilled Migration
- 7 Business Skills Migration
- 8 Special Migration

For general information about migration to Australia, read information form 1126 *Migrating to Australia*, or visit the website <http://www.immi.gov.au>

Use of migration agent

You are not required by law to use a migration agent to assist with your application. However, in the event that you may wish to seek help, a list of registered migration agents is available from offices of the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs or the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA). You can contact the MARA at PO Box Q1551, QVB, NSW, 1230 AUSTRALIA or visit its website at www.themara.com.au

Registered migration agents are bound by the Migration Agents Code of Conduct. MARA investigates complaints against registered agents and may take disciplinary action against registered agents. If you have a problem with a registered migration agent, you can contact the MARA to assist you. **Under the law persons providing immigration assistance in Australia must be registered. If you intend to use an agent you are advised to use a registered migration agent.**

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PART 1

General information

Basic requirements

For General Skilled Migration to Australia, you or your spouse must be able to satisfy the following basic requirements:

Age

You must be **under 45** when you apply.

English language

You must have sufficient ability in the English language for working in Australia. This is known as **'vocational English'** (see page 27).

A higher level of English is required for certain occupations where English ability forms part of the skills assessment.

In the Skilled-Regional Sponsored category you may be eligible with a lower level of English (see page 17).

You are encouraged to have your English language ability tested before you apply.

Qualifications

You must have **post-secondary** (such as university or trade) **qualifications** (in a small number of occupations **substantial relevant work experience** may be acceptable) and your skills must have been assessed by the relevant assessing authority as **suitable** for your nominated occupation.

Nominated occupation

When you apply, you must nominate a skilled occupation which fits your skills and qualifications. Your nominated occupation must be **on the Skilled Occupations List** in Part 6 (page 45). **If your nominated occupation is not on the list you cannot apply.**

Recent work experience

This requirement is separate to the need to have your skills assessed as suitable for your nominated occupation before you apply.

If your nominated occupation is worth **60** points (see the points score for your nominated occupation in Part 6), you must have been in paid employment in a skilled occupation (any occupations listed in Part 6) for **at least 12 of the 18 months** before applying.

If your nominated occupation is worth **40** or **50** points, you must have been in paid employment in a skilled occupation (any occupations listed in Part 6) for **at least two of the three years** before you apply.

For certain occupations a longer period of specific work experience is required to obtain a suitable skills assessment (eg Manager).

In the Skill Matching or Skilled-Regional Sponsored categories you may be eligible with less work experience (see pages 16 and 17).

Australian qualification exemption – You do not need to meet the work experience requirement if you have completed an Australian qualification (see page 30) less than 6 months before lodging your visa application. This exemption **can not** however, be used to waive any specific work experience requirement imposed by an assessing body as part of a skills assessment. If you intend taking advantage of this concession you should note that the 6 month period begins from **the date of completion** of the qualification, and **not** from the date the qualification was conferred.

Skills assessment

Before you apply, you must have had your skills assessed by the relevant Australian assessing authority (as outlined in Part 6 of this booklet) for your nominated occupation. (To be granted a visa, your skills must have been assessed as suitable for your occupation.)

Please note that these assessing authorities are responsible for undertaking skills assessment for migration purposes, and are not employment agencies. The assessing authorities will not reply to requests for job placement.

If you are not able to satisfy these basic requirements, you should NOT continue with a General Skilled Migration application.

Fees and charges

All charges are in Australian dollars (AUD). The Australian mission will advise you of the cost in local currency.

Skills assessment

Before you apply for migration there will be a charge imposed by the relevant assessing body for your nominated occupation (details in Part 6 of this booklet). These charges are set by the relevant assessing bodies.

Application fee or first instalment

If you are applying as a Skilled-Independent, Skilled-Australian Sponsored or Skilled-Regional Sponsored applicant, you will be required to pay the first instalment of your application charge, **\$1075**, at the time of your application. **Whatever the outcome of your application may be, this charge is non-refundable.**

If you are applying for Skill Matching only, you pay a much lesser initial fee (see page 6).

Second instalment

If any members of your family unit who are included in your application and who are over the age of 18, have been assessed as not having functional English language skills, they will be required to pay a second instalment of **\$2275** which entitles them to English language tuition in Australia to achieve functional English. The full amount must be paid before a visa can be granted to them. Persons able to demonstrate functional English ability (e.g. obtain an overall band score of 4.5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test) do not have to pay this charge.

Assurance of Support bond

If you are applying for the Skilled-Australian Sponsored visa or Skilled-Regional Sponsored visa a refundable 'Assurance of Support' bond must be paid before a visa can be granted. This bond is **\$3500** for the principal applicant and **\$1500** for each family member over the age of 18 included in the application. See page 20 of this booklet for more information on Assurance of Support.

Language assessment

You may need to sit an IELTS test to demonstrate your English ability (the cost is approximately **\$160** depending on the test centre - see Part 7). Some professions require an occupational English test (OET) as part of the qualifications assessment. This charge is **\$350** in Australia or **\$400** outside of Australia.

For more information on the OET you should contact Language Australia, GPO Box 372F, Melbourne VIC, 3001 (website www.sunsite.anu.au/language-australia/OET).

Medical costs

You may be required to pay for a medical examination for each family member included in your application (approximately **\$300** each although this may vary from country to country unless further tests are required). These costs are paid directly to the doctors.

Other costs

You should also be prepared to pay other costs associated with your application, such as those required to obtain a character clearance from authorities in your country, and the cost of certified translations of some documents.

Skill Matching only

If you are applying only for Skill Matching, you will be required to pay an initial fee of **\$150** when you lodge your visa application. This fee covers the initial processing of your application to ensure you are eligible for inclusion in the Department's skill matching database.

If you are subsequently nominated by either a State/Territory government or an employer, you will be required to pay the visa application charge of **\$1075**. In addition to this charge, you will also be required to pay an English language charge of **\$2275** for every dependent over the age of 18 who is assessed as not having a functional level of English. You must also pay any other charges incurred in meeting the requirements for this visa. However, if you are not nominated within a two-year period, your application will be refused and you will not be required to pay any additional charges.

The above costs are provided to give you an indication as to the **possible total cost** of your application and should be used as a **guide only** and are **subject to change without notice**. For further details you should see form 990i *Charges* or contact any Australian mission or the relevant body responsible for the fees and charges concerned.

Dependants

Your application may cover a family unit, namely a main applicant and, if applicable, spouse and dependants.

Spouse

Your spouse is the person you live with as husband and wife, either legally married or in a de facto (common law) relationship.

Dependent children

A dependent child may be your natural child, adopted child or step child. 'Step child' means a natural or adopted child of your current spouse or a natural or adopted child of your former spouse where the child is under 18 and you have a legal responsibility to care for them (for example, where your former spouse is deceased and you have legal custody of the child). You will need to provide a certified copy of the overseas or Australian court order which you have in relation to the child.

A child of any age is not considered dependent if he or she is married or in a de facto/common law relationship or is engaged to be married.

A child 18 or over will not be considered dependent unless you can show that they are wholly or substantially reliant on you for financial support for their basic needs of food, shelter and clothing. You must also show that you have provided that support for a substantial period and that the child is more reliant on you than on any other person or source. Unless you can provide evidence of this, they should apply separately. You should also be aware that a child aged 25 or over will generally not be considered dependent.

Children of any age who have a total or partial loss of bodily or mental functions which stops them earning a living are regarded as dependent and part of the family unit (whether or not they migrate with you). Give details of such children and whether they are in your care or in an institution.

In all cases you should attach evidence of your child's dependency on you.

Other dependants

You may include other relatives in your application if they are wholly or substantially reliant on you for financial support for their basic needs of food, shelter and clothing and they have been reliant on you for that support for a substantial period. They must also be more reliant on you for support than on any other person or source.

A relative may also be considered dependent on you if they are reliant on you for financial support because they have a mental or physical disability which stops them from earning a living to support themselves.

Other relatives dependent on you or your spouse may include, for example, an aged, unmarried relative.

If you have dependants who are 18 years of age or over, please obtain a form 47A Details of child or other dependent family member aged 18 years or over. A form 47A must be completed for each dependant 18 or older, whether migrating or not.

Custody requirement

The Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA) will seek to ensure that allowing a child to migrate is not in contravention of Australia's international obligations in relation to the prevention of child abduction. If your application includes a child under 18 and the child's other parent is not migrating with you or there is any other person who has the legal right to determine where the child can live, you will need to provide a Statutory Declaration from each of them giving permission for the child to migrate. Alternatively, you can provide a certified copy of a valid court order showing that you/your spouse has the legal right to remove the child from the country.

Living in Australia

The following information is about some of the important things you should consider before deciding to apply to migrate to, or remain permanently in, Australia.

You should remember that it is entirely your own responsibility to investigate your settlement prospects in Australia.

Living costs in Australia

The cost of living in Australia, compared to many other countries, is high. It is essential that you think about how you would provide for yourself in Australia.

As a guide, it is estimated that in 1999 households of migrants who had lived in Australia for less than two years spent an average of \$930 per week supporting 3 people. It is estimated that a couple renting accommodation in Australia would need a minimum of \$355 per week to survive. A single person would need about \$215 per week.

Remember, too, if you are migrating to Australia, that the cost of relocating is high. There are significant costs involved in travelling to Australia, relocating household goods, and setting up in new accommodation.

Employment in Australia

The Australian labour market is very competitive and fluctuates depending on prevailing economic factors, the type of work sought and specific circumstances which may affect different parts of the country. **Approval to migrate, or remain permanently, does not guarantee employment**, even for applicants who are highly skilled.

In April 2000, the unemployment rate was 6.8%. Unemployment rates for recent arrivals are much higher. Migrants and refugees arriving in 1993-95 had an unemployment rate of about 40% in the first 4-6 months. After this period the unemployment rate generally decreases, especially for migrants in Independent and other skilled categories.

To inform yourself about employment prospects, read Australian newspapers, especially the Wednesday and Saturday editions, which have job vacancies. If you are outside Australia, look for job information at Australian missions, including in Australian Jobs Review, Job Futures and Introduction to Skills Recognition.

Job search information is also available on the Internet site of the Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business: www.dewrsb.gov.au

Two-year waiting period for social security payments

In general, Australian social security payments are only available to people who reside in Australia and are either Australian citizens or holders of permanent visas. In addition, most newly arrived migrants have to live in Australia as permanent residents for two years before they can get most social security payments, including unemployment and sickness benefits, student allowances and a number of other payments. To get access to age and disability pensions, you generally have to live in Australia for 10 years.

It is very important to understand that you should have enough resources to keep yourself (and your dependants) for at least your first two years in Australia. There is no alternative government support program for people who cannot get social security payments. If you have a sponsor, you should ask them about the support they are able and willing to provide.

Waiting period exemptions

A payment called Special Benefit may be available during the waiting period, if you are in hardship because of a substantial change of circumstances beyond your control. This payment is only available in very limited circumstances. Inability to find a job or running out of money are not sufficient reasons, of themselves, to qualify for Special Benefit.

If you become widowed, disabled or a sole parent after becoming an Australian resident, you may be eligible for an allowance or pension. You may also be able to get a pension before having lived in Australia for 10 years if you are covered by an international social security agreement. Australia has social security agreements with 11 countries.

Refugee and Humanitarian entrants are exempt from the two-year waiting period. Their immediate relatives (partners and dependent children) are also exempt, as long as the relationship existed at the time the Refugee or Humanitarian Entrant arrived in Australia.

Pensions

In general, only people who have been Australian residents for 10 years are eligible for age or disability pensions. The 10-year requirement for the Disability Support Pension does not apply to a person who becomes disabled after becoming an Australian resident. People who are covered by an international social security agreement may also be able to get a pension before having lived in Australia for 10 years.

Assistance for families with children

New migrants with dependent children may qualify for Family Tax Benefit and/or Child Care Benefit, payments that help with the cost of raising children. There is no waiting period for these family assistance payments, but you must generally hold a permanent visa in order to qualify. The amount you can receive depends on your family's size, its total income, whether you pay for child care, and the type of child care you use. It is important to understand that family assistance payments are intended only as an income supplement, and are not enough to live on.

Further information about social security

If you need more information about social security payments, you can write to:

National Manager
International
Centrelink
GPO Box 1507R
HOBART TAS 7001
AUSTRALIA

Or look on the following Internet site: **www.centrelink.gov.au**

Centrelink is the agency that delivers social security payments and related services. In Australia, you can find Centrelink office locations and telephone numbers in the local telephone directory.

There is also a Centrelink Multilingual Telephone Information Service, which gives information in languages other than English about social security payments. This service can be contacted from anywhere in Australia, for the cost of a local call, on **13 1202**.

Medical costs in Australia

The Australian Government provides help with medical expenses through a scheme called Medicare. Migrants generally have immediate access to Medicare. Medicare contributes towards the cost of most medical services and some services provided by optometrists. Medicare also provides free accommodation and treatment in public hospitals if you enter hospital as a Medicare patient.

For further information about Medicare, you can write to:

Medicare Eligibility Section
Health Insurance Commission
PO Box 1001
TUGGERANONG ACT 2901
AUSTRALIA

Or look up the Internet site: **www.hic.gov.au**

In Australia you can telephone **13 2011** to get information about Medicare.

Many Australians belong to private health insurance funds. They cover you for treatment as a private patient in private or public hospitals, and can include some services that Medicare does not cover, such as dental and optical services.

The government has introduced financial incentives aimed at encouraging people to take out private health insurance. There is a Federal Government 30% rebate on private health insurance premiums, and a 1% tax levy on high income earners who don't take out private health insurance.

There is also a new system called Lifetime Health Cover under which private health insurance funds charge different premiums depending on the age at which people first take out hospital cover.

For more information about private health insurance, you can write to:

Private Health Industry Branch
Department of Health and Aged Care
GPO Box 9848
CANBERRA ACT 2601
AUSTRALIA

Or look up the Internet site: **www.health.gov.au**

Other information about Australia

More information on services for newly arrived migrants in Australia is available on the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs 'Settling in Australia' website: **www.immi.gov.au/settle**

PART 2

Categories

About the categories

When you apply, you must select a General Skilled Migration category to apply under.

Once you have read this booklet you should be able to select the category which best suits your circumstances and gives you the best chance of success.

General Skilled Migration Categories

There are three types of categories:

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| Independent | For those who do not have a sponsor, or who choose not to be sponsored. |
| Skill matching | For those whose skills are in demand (and who are seeking to be nominated by a State or Territory Government or an employer). |
| Family sponsored | For those who have a sponsor and assurer. |

The categories are described on the following pages.

Terms you need to know

To understand the requirements for each category, you need to know these terms:

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| Sponsor | For some categories you must be sponsored. A sponsor is a relative who is living in Australia, is an Australian citizen or permanent resident and is prepared to sponsor your application. |
| Assurer | <p>If you have a sponsor, you must also have an assurer. This is a person living in Australia who is an Australian citizen or permanent resident and who agrees to provide financial support (an Assurance of Support) so that you will not have to rely on Government forms of support. The sponsor and assurer may be the same person.</p> <p>More details about Assurance of Support are given later in this section, (page 20).</p> |
| Points test | <p>For some categories, you must pass a points test. The pass mark changes from time to time.</p> <p>Before choosing a category to apply under, you should do a self assessment.</p> <p>More details about the points test and self assessment are given when you get to Part 3.</p> |
| Pass mark | This is the total number of points you must score to pass the points test. You must reach the pass mark in force at the time your application is assessed. If you pass, your application will be processed further. |
| Pool mark | If you do not achieve the pass mark, the pool mark is the total number of points you must score if your application is to be held in reserve for up to 2 years after it is assessed, in case a newer, lower pass mark is set. |
| Employment | Having worked in paid employment for at least 20 hours a week. |

Applicant	The applicant is the person (or persons) applying to migrate to Australia.
DIMA	Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
Australian Mission	An Australian Embassy, High Commission or Consulate or Consulate-General or Australian Trade Commission.

Independent categories

If you do **not** have a relative in Australia who is willing to sponsor you, you may apply as an Independent.

If you have a relative in Australia who is willing to sponsor you, you can still choose to apply as an Independent (your chance of success may be less but you do not need an Assurance of Support).

Skilled – Independent

You must be highly skilled and have education, skills and employability which will contribute to the Australian economy.

You must **pass the points test** (see Part 3) as well as **satisfy the basic requirements** at page 4.

Skilled – State Territory Nominated Independent

If you pass the points test or meet the pool mark you can also complete Part I 'Skill matching' of the application form 47SK. Details from your application will be placed in the skill matching database for possible nomination by a State or Territory government or employer. Your details will stay in the database for two years. There is no extra charge for this option if you have already paid the initial Independent category application charge. (For details on skill matching see page 16).

Skill matching

This category is **not points tested**. You should consider this category if you are not certain or it is unlikely you will pass the points test but you satisfy the basic requirements for skill, age and English language proficiency outlined at page 4, but with a lesser recent work experience requirement.

Recent work experience requirement

You must have been employed in a skilled occupation for at least 6 months in the 12 months before applying for migration.

You do not need to meet this work experience requirement if you meet the Australian qualification exemption outlined at page 5.

Skill matching has been designed to help overcome regional skill shortages by helping some migrants to settle in parts of Australia where their skills and abilities are in demand. This is done by placing their details in a **skill matching database**. The database is made available to State and Territory governments and employers who may then nominate an applicant for migration.

If you choose this category, your details will be placed in the database and stay there for **up to two years**. If you are not nominated within the two years, your details will be removed from the database and your application will be refused.

Payment for this category is different to the others. You pay a **small initial charge** to have your application assessed for inclusion in the skill matching database. You then pay the full visa application fee if, and only if, you are selected by a State or Territory government or employer. You pay the fee which is current at the time you are selected (see page 6 for more details).

An applicant nominated by a State or Territory government may be eligible for a Skill matching visa. An applicant nominated by an employer may be eligible for a visa under the Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS).

To choose this category, you must complete Part I 'Skill matching' in the application Form 47SK. Your spouse should also complete Part I if he/she satisfies the basic requirements and wishes to be skill matched.

If you are assessed as satisfying the basic requirements, the skill matching section of the form will be sent to Australia for inclusion in the skill matching database. If a State or Territory government or employer wishes to nominate you, they will lodge a nomination form with a DIMA regional office in Australia. That office will contact the relevant overseas processing post with advice of the nomination, so that visa processing can be finalised.

If you apply as an Independent and select the skill matching option

If you are eligible, your details will be placed in the skill matching database as described above, however there are important differences to selecting the Skill matching category outright:

- You must satisfy all the basic requirements (see page 4). The lesser work experience requirement shown above does not apply.
- You must reach at least the pool mark in the points test.
- You must pay the full application fee when you apply.
- An applicant nominated by a State or Territory government may be eligible for a Skilled-State Territory Nominated Independent visa. An applicant nominated by an employer may be eligible for a visa under the Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS).

Family sponsored categories

Your application will have a greater chance of success if you or your spouse have a **relative in Australia** who is willing to sponsor you and provide financial support.

Skilled – Regional Sponsored

Under this category, the Australian Government is seeking skilled migrants to settle in certain regions of Australia.

You must have a **sponsor** and **assurer**.

You or your spouse must be **related to the sponsor** as either:

- a non-dependent child (a natural, adoptive or stepchild)
- a parent
- a brother or sister (including adoptive or step siblings)
- a niece or nephew (including adoptive or step niece or nephew)
- a first cousin, or
- a grandchild.

Note: If your **spouse's relative** is sponsoring you, **your spouse must complete Form 47SK as the main applicant**, even if you are the person satisfying the basic requirements.

Your sponsor must have lived for at least one year and still live in one of the following designated areas.

State or Territory	Designated area
Victoria	Anywhere
South Australia	Anywhere
Northern Territory	Anywhere
Tasmania	Anywhere
Australian Capital Territory	Anywhere
Queensland	Postcode areas 4350–4499, 4600–4899 (anywhere except urban Brisbane, Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast)
Western Australia	Postcode areas 6200–6799 (anywhere except Perth metropolitan region)
New South Wales	Postcode areas 2311–2312, 2328–2333, 2336–2490, 2535–2551, 2575–2739, 2787–2898 (anywhere except Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong)

You must also provide proof of your **relationship to the sponsor** and obtain an **Assurance of support** (see page 20).

There is no points test under this category. You or your spouse must only satisfy the basic requirements of age, English language, qualifications, nominated occupation and recent work experience (see page 4), with certain exceptions (see below).

EXCEPTIONS to basic requirements for Skilled – regional sponsored applicants

English language requirement

If you do not have ‘vocational English’ as defined at page 25, you may qualify under this category if you have achieved an overall band score of 4.5 on the four components of IELTS test. To take up this option you must have made acceptable arrangements with a **participating State or Territory government** to upgrade your English skills to the ‘vocational English’ level. To access this option your sponsor must live in a participating State.

Such arrangements require a fee to be paid for this tuition to an agency in the participating State before your visa can be granted.

You should ask your sponsor to contact the nearest DIMA office in their State or Territory in Australia for information on this option.

Recent work experience requirement

If your nominated occupation is worth 60 points for skill you must have been in employment in any occupation on the list of skilled occupations (see Part 6) for at least 6 out of the 12 months before applying for migration.

If your nominated occupation is worth 40 or 50 points for skill you must have been in employment in any occupation on the list of skilled occupations (see Part 6) for at least 12 out of the 18 months before applying for migration.

You do not need to meet this work experience requirement if you meet the Australian qualification exemption outlined at page 5.

Preparing your application under the Skilled - Regional Sponsored category

1. Obtain:

- a **skill assessment** from the relevant assessing authority for your nominated occupation (see ‘Preparing for your application’ on page 25)
- **proof of age** (see ‘Preparing for your application’ on page 26)
- **proof of English language ability** (see ‘Preparing for your application’ on page 27).
- **proof of your sponsor’s residence in a designated area of Australia** (your sponsor should complete form 40 *Sponsorship for migration to Australia*).
- **proof of relationship to sponsor** such as birth certificates, marriage certificates and family registers.
- an **Assurance of support** (your assurer should complete form 28 *Required Assurance of Support*).
- **proof of recent skilled employment or Australian qualifications**

2. Complete form 47SK - *Application for General Skilled Migration to Australia*.

Your skills assessment and completed forms 28 - *Assurance of Support*, and 40 - *Sponsorship for migration to Australia*, must be **included with your application**.

You should also include proof of your English language ability, age and other supporting documentation with your application.

Skilled – Australian Sponsored

This category is designed for potential skilled migrants whose sponsor lives **outside** the designated areas listed on page 17.

You must have a **sponsor** and **assurer**.

You or your spouse must be **related to the sponsor** as either:

- a non-dependent child (a natural, adoptive or stepchild)
- a parent
- a brother or sister (including an adoptive or stepsibling), or
- a niece or nephew (including adoptive or stepniece or nephew).

You or your spouse must **pass the points test** (see Part 3) as well as satisfy the basic requirements for age, English language, qualifications, nominated occupation and recent work experience (see page 4).

Note: If your **spouse's relative** is sponsoring you, **your spouse must complete Form 47SK as the main applicant**, even if you are the person satisfying the basic requirements and the points test.

Please read about **Assurance of support** on page 20.

Please note: Even if you meet all the requirements for this category, you may still consider applying under the Independent or Skill Matching categories (which do not need a sponsor or assurer).

Assurance of support

What is an Assurance of support?

An assurance of support is a commitment to provide financial support to the person applying to migrate so that the migrant will not have to rely on any government forms of support.

It is also a legal commitment by a person to repay to the Commonwealth of Australia any recoverable social security payments made by Centrelink to those covered by the assurance. The assurance is in force for two years, from the date of the assuree's arrival in Australia.

Assurances cover the principal applicant and the family included in the application.

Who needs an Assurance of support?

Applicants applying for migration as Skilled-Australian Sponsored, Skilled-Regional Sponsored, or any applicant assessed by DIMA as being at risk of becoming a charge on the Australian social welfare budget.

Who can give an assurance?

You do not have to be the sponsor to give an assurance.

The person giving an assurance of support should be:

- an adult (over 18) Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen
- usually resident in Australia
- financially able to support the sponsored person/s and repay certain social security payments should they be made to the people covered by the assurance.

It is unlikely that an assurer could provide an acceptable assurance of support if they have received the full rate of any pensions, benefits or allowances (other than family payments) from Centrelink during the past year.

An assurer must be able to show that their taxable income is sustained at a level which would allow them to provide financial support to the applicants whom they assure and also that they would be able to repay any debt incurred by payment of social security payments during the first two years.

This is to ensure that people proposing to give an assurance of support have the financial capacity to do so.

Income test on Assurer

An assurer is required to have a minimum annual income of \$28,200 evidenced by Tax Returns for the last two years. This amount is increased by:

- \$2,000 for each dependent adult and \$624 for each child in the assurer's family (except the first child who is covered by the minimum amount); and
- \$2,000 for each adult and \$624 for each child included in the migration application.

For example:

An assurer with a dependent spouse and one child who is lodging an AOS for a migrating family comprising 2 adults and 2 children would be required to have a minimum annual income of:

\$ 28,200	(minimum amount which also covers the first child of the assurer)
\$ 2,000	(for the assurers dependent spouse)
\$ 4,000	(for 2 adults in the migrating family)
\$ 1,248	(for 2 children in the migrating family)
\$ 35,448	

These rates are valid from 1 July 2000 to 1 July 2001.
(Rates may be subject to adjustment).

Giving an Assurance of Support

An assurer cannot assure more than two adults at any one time. If there are more than two adults included in the application, another assurer will need to give a separate assurance.

To give an assurance, Form 28 must be completed. The completed form should be sent by the assurer to the applicant together with certified photocopies of the documents listed on the form. **The completed Form 28 must be lodged at the Australian mission overseas at the same time as the migration application.** DIMA will advise the applicant when the required assurance of support bond should be paid.

What bonds and charges apply?

A bond of \$3,500 for the principal applicant and \$1,500 for each other person (if aged 18 years or over) applies.

The assurer must lodge a refundable bond with any branch of the Commonwealth Bank in Australia. The bond is held by the bank for 2 years from the date the person arrives in Australia. It will be released at the end of that time less any claim made by Centrelink for repayment of any benefits and allowances.

PART 3

Points test

and self-assessment

About the points test

If you apply under the **Skilled – Australian Sponsored** category or any of the **Skilled – Independent** categories, you will be assessed against a points test.

You are awarded points for

- skill
- age
- English language ability
- specific work experience
- occupation in demand (and job offer)
- Australian qualifications
- spouse skills
- relationship (for Skilled – Australian sponsored only).

You are awarded bonus points for either capital investment in Australia, Australian skilled work experience, or fluency in one of Australia's major community languages (other than English) as listed on page 32.

Pass mark and Pool mark

You must gain sufficient points to reach the pass mark in effect at the time your application is assessed (not when the form is lodged).

Applications which achieve a score below the pass mark (but above another mark, known as the 'pool mark') will be held in reserve for up to 2 years after assessment. If the pass mark is lowered at any time in that 2 year period, and your score is equal to, or higher than, the new pass mark, your case will be processed further.

Below are the pass marks and pool marks at time of publication of this booklet. You should check the current marks on DIMA's website www.immi.gov.au or with an Australian mission before you apply.

	Pass mark	Pool mark
Skilled – Australian sponsored category	110	105
Skilled – Independent category	110	70

Self-assessment

On the next page is a **self-assessment form**. Complete this form as you go through the rest of this section. This will give you an indication of how successful your application might be.

If you have a **spouse**, it may be worthwhile to also obtain a skills and English language assessment for your spouse to see whose application may have the best chance of success. In making your assessment remember that either you or your spouse must meet the pass mark individually.

If your spouse's skills are to be used for the skills component of the points test (see page 25), a skills assessment for your spouse **must** be lodged when you apply, otherwise they cannot be taken into account.

Self-assessment form

Complete this form as you go through the rest of this section

It will give you an indication of how successful your application might be.

Remember however that a self assessment should not be seen as a guarantee of success. Your actual application will be rigorously assessed on the information and evidence you provide, using the pass mark which applies at the time of assessment.

	Points	
	Self	Spouse
Skill		
Age		
English language ability		
Specific work experience		
Occupation in demand/job offer		
Australian qualifications		
Spouse skills		
Bonus points		
Total points for the Skilled - Independent category		

Relationship – add 15 points to the **higher** score above

15

Total points for the Skilled – Australian sponsored category





points for Skill

The occupation you nominate must be on the Skilled Occupations List current at the time you apply (see Part 6), and should be one which fits your skills and qualifications.

You receive the points allocated for your nominated occupation as long as the relevant assessing authority for your nominated skilled occupation determines that your skills are suitable.

60 points – for most occupations where training is specific to the occupation.

In most cases, you must have a qualification (such as a degree or trade certificate) and experience which meets the relevant Australian standards and which is specifically related to your nominated occupation and be able to meet any registration requirements in Australia. In some cases, experience without formal qualifications may be acceptable.

50 points – for more general professional occupations.

You must have a qualification equivalent to an Australian Bachelor degree or higher qualification (but it need not be specifically related to your nominated occupation).

40 points – for other general skilled occupations.

You must have a qualification equivalent to an Australian diploma or advanced diploma (but it need not be specifically related to your nominated occupation).

A 'Preparing for your application' box (such as the one below) appears on each of the following pages in this section. They are not necessary for your self-assessment but are important steps to take before completing your application form.

Preparing for your application

1. Before you apply, you and/or your spouse **must** have your skills **assessed** by the relevant assessing authority for your nominated occupation. (Part 6 tells you what you have to do.) The assessment will determine if your skills are suitable for your nominated occupation.
2. Your skills assessment **must be included with your application**. You cannot lodge a valid application without including a skills assessment from the Australian assessing authority for your nominated occupation.
3. You must also include with your application all the documents provided to the assessing body.

points for **Age**

Age at time of application	Points
18 – 29 years	30
30 – 34 years	25
35 – 39 years	20
40 – 44 years	15

Preparing for your application

1. Obtain your **birth certificate** or other proof of age.
2. Proof of age should be **included with your application**.

points for English language ability

English language ability	IELTS Standard	Points
Vocational English You must have a reasonable command of the English language, coping with overall meaning in most situations. You must be able to communicate effectively in your own field of employment.	IELTS score of at least 5 on each of the 4 components of the test – speaking, reading, writing and listening.	15
Competent English You must have a generally effective command of the language. You must be able to use and understand fairly complex language, particularly in familiar situations.	IELTS score of at least 6 on each of the 4 components of the test – speaking, reading, writing and listening.	20

Preparing for your application

- Before you apply, you are encouraged to **obtain proof** of your English language ability by any of the following methods:
 - Provide evidence that you are a **native English speaker** – this will give you points for **competent English**.
 - In some cases, providing evidence that you have undertaken **post-secondary studies at an institution where all instruction was in English** will give you points for English.
 - Undertake an **International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test**. IELTS has an academic test and a general training test – **you need only take the general training test** (unless otherwise advised by your skills assessing authority).
 For **vocational English** you must achieve a band score of at least 5, from a maximum of 9, for all four components of the test (speaking, reading, listening and writing).
 For **competent English** you must achieve a band score of at least 6, from a maximum of 9, for all four components of the test (speaking, reading, listening and writing).
 IELTS test centres are listed at Part 7 (page 70). Further information relating to IELTS testing is on the website www.ielts.org
 - Pass an **occupational English test** (or equivalent) if required by the assessing body for your nominated occupation – this will give you points for **competent English** enabling you to score the maximum 20 points for English language ability.
- If there is any doubt about your ability in the English language, we may ask you to undertake an IELTS test, if you have not already done so.
- You should include evidence of your ability in the English language **with your application**.
- IELTS test results must not be more than 12 months old at time of application.

points for **Specific work experience**

This is different to recent work experience which is a basic requirement for the General Skilled Migration categories (see page 4).

	Points
If your nominated occupation is worth 60 points under Skill and you have worked in your nominated occupation , or a closely related occupation, for at least 3 of the 4 years before you apply	10
If your nominated occupation is worth 40, 50 or 60 points under Skill, and you have worked in skilled employment (any occupations listed on the Skilled Occupations List see Part 6) for at least 3 of the 4 years before you apply	5

Preparing for your application

1. Obtain proof such as **employment references** and **detailed duty statements** covering the required period. (These documents may also be required in order to satisfy the recent work experience basic requirement).
2. For you to receive these points, documentary proof should be **included with your application**.

points for **Occupation in demand/job offer**

Over the page is a list of occupations which, at the time this booklet was printed, have been identified as being in demand in Australia. This list is called the Migration Occupations in Demand List (or MODL).

You receive points if your **nominated occupation is on the MODL list** which is current at the time your application is assessed (not when your application is lodged).

You receive **extra** points if you have a **job offer** in your nominated occupation from an organisation that has employed at least 10 people on a full-time basis for the previous two financial years.

	Points
Occupation in demand, but no job offer	5
Occupation in demand with job offer	10

The following is the list of Migration Occupations in Demand (MODL):

Occupation	ASCO Code
Managers and Administrators	
Information Technology Managers	1224
Child Care Co-ordinators	1295
Professionals	
Electronics Engineer	2125-13
Accountants	2211
Computer Professionals in the following specialisations: (Oracle, SQL Server, Java, Java Script, C++, CISCO Certified Professionals (CCPs) Advanced Web design, E-Commerce, SAP, PeopleSoft (enterprise based multiple applications)	2231 (part)
Nurse Managers	2321
Nurse Educators and Researchers	2322
Registered Nurses	2323
Registered Midwives	2324
Registered Mental Health Nurses	2325
Registered Developmental Disability Nurses	2326
Hospital Pharmacist	2382-11
Retail Pharmacist	2382-15
Medical Diagnostic Radiographer	2391-11
Radiation Therapist	2391-13
Sonographer	2391-17
Associate professionals	
Chefs (excluding Commis Chef)*	3322 (part)
Tradespersons	
Refrigeration and Airconditioning Mechanic	4312-11
Pastrycook	4512-13
Cabinetmaker	4922-11

*Chefs would normally be expected to have a relevant trade level (or higher) qualification, and at least 3 years relevant experience following the completion of that formal qualification.

Preparing for your application

1. The MODL is current at the time of publication of this booklet. If these points are vital to your application, **check the latest MODL list** on DIMA's website www.immi.gov.au or with an Australian mission before lodging your application.
2. IT professionals may only receive points for MODL if ACS confirms that they have specialised in one of the areas listed in the MODL.
3. For you to receive extra points for a job offer, **documentary evidence** of the job offer should be **included with your application**. The organisation making the job offer must also indicate the number of people it has employed on a full-time basis for the previous two years. Please note that DIMA will make checks to ensure this information is correct.

points for Australian qualifications

You may receive points for **any one** of the following:

Applicants with Australian qualifications have a greater chance of employment in Australia.

You may receive points if you have completed an Australian qualification (excluding a PhD) from an Australian Educational Institution, studying for at least 12 months full-time (one academic year) in Australia.

Your qualifications must be an Australian post-secondary degree (or higher qualification), diploma, advanced diploma or trade qualification.

Points
5

OR

You may receive points if you have completed an Australian PhD (doctorate degree) from an Australian Education Institution, studying for at least 12 months full-time (one academic year) in Australia.

Points
10

Preparing for your application

1. For you to receive these points, a **certified copy of your qualifications** and/or a certified copy of notification of your results and a transcript of your academic record (degree, diploma, certificate, etc.) should be **included with your application**.
2. You do **not** need to meet the recent work experience requirement if you have completed your Australian qualification **less than 6 months before** lodging your migration application (see page 4, Basic requirements).

If you intend taking advantage of this concession you should note that the 6 month period begins from **the date of completion** of the qualification, and **not** from the date the qualification was conferred.

points for Spouse skills

You may receive points if your spouse is also able to **satisfy the basic requirements** of age, English language ability, qualifications, nominated occupation and recent work experience and has obtained a suitable skill assessment from the relevant assessing authority for their nominated occupation (see Part 6).

Points
5

Preparing for your application

1. Obtain **proof** that your spouse satisfies the basic requirements:
 - a suitable skills assessment from the relevant assessing authority for your spouse's nominated occupation (see 'Preparing for your application' on page 25)
 - proof of age (see 'Preparing for your application' on page 26)
 - proof of English language ability (see 'Preparing for your application' on page 27)
 - proof of recent work experience (see 'Preparing for your application' on page 28) or recent Australian qualifications (see 'Preparing for your application' on page 30)
2. Your spouse should provide a positive skill assessment from the relevant assessing authority **at the time of application**.
3. If your spouse satisfies the basic requirements, you should consider having your spouse fully points tested and provide all the necessary details and documents in your application. We can then also assess your application on the basis of your spouse's skills – this may give us **another option** to approve your application. It will also improve your spouse's opportunity for employment in Australia.

Bonus points

You may receive points for **any one** of the following.

Capital investment in Australia

You must have invested a minimum of \$100,000 in an approved Government investment for a term of at least 12 months. If you wish to be awarded points for this factor you would need to make this clear in your application. You should not invest the money until you receive advice from the migration officer processing your case.

Enquiries should be directed to one of the following authorities that offer this approved investment facility:

New South Wales Treasury Corporation Registry Level 6, Chifley Tower Chifley Square SYDNEY NSW 2000	Western Australia Treasury Corporation PO Box 7282 PERTH CLOISTERS SQUARE WA 6850	Queensland Treasury Corporation GPO Box 1096 BRISBANE QLD 4001
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Australian work experience

You must have legally worked in Australia in one of the occupations listed in Part 6 for at least six months in the four years before you apply. These points are not available to applicants who have worked in Australia on a bridging visa.

Fluency in one of Australia's community languages (other than English)

The language must be on the list of community languages below. You must have professional level language skills (written or oral) as evidenced by a qualification (of equivalent standard to an Australian degree) gained from a university where instruction was in one of the listed languages or by accreditation with the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI) at the professional level (level 3). You need to check with NAATI for languages available for accreditation. See page 59 for the address.

Afrikaans Albanian Arabic (including Lebanese) Armenian Bengali Bosnian Burmese Chinese-Cantonese Chinese-Mandarin Croatian Czech Danish	Estonian Fijian Finnish French German Greek Hindi Hungarian Indonesian/ Malaysian Italian Japanese Khmer	Korean Lao Latvian Lithuanian Macedonian Maltese Netherlandic (Dutch) Persian Polish Portuguese Romanian Russian Serbian	Sinhalese Slovak Slovene Spanish Swedish Tagalog (Filipino) Tamil Thai Turkish Ukrainian Urdu Vietnamese Yiddish
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Points

5

You cannot receive more than 5 points for this factor. If you are able to satisfy more than one of the above, you still only receive 5 points.

Preparing for your application

1. For you to receive these points, documentary proof should be **included with your application**.

points for Relationship

Only for applicants under the **Skilled – Australian sponsored** category

You may receive points if you or your spouse have a relative who:

- is an Australian citizen or permanent resident, and
- is willing to sponsor you.

You or your spouse must be related to the sponsor as either:

- a non-dependent child (a natural, adoptive or stepchild)
- a parent
- a brother or sister (a natural, adoptive or step sibling) or
- a niece or nephew (a natural, adoptive or step niece or nephew).

Points

15

Preparing for your application

1. Obtain **proof** that you or your spouse are related to the sponsor, such as **birth certificates, marriage certificates** and **family registers**.
2. Obtain an **Assurance of support** (your assurer should complete form 28 *Required Assurance of Support* and return it to you - see page 20 'Assurance of support').
3. Obtain a **Sponsorship for Migration to Australia** (your sponsor should complete form 40 *Sponsorship for Migration* and return it to you).
4. The completed form 28, form 40 and supporting documentation must be **included in your application**.

PART 4
Other
requirements

Health

Strict health standards

You and all dependant family members must meet strict health standards designed to protect Australia from high health risks and costs, and overuse of health resources such as organs for transplant.

Medical examination

You will be asked to undertake an examination by a doctor, selected by Australian authorities. Usually, a chest x-ray, medical examination, some laboratory or specialist tests and referral to Medical Officers of the Commonwealth for final decision will be required. This can be a lengthy process and costs will be your responsibility. **All** members of your immediate **family** must meet the standards for your application to be successful. Dependants who are not planning to migrate must also be examined.

Forms for your medical examination, together with directions to listed doctors, will be provided by staff processing your migration application. If you are pregnant, you are advised not to be x-rayed until after the birth of your baby, meaning that your application may not be finished until then. Alternatively, although not preferred by the Australian government, you may care to discuss with your radiologist the use of a lead shielded x-ray.

Health conditions of concern

In view of the World Health Organisation's declaration of a global epidemic of tuberculosis, particular care is taken to screen for this disease including stringent treatment recommendations where signs of earlier infection, however small or old, are apparent.

Australia has one of the lowest rates of tuberculosis in the world and maintains one of the strictest regimes for screening and treatment. Detection of the disease will not lead to automatic rejection, but your application may only continue after recommended treatment and successful retesting.

Other health conditions of concern are those where a person is assessed by Australian authorities as requiring treatment, support or assistance which are considered to be in short supply, or which cost a significant amount. This may differ from treatment in your country.

Doctors

Doctors may charge you in accordance with their usual practice. They may recommend that you undertake other treatment or specialist consultations. This may be in your own interest because listed doctors know what is required for the assessment of your examination results in Australia. Listed doctors complete the examination form in English.

Basis for decision

A decision is made on, first, any detection of tuberculosis, however old or small, and then, of medical conditions which are likely to result in significant health treatment and community service costs in Australia, or which may use treatment or services in short supply. Allowance is made for normal health charges (calculated as a multiple or average annual costs for an Australian). Currently these charges add up to \$16,000. Any cost beyond this figure is considered significant and generally leads to refusal. The cost assessment takes no regard of whether a person has or intends to take private health insurance or make other financial arrangements to lessen a claim on public funds.

Character

To enter Australia, applicants must be of good character.

In order for the Australian government to determine whether you are of good character, you may be asked to provide police certificates for each country you have resided in for 12 months or more over the last 10 years.

In some instances, applicants may also be required to provide personal details to enable additional character checks to be undertaken.

You do not have to provide this information when you apply. You will be advised when it is required.

PART 5

Processing visa applications

You must have a visa to enter and live in Australia

The Australian government decides who should be granted a visa. Your application will be decided on the basis of the information you give and generally, the law at the time you apply. **However, the government may change the pass or pool mark at any time and this may affect your application.**

You should read all information and instructions, and make sure you provide the right information and documents when applying. This will avoid delays in processing your application. If, after reading the information, you do not think you qualify for a visa, you may want to reconsider whether to apply. Any charge paid will not be refunded if you are unsuccessful.

While you may be asked to complete a number of steps during the processing of your application, it does not mean your application will be successful. Do not anticipate a successful outcome and sell your house or other property until you have been advised **in writing** that you have been granted a visa.

Please note that 'DIMA' means the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs in Australia. Your contact with DIMA is the nearest Australian mission overseas.

Visa limits

The Australian government may suspend application processing and/or apply limits (caps) to the number of visas granted each year. If a cap is applied, your application will be processed but you will not get a visa that year if the visa limit is reached.

Family members

Family members (spouses, dependent children or dependent relatives) should be included in the same application and pay the one charge. A child who is born after an application is made (but before it is decided) will be automatically included in the parent's application, once the Australian mission is notified of the details of the new-born child. In some circumstances, a spouse or dependent child can be added to an application. Members of your family unit included in your application must also meet certain visa requirements.

More than one application

If you apply for more than one visa, the visa granted last will generally be the visa you have (and the visa granted first will no longer be valid). You can get advice about your situation from any Australian mission overseas.

Withdrawal of application

You can withdraw your application by advising the Australian mission in writing at any time before a decision is made. Any charges that you paid at time of application are usually not refunded.

Contact about your application

Contact with the Australian mission about your application should generally be in writing. However, you may telephone the Australian mission to inquire about the progress of your application (although you should not do this unless necessary as it delays processing).

If you write to the Australian mission about your application you must include:

- your name (as you have given in your application);
- your date of birth;
- the DIMA file number if it has been given to you or, if you do not have a file number, the application receipt number; and
- the name of the office where you applied.

You must send the letter to the office where you applied unless the Australian mission tells you to write elsewhere. If you send a letter by facsimile, you should also send the original by post.

You are able to nominate one other person to be sent correspondence relating to your application. If you do, DIMA will send all correspondence to that person. You will be taken to have received all letters sent to the nominated person.

If you have provided telephone/facsimile numbers or email address DIMA may use these to facilitate contact with you or another person nominated by you.

Change of address

If you change your address for more than 14 days while your application is being processed, you must tell the Australian mission your new address and how long you will be there. Letters about your application will be sent to the latest address you have provided and you will be taken to have received them 21 days after the date of the letter.

Change of circumstances

If, after you apply, your circumstances change (for example, serious illness, a change in marital status such as becoming engaged, or the birth of a child) you must tell the Australian mission as soon as practicable, so that any answer or information given to DIMA is updated and correct. You must continue to do this until you travel to Australia and are cleared by DIMA. **Your visa may be cancelled if you give incorrect information or fail to advise DIMA that some information is no longer correct.** However, if you advise the Australian mission of the correct information before you are immigration cleared, your visa cannot later be cancelled on the basis of that incorrect information.

Extra information about your application

Additional information can be provided (in writing) at any time until a decision is made on your application (except information which must be provided at the time of application). All relevant information is taken into account. If you are invited to give additional information or comment on information by a given date you must do so or DIMA can continue processing your application. You cannot delay a decision by saying that you may or will give more information later.

If another person gives information that could result in you being refused a visa, you will generally be given an opportunity to comment on the information. You will need to comment by a set date.

Invitation to comment

If another person gives information that could result in you being refused a visa, you will generally be given an opportunity to comment on the information. You will need to comment by a set date.

Interviews

If you are invited to attend an interview, you must attend on the date and time agreed with the Australian mission. If you do not, your application can be processed and a decision made on the basis of the information available. The Australian mission may give you another opportunity to be interviewed but is not obliged to do so.

Assessing your application

When you apply, you may apply for one class of visa only. You will be assessed against all the subclasses in that class. If you do not meet the requirements for the visa class you applied for, your application will be refused.

Notification of the decision

You will be notified of the decision on your application by a letter sent to the last address you gave the Australian mission. If you are refused a visa, you will be notified why you were refused and, if applicable, where you can apply for merits review of the decision (and the time limit for doing so).

When you are advised about the decision on your application, you will be considered to have received the letter 21 days after the date of the letter. If the letter is handed to you, you will be taken to have been notified at that moment. Your time to seek review of a refusal decision dates from this notification – the letter will provide details.

Conditions on your visa

If your visa is granted subject to conditions, you must abide by those conditions or your visa may be cancelled. If you wish to change those conditions, please contact DIMA for information.

Where to apply

Your application must be lodged at an Australian mission overseas however if you have a valid visa and are in Australia you can remain in Australia until that visa expires. Your application can be accompanied by a receipt for the fee which has been paid at an office of DIMA in Australia.

Other documents you must provide

Other documents you must provide are listed on the following pages.

You should provide all the documents necessary to support your claims to eligibility when you make your application.

If you cannot provide all the documents when you make your application, you should tell DIMA which documents are missing and when you expect to be able to provide them.

If you do not provide all the necessary documents a decision may be made on the information you have provided. It is in your interest to support your application with as much information as possible at the time of application.

Certified copies

Do not supply original documents with your application. If we require an original document at any stage, we will ask for it.

You should provide 'certified copies' of original documents. This means a copy which is authorised as a true copy by a person before whom a Statutory Declaration may be made. Such authorised persons include the following: a magistrate, Justice of the Peace, Commissioner for Declarations, Commissioner for Affidavits, a person before whom a Statutory Declaration may be made under the law of the state in which the Declaration is made, a solicitor, registered medical practitioner, bank manager, Australian Postal Corporation Officer with five years service.

English translations

Documents in languages other than English must be accompanied by an English translation completed by a translator accredited by the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI). You should ask at your nearest DIMA office for further information about how to get your documents translated.

We suggest you check off each of the following documents as you attach it to your application to ensure that you include all necessary documents.

Review rights

A review of an adverse decision is available for applicants sponsored by an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or an eligible New Zealand citizen.

The sponsor must apply for the review in Australia.

If your application is refused, you will be notified of your review rights in writing. You will also be advised how to apply for a review.

Completion of Application

It is in your interest to provide all the documents requested with your valid application. Failure to do so may result in the processing of your application being delayed, or a decision being made to refuse to grant the visa.

PART 6
Skilled
occupations
list

Using this section

This section contains the **Skilled Occupations List (SOL)** and includes contact details and further information on the relevant assessing bodies for the occupations. The information was correct at the time the booklet was printed. You should check the latest SOL on DIMA's website www.immi.gov.au or at an Australian mission before you apply.

If you are intending on applying under one of the General Skilled Migration categories you must have a nominated occupation which is on the SOL at the time you apply. In order to make a valid application you must have obtained a skill assessment from the relevant assessing authority for your nominated occupation.

Please note that assessing authorities have been authorised by DIMA to undertake a skills assessment for your nominated occupation. They are not employment agencies and do not process applications for migration to Australia. The assessing authorities will not reply to requests for job placement. For further information about employment in Australia, see the section *Employment in Australia* in Part 1: Living in Australia in this booklet.

The SOL lists occupations alphabetically in accordance with their title in the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO) dictionary for each of the major group headings of:

- managers and administrators
- professionals
- associate professionals
- tradespersons and related workers

For each occupation, the list shows:

- the ASCO number for the occupation
- the relevant assessing authority for the occupation; and
- the number of points for skill allocated for the occupation in the points test.

The contact details for the assessing authorities are listed on pages 57-60.

A short description of the assessment process in relation to certain occupations is at pages 61-68.

It is your responsibility to contact the relevant assessing authority for your nominated occupation and obtain a skills assessment.

Note: You must contact the assessing body for an application form and associated information. There will be a charge for the assessment. It is important to note that some assessing authorities will not open attachments to e-mail.

The ASCO dictionary is available on the internet by accessing the Australian Bureau of Statistics homepage at www.abs.gov.au, going to site map ABS papers and classifications, classifications and ASCO Second Edition.

If your occupation is not on the SOL, you may consider contacting the assessing authority for a closely related occupation as some specialisations of occupations are covered by more generic titles. If your skills are recognised by an assessing body for the closely related occupation on the SOL you may apply using that occupation as your nominated occupation.

Although you are only allowed to have one (1) nominated occupation on your migration application form prior to lodging your migration application, you may apply to any number of the skills assessing bodies as you wish until you obtain a positive skills assessment.

Managers and administrators

Occupation	ASCO Code	Assessing Authority	Points for Skill
Child Care Co-ordinator	1295-11	VETASSESS	50
Company Secretary	1212-11	VETASSESS	50
Construction Project Manager	1191-11	VETASSESS	50
Director of Nursing	1292-11	ANCI	60
Education Managers (not elsewhere classified)	1293-79	VETASSESS	50
Engineering Manager	1221-11	IEA/AIM	60
Environment, Parks and Land Care Manager	1299-17	VETASSESS	50
Finance Manager	1211-11	ASCPA/ICAA	60
General Manager	1112-11	AIM	60
Human Resource Manager	1213-11	AIM	60
Information Technology Manager	1224-11	ACS	60
Laboratory Manager	1299-13	VETASSESS	50
Medical Administrator	1292-13	VETASSESS	50
Policy and Planning Manager	1291-11	VETASSESS	50
Production Manager (Manufacturing)	1222-11	AIM	60
Production Manager (Mining)	1222-13	AIM	60
Project Builder	1191-13	VETASSESS	50
Regional Education Manager	1293-15	VETASSESS	50
Research and Development Manager	1299-11	VETASSESS	50
Sales and Marketing Manager	1231-11	AIM	60
Sports Administrator	1299-19	VETASSESS	50
Supply and Distribution Manager	1223-11	AIM	60
Welfare Centre Manager	1299-15	VETASSESS	50

Professionals

Occupation	ASCO Code	Assessing Authority	Points for Skill
Accountant	2211-11	CPAA/ICAA	60
Accountant - Corporate Treasurer	2213-11	CPAA/ICAA	60
Accountant - External Auditor	2212-11	CPAA/ICAA	60
Actuary	2293-15	VETASSESS	50
Acupuncturist	2394-13	VETASSESS	50
Advertising Specialist	2221-17	VETASSESS	50
Anatomist or Physiologist	2113-11	VETASSESS	50
Architect	2121-11	AACA	60
Archivist	2299-15	VETASSESS	50
Art Teacher (Private)	2491-11	VETASSESS	50
Audiologist	2399-11	VETASSESS	50
Biochemist	2113-17	VETASSESS	50
Botanist	2113-13	VETASSESS	50
Building Surveyor	none	VETASSESS	50
Business and Information Professionals (not elsewhere classified)	2299-79	VETASSESS	50
Careers Counsellor	2513-17	VETASSESS	50
Cartographer	2123-11	VETASSESS	50
Chemist	2111-11	VETASSESS	50
Chiropractor	2387-11	SCORB	60
Community Worker	2512-13	VETASSESS	50
Conservator	2549-11	VETASSESS	50
Copywriter	2534-19	VETASSESS	50
Counsellors (not elsewhere classified)	2513-79	VETASSESS	50
Dance Teacher (Private)	2491-15	VETASSESS	50
Dental Specialist	2381-13	ADC	60
Dentist	2381-11	ADC	60
Dietitian	2393-11	DAA	60
Drama Teacher (Private)	2491-17	VETASSESS	50
Drug and Alcohol Counsellor	2513-13	VETASSESS	50
Economist	2522-11	VETASSESS	50
Editor	2534-11	VETASSESS	50
Electorate Officer	2549-13	VETASSESS	50
Engineer - Aeronautical Engineer	2129-11	IEA	60
Engineer - Agricultural Engineer	2129-13	IEA	60
Engineer - Biomedical Engineer	2129-15	VETASSESS	50
Engineer - Building and Engineering Professionals (not elsewhere classified)	2129-79	IEA	60
Engineer - Chemical Engineer	2129-17	IEA	60
Engineer - Civil Engineer	2124-11	IEA	60
Engineer - Civil Engineering Technologist	2128-11	IEA	60
Engineer - Electrical Engineer	2125-11	IEA	60
Engineer - Electrical or Electronics Engineering Technologist	2128-15	IEA	60
Engineer - Electronics Engineer	2125-13	IEA	60

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Engineer - Engineering Technologists (not elsewhere classified)	2128-79	IEA	60
Engineer - Industrial Engineer	2129-19	IEA	60
Engineer - Materials Engineer	2127-15	IEA	60
Engineer - Mechanical Engineer	2126-11	IEA	60
Engineer - Mechanical Engineering Technologist	2128-13	IEA	60
Engineer - Mining Engineer (excluding Petroleum)	2127-11	IEA	60
Engineer - Naval Architect	2129-21	IEA	60
Engineer - Petroleum Engineer	2127-13	IEA	60
Engineer - Production or Plant Engineer	2126-13	IEA	60
Environmental Health Officer	2543-13	VETASSESS	50
Extractive Metallurgist	2119-15	VETASSESS	50
Family Counsellor	2513-15	VETASSESS	50
Fashion Designer	2533-11	VETASSESS	50
Geologist	2112-11	VETASSESS	50
Geophysicist	2112-13	VETASSESS	50
Graphic Designer	2533-13	VETASSESS	50
Health Information Manager	2299-11	VETASSESS	50
Historian	2529-11	VETASSESS	50
Illustrator	2533-19	VETASSESS	50
Industrial Designer	2533-15	VETASSESS	50
Industrial Relations Officer	2291-15	VETASSESS	50
Information Technology Officer - Applications and Analyst Programmer	2231-17	ACS	60
Information Technology Officer - Computer Systems Auditor	2231-21	ACS	60
Information Technology Officer - Computing Professionals (not elsewhere classified)	2231-79	ACS	60
Information Technology Officer - Software Designer	2231-15	ACS	60
Information Technology Officer - Systems Designer	2231-13	ACS	60
Information Technology Officer - Systems Manager	2231-11	ACS	60
Information Technology Officer - Systems Programmer	2231-19	ACS	60
Intelligence Officer	2299-19	VETASSESS	50
Interior Designer	2533-17	VETASSESS	50
Internal Auditor	2212-13	VETASSESS	50
Interpreter	2529-13	NAATI	60
Journalists and Related Professionals (not elsewhere classified)	2534-79	VETASSESS	50
Land Economist	2295-13	VETASSESS	50
Landscape Architect	2121-13	VETASSESS	50
Legal Practitioner - Barrister	2521-11	SLAA	60
Legal Practitioner - Solicitor	2521-13	SLAA	60
Librarian	2292-11	VETASSESS	50
Life Scientists (not elsewhere classified)	2113-79	VETASSESS	50
Management Consultant	2294-11	VETASSESS	50
Marine Biologist	2113-19	VETASSESS	50
Market Research Analyst	2221-15	VETASSESS	50
Marketing Specialist	2221-13	VETASSESS	50
Master Fisher	2542-13	VETASSESS	40

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Materials Scientist	2119-19	VETASSESS	50
Mathematician	2293-11	VETASSESS	50
Medical Scientist	2115-11	AIMS	60
Meteorologist	2119-13	VETASSESS	50
Museum or Gallery Curator	2549-21	VETASSESS	50
Music Teacher (Private)	2491-13	VETASSESS	50
Natural and Physical Science Professionals (not elsewhere classified)	2119-79	VETASSESS	50
Naturopath	2394-11	VETASSESS	50
Nurse - Nurse Educator	2322-11	ANCI	60
Nurse - Nurse Manager	2321-11	ANCI	60
Nurse - Nurse Researcher	2322-13	ANCI	60
Nurse - Registered Developmental Disability Nurse	2326-11	ANCI	60
Nurse - Registered Mental Health Nurse	2325-11	ANCI	60
Nurse - Registered Midwife	2324-11	ANCI	60
Nurse - Registered Nurse	2323-11	ANCI	60
Occupational Health and Safety Officer	2543-11	VETASSESS	50
Occupational Therapist	2383-11	COTRBI	60
Oenologist	2549-17	VETASSESS	50
Optometrist	2384-11	OCANZ	60
Organisation and Methods Analyst	2294-13	VETASSESS	50
Orthoptist	2399-13	VETASSESS	50
Orthotist	2399-15	VETASSESS	50
Osteopath	2387-13	SCORB	60
Patents Examiner	2549-15	VETASSESS	50
Personnel Consultant	2291-13	VETASSESS	50
Personnel Officer	2291-11	VETASSESS	50
Pharmacist - Hospital Pharmacist	2382-11	APEC	60
Pharmacist - Industrial Pharmacist	2382-13	VETASSESS	50
Pharmacist - Retail Pharmacist	2382-15	APEC	60
Physical Metallurgist	2119-17	VETASSESS	50
Physicist	2119-11	VETASSESS	50
Physiotherapist	2385-11	ACOPRA	60
Pilot - Aircraft Pilot	2541-11	CASA	60
Podiatrist	2388-11	APC	60
Policy Analyst	2299-17	VETASSESS	50
Print Journalist	2534-13	VETASSESS	50
Psychologist - Clinical Psychologist	2514-11	APS	60
Psychologist - Educational Psychologist	2514-13	APS	60
Psychologist - Organisational Psychologist	2514-15	APS	60
Psychologist - Psychologists (not elsewhere classified)	2514-79	APS	60
Public Relations Officer	2221-11	VETASSESS	50
Quality Assurance Manager	2294-15	VETASSESS	50
Quantity Surveyor	2122-11	AIQS	60
Radio Journalist	2534-17	VETASSESS	50
Radiographer - Medical Diagnostic Radiographer	2391-11	AIR	60
Radiographer - Nuclear Medicine Technologist	2391-15	AIR	60
Radiographer - Radiation Therapist	2391-13	AIR	60

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Radiographer - Sonographer	2391-17	AIR	60
Records Manager	2299-13	VETASSESS	50
Recreation Officer	2549-19	VETASSESS	50
Rehabilitation Counsellor	2513-11	VETASSESS	50
Sales Representative (Industrial Products)	2222-11	VETASSESS	50
Sales Representative (Information and Communication Products)	2222-13	VETASSESS	50
Sales Representative (Medical and Pharmaceutical Products)	2222-15	VETASSESS	50
Seafarer - Ship's Engineer	2542-15	AMSA	40
Seafarer - Ship's Master	2542-11	AMSA	40
Seafarer - Ship's Officer	2542-19	AMSA	40
Seafarer - Ship's Surveyor	2542-17	AMSA	40
Social Professionals (not elsewhere classified)	2529-79	VETASSESS	50
Social Worker	2511-11	AASW	60
Speech Pathologist	2386-11	SPAA	60
Statistician	2293-13	VETASSESS	50
Surveyor	2123-13	ISA	60
Teacher - Education Officer	2493-11	VETASSESS	50
Teacher - Pre-Primary School Teacher	2411-11	NOOSR	60
Teacher - Primary School Teacher	2412-11	NOOSR	60
Teacher - Secondary School Teacher	2413-11	NOOSR	60
Teacher - Vocational Education Teacher (non trades)	2422-11	VETASSESS	50
Technical Sales Representatives (not elsewhere classified)	2222-79	VETASSESS	50
Technical Writer	2534-21	VETASSESS	50
Television Journalist	2534-15	VETASSESS	50
Training Officer	2291-17	VETASSESS	50
Translator	2529-15	NAATI	60
Urban and Regional Planner	2523-11	VETASSESS	50
Valuer	2295-11	VETASSESS	50
Veterinarian	2392-11	AVBCI	60
Welfare Worker	2512-11	AIWCW	60
Zoologist	2113-15	VETASSESS	50

Associate professionals

Occupation	ASCO Code	Assessing Authority	Points for Skill
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker	3493-11	VETASSESS	40
Ambulance Officer	3491-11	VETASSESS	40
Architectural Associate	3121-13	VETASSESS	40
Biomedical Engineering Associate	3129-11	VETASSESS	40
Branch Accountant (Financial Institution)	3211-11	VETASSESS	40
Building and Engineering Associate Professionals (not elsewhere classified)	3129-79	VETASSESS	40
Building Associate	3121-11	VETASSESS	40
Building Inspector	3121-17	VETASSESS	40
Chef	3322-01	TRA	60
Chef - Head Chef	3322-11	TRA	60
Chemistry Technical Officer	3112-11	VETASSESS	40
Civil Engineering Associate	3122-11	IEA	40
Civil Engineering Technician	3122-13	VETASSESS	40
Commodities Trader	3212-17	VETASSESS	40
Computing Support Technician	3294-11	TRA	40
Dental Hygienist	3492-13	VETASSESS	40
Dental Technician	3492-15	TRA	60
Dental Therapist	3492-11	VETASSESS	40
Disabilities Services Officer	3421-17	VETASSESS	40
Electrical Engineering Associate	3123-11	IEA	40
Electrical Engineering Technician	3123-13	TRA	40
Electronic Engineering Associate	3124-11	IEA	40
Electronic Engineering Technician	3124-13	TRA	40
Family Support Worker	3421-19	VETASSESS	40
Financial Dealers and Brokers (not elsewhere classified)	3212-79	VETASSESS	40
Financial Institution Branch Manager	3211-13	VETASSESS	40
Financial Investment Adviser	3213-11	VETASSESS	40
Financial Market Dealer	3212-15	VETASSESS	40
Futures Trader	3212-13	VETASSESS	40
Insurance Broker	3212-19	VETASSESS	40
Intensive Care Ambulance Paramedic	3491-13	VETASSESS	40
Interior Decorator	3999-11	VETASSESS	40
Library Technician	3997-11	VETASSESS	40
Massage Therapist	3494-11	VETASSESS	40
Mechanical Engineering Associate	3125-11	IEA	40
Mechanical Engineering Technician	3125-13	TRA	40
Medical Laboratory Technical Officer	3111-11	AIMS	40
Metallurgical and Materials Technician	3129-13	VETASSESS	40
Mine Deputy	3129-15	VETASSESS	40
Museum or Art Gallery Technician	3999-13	VETASSESS	40
Office Manager	3291-11	VETASSESS	40
Parole or Probation Officer	3421-11	VETASSESS	40
Plumbing Engineering Associate	3121-21	VETASSESS	40

Occupation	ASCO Code	Assessing Authority	Points for Skill
Plumbing Inspector	3121-19	VETASSESS	40
Primary Products Inspector	3991-11	VETASSESS	40
Project or Program Administrator	3292-11	VETASSESS	40
Property Manager	3293-13	VETASSESS	40
Real Estate Agency Manager	3293-11	VETASSESS	40
Real Estate Salesperson	3293-15	VETASSESS	40
Residential Care Officer	3421-15	VETASSESS	40
Safety Inspector	3992-11	VETASSESS	40
Stockbroking Dealer	3212-11	VETASSESS	40
Surveying and Cartographic Associate	3121-15	VETASSESS	40
Youth Worker	3421-13	VETASSESS	40

Tradespersons and related workers

Occupation	ASCO Code	Assessing Authority	Points for Skill
Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (Avionics)	4114-15	TRA	60
Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (Mechanical)	4114-11	TRA	60
Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (Structures)	4114-13	TRA	60
Apparel Cutter	4941-17	TRA	60
Automotive Electrician	4212-11	TRA	60
Baker	4512-11	TRA	60
Binder and Finisher	4913-11	TRA	60
Blacksmith	4123-11	TRA	60
Boat Builder and Repairer	4981-13	TRA	60
Bricklayer	4414-11	TRA	60
Broadcast Transmitter Operator	4992-17	TRA	60
Business Machine Mechanic	4315-13	TRA	60
Butcher	4511-11	TRA	60
Buttermaker or Cheesemaker	4519-13	TRA	60
Cabinetmaker	4922-11	TRA	60
Cable Jointer	4313-13	TRA	60
Canvas Goods Maker	4944-13	TRA	60
Carpenter	4411-13	TRA	60
Carpenter and Joiner	4411-11	TRA	60
Communications Linesperson	4316-13	TRA	60
Confectioner	4519-15	TRA	60
Cook	4513-11	TRA	60
Drainer	4431-15	TRA	60
Dressmaker	4941-15	TRA	60
Electrical Powerline Tradesperson	4313-11	TRA	60
Electrician (Special Class)	4311-13	TRA	60
Electronic Equipment Tradesperson	4315-11	TRA	60
Electronic Instrument Tradesperson (Special Class)	4314-13	TRA	60
Electroplater	4126-13	TRA	60

Occupation	ASCO Code	Assessing Authority	Points for Skill
Engraver	4115-21	TRA	60
Farrier	4123-13	TRA	60
Fibrous Plasterer	4412-11	TRA	60
Fitter	4112-11	TRA	60
Flat Glass Tradesperson	4982-11	TRA	60
Floor Finisher	4423-11	TRA	60
Furniture Finisher	4929-13	TRA	60
Furniture Upholsterer	4942-11	TRA	60
Gasfitter	4431-13	TRA	60
Gem Cutter and Polisher	4983-13	TRA	60
General Clothing Tradesperson	4941-11	TRA	60
General Communications Tradesperson	4316-11	TRA	60
General Electrician	4311-11	TRA	60
General Electronic Instrument Tradesperson	4314-11	TRA	60
General Fabrication Engineering Tradesperson	4121-11	TRA	60
General Gardener	4623-11	TRA	60
General Mechanical Engineering Tradesperson	4111-11	TRA	60
General Plumber	4431-11	TRA	60
Glass Blower	4982-13	TRA	60
Graphic Pre-Press Tradesperson	4911-11	TRA	60
Greenkeeper	4622-11	TRA	60
Gunsmith	4115-19	TRA	60
Hairdresser	4931-11	TRA	60
Head Gardener	4623-01	TRA	60
Jeweller	4983-11	TRA	60
Joiner	4411-15	TRA	60
Landscape Gardener	4623-13	TRA	60
Leather Goods Maker	4944-11	TRA	60
Lift Mechanic	4311-15	TRA	60
Locksmith	4115-15	TRA	60
Mechanical Services and Airconditioning Plumber	4431-19	TRA	60
Medical Grade Shoemaker	4943-13	TRA	60
Metal Casting Tradesperson	4125-11	TRA	60
Metal Fabricator (Boilermaker)	4122-11	TRA	60
Metal Machinist (First Class)	4112-13	TRA	60
Metal Polisher	4126-11	TRA	60
Motor Mechanic	4211-11	TRA	60
Nurseryperson	4621-11	TRA	60
Optical Mechanic	4999-11	TRA	60
Painter and Decorator	4421-11	TRA	60
Panel Beater	4213-11	TRA	60
Pastrycook	4512-13	TRA	60
Patternmaker - Grader (Clothing)	4941-19	TRA	60
Piano Tuner	4999-17	TRA	60
Picture Framer	4929-11	TRA	60
Precision Instrument Maker and Repairer	4115-11	TRA	60
Pressure Welder	4122-13	TRA	60

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Printing Machinist	4912-11	TRA	60
Refrigeration and Airconditioning Mechanic	4312-11	TRA	60
Roof Plumber	4431-17	TRA	60
Roof Slater and Tiler	4413-11	TRA	60
Sail Maker	4944-15	TRA	60
Saw Maker and Repairer	4115-17	TRA	60
Screen Printer	4914-11	TRA	60
Sheetmetal Worker (First Class)	4124-11	TRA	60
Shipwright	4981-11	TRA	60
Shoemaker	4943-11	TRA	60
Signwriter	4422-11	TRA	60
Small Offset Printer	4912-13	TRA	60
Smallgoods Maker	4511-13	TRA	60
Solid Plasterer	4415-11	TRA	60
Stonemason	4416-13	TRA	60
Supervisor, Aircraft Maintenance Engineers	4114-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Automotive Electricians	4212-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Bakers and Pastrycooks	4512-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Bricklayers	4414-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Cabinetmakers	4922-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Carpentry and Joinery Tradespersons	4411-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Communications Tradespersons	4316-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Electrical Distribution Tradespersons	4313-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Electricians	4311-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Electronic and Office Equipment Tradespersons	4315-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Electronic Instrument Tradespersons	4314-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Fibrous Plasterers	4412-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Floor Finishers	4423-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Forging Tradespersons	4123-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, General Fabrication Engineering Tradespersons	4121-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, General Mechanical Engineering Tradespersons	4111-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Hairdressers	4931-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Meat Tradespersons	4511-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Metal Casting Tradespersons	4125-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Metal Finishing Tradespersons	4126-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Metal Fitters and Machinists	4112-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Motor Mechanics	4211-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Painters and Decorators	4421-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Panel Beaters	4213-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Plumbers	4431-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Precision Metal Tradespersons	4115-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Refrigeration and Airconditioning Mechanics	4312-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Roof Slaters and Tilers	4413-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Sheetmetal Tradespersons	4124-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Signwriters	4422-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Solid Plasterers	4415-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Structural Steel and Welding Tradespersons	4122-01	TRA	60

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Supervisor, Toolmakers	4113-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Vehicle Body Makers	4215-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Vehicle Painters	4214-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Vehicle Trimmers	4216-01	TRA	60
Supervisor, Wall and Floor Tilers and Stonemasons	4416-01	TRA	60
Tailor	4941-13	TRA	60
Teacher – Vocational Education (trades)	2422-11	TRA	60
Textile, Clothing or Footwear Mechanic	4112-15	TRA	60
Toolmaker	4113-11	TRA	60
Tree Surgeon	4623-15	TRA	60
Upholsterers and Bedding Tradespersons (not elsewhere classified)	4942-79	TRA	60
Vehicle Body Maker	4215-11	TRA	60
Vehicle Painter	4214-11	TRA	60
Vehicle Trimmer	4216-11	TRA	60
Wall and Floor Tiler	4416-11	TRA	60
Watch and Clock Maker and Repairer	4115-13	TRA	60
Welder (First Class)	4122-15	TRA	60
Wood Tradespersons (not elsewhere classified)	4929-79	TRA	60
Wood Turner	4921-13	TRA	60

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Institute of Chartered Accountants of Australia

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OCANZ

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Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand

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SCORB

State Chiropractors/Osteopaths Registration Board

(refer to relevant authority in the State/
Territory to which you intend to migrate)

New South Wales

Registrar
NSW Chiropractors and Osteopaths
Registration Board
PO Box K599
HAYMARKET NSW 1238
Tel 61 2 9219 0233
Fax 61 2 9281 2030

Queensland

Registrar
Chiropractors and Osteopaths
Board of Queensland
GPO Box 2438
BRISBANE QLD 4001
Tel 61 7 3225 2509
Fax 61 7 3225 2527

South Australia

Registrar
Chiropractors and Osteopaths
Board of South Australia
16 Norma Street
MILE END SA 5031
Tel 61 8 8443 9669
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Tasmania

(Chiropractors and Osteopaths)

Registrar
Tasmanian Chiropractors
Registration Board
20 St Johns Avenue
NEWTOWN TAS 7008
Tel 61 3 6278 5685
Fax 61 3 6278 5693

Victoria

Registrar
Osteopaths Registration
Board of Victoria
Level 32, Nauru House
80 Collins Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000
Tel 61 3 9258 6777
Fax 61 3 9258 6722

Registrar
Chiropractors Registration
Board of Victoria
PO Box 59
CARLTON SOUTH VIC 3053
Tel 61 3 9639 8652
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Western Australia

Registrar
Osteopaths Registration Board
of Western Australia
PO Box 1182
WEST PERTH WA 6872
Tel 61 8 9481 6599
Fax 61 8 9321 2119

Registrar
Chiropractors' Registration Board
PO Box 263
WEST PERTH WA 6872
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Northern Territory

Registrar
Chiropractors and Osteopaths
Registration Board of the NT
GPO Box 4221
DARWIN NT 0801
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Australian Capital Territory

Registrar
Chiropractic and Osteopaths
Registration Board of the ACT
PO Box 976
CIVIC SQUARE ACT 2068
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SPAA

Speech Pathology Association of Australia

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Web-site www.vicnet.net.au/~sppathau

SLAA

State Legal Admission Authority

The SLAAs only assess an applicant for admission as a barrister or solicitor - they do not assess **solely** for migration purposes. If your occupation is lawyer, to meet the skills requirement/threshold you must be admitted as a barrister or solicitor.

(refer to relevant authority in the State/Territory to which you intend to migrate)

New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory

The Admissions Officer
Legal Practitioners Admission Board
GPO Box 3980
SYDNEY NSW 2001
Tel 61 2 9392 0303

Queensland

The Secretary
Barristers and Solicitors Board
PO Box 412
Roma Street
BRISBANE QLD 4003
Tel 61 7 3247 4372

South Australia

The Registrar
Legal Practitioners Registry
PO Box 2066
ADELAIDE SA 5001
Tel 61 8 8229 0251

Tasmania

The Secretary
Board of Legal Education
GPO Box 167B
HOBART TAS 7001
Tel 61 3 6233 6245
Fax 61 3 6223 7816

Victoria

The Secretary
Council of Legal Education
GPO Box 1776Q
MELBOURNE VIC 3001
Tel 61 3 9614 1011
Fax 61 3 9614 4661

Western Australia

The Secretary
Legal Practice Board
5th Floor, Kings Building
533 Hay Street
PERTH WA 6000
Tel 61 8 9325 1311

Northern Territory

The Secretary
Legal Practitioners Admission Board
GPO Box 3946
DARWIN NT 0801
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TRA

Trades Recognition Australia

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Skills assessment process

Following is a brief description on the assessment process for various occupations.

While you are encouraged to contact the assessment bodies direct for further information, general information on various occupations can be obtained through the **Occupational Information leaflets** in the **publications** page of the NOOSR website at: www.detya.gov.au/noosr/leaflets/index.htm

AACA

Architects Accreditation Council of Australia Inc

The assessment of overseas academic qualifications in architecture is carried out by the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia Inc. Qualifications obtained outside Australia are assessed in terms of equivalence with an academic qualification in architecture from a recognised school of architecture in Australia. Generally a qualification is of five to six years duration from a higher education institution.

Applicants should be aware that this assessment is provisional only, and upon arrival in Australia they will be required to submit for the Review of Academic Equivalence (RAE), undertake work experience in an architect's office, and submit for the Architectural Practice Examination (APE) before being eligible for registration.

AASW

Australian Association of Social Workers

The general field of social welfare in Australia is diverse and complex, with a range of occupational groups involved in service provision. The social work profession is one of these groups. Whilst social work is not a legally registered occupation in Australia, many employers do require eligibility for membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).

The AASW is the professional organisation for social workers in Australia. It has a number of functions including: approval of Australian Bachelor of Social Work courses so that their

graduates can meet AASW membership eligibility requirements; self-regulation of the profession; and assessment of overseas social work qualifications.

The assessment of overseas social work qualifications is undertaken on the basis of AASW's membership eligibility requirements. A comparative method of assessment is used: the formal social work educational course completed overseas is compared with AASW requirements for social work courses in Australia, which are Bachelor degrees in social work awarded after four years of study at a university. The overseas qualifications are compared with AASW requirements for Australian courses in terms of educational level, length, structure and content, including required fieldwork placements. AASW encourages applicants to contact AASW directly if they require further information and application forms.

ACOPRA

Australian Council of Physiotherapy Regulating Authorities Inc.

The assessment of overseas physiotherapy qualifications is carried out by the Australian Council of Physiotherapy Regulating Authorities Inc through its committee, the Australian Examining Committee for Overseas Physiotherapists (AECOP). With few exceptions, all overseas-qualified physiotherapists are required to undertake the AECOP examinations process in order to meet Australian registration requirements.

Eligibility:

Overseas-qualified physiotherapists seeking to undertake the AECOP examinations must –

- (1) have completed a tertiary physiotherapy program of no less than three academic years in duration; with a curriculum that -
 - is sufficiently similar in theory and practice aspects (including clinical hours) to the curricula undertaken in Australia;
 - included a substantial element of supervised physiotherapy clinical practice; and

- included theoretical and clinical components of cardio-respiratory, musculo-skeletal and neurological physiotherapy and of electrotherapy, similar in content and duration to physiotherapy education programs offered in Australia;

(2) be eligible to be registered/licensed as a physiotherapist in the country in which the program was undertaken; and

(3) have practised as a physiotherapist for two out of the past three years (or the part-time equivalent) if they graduated three or more years before submitting their eligibility assessment application; or, if they graduated between one and three years before the date of application, have practised for at least two-thirds of that time.

Examinations Process:

The AECOP examinations process consists of:

- Occupational English Test (except where English is the candidate's first language or an exemption is granted on evidence supplied)
- AECOP Screening Examination (a multiple-choice-question examination covering all the principal fields of physiotherapy as practised in Australia)
- AECOP Technical Ability Examination (a practical examination of the candidate's technical abilities, with a focus on safety, conducted in Australia only)
- AECOP Clinical Examination (conducted in a clinical setting, in Australia only).

Upon successful completion of the AECOP examinations process, a candidate will be eligible to apply to register to practise as a physiotherapist in Australia. Only then will a candidate's skills be considered suitable for migration purposes.

ACS

Australian Computer Society Inc

The Australian Computer Society (ACS) is the professional society for information technology practitioners in Australia. It is also the professional body authorised by the Australian Government to conduct skills assessments for migration purposes.

You may apply for a skills assessment if:

- you are a current Member (MACS) or Associate (AACS) of the ACS; or
- you possess any of the following Australian qualifications or overseas qualifications assessed as comparable:

Bachelor (undergraduate) degree or higher qualification with a major in IT (or IT sub-discipline)

Graduate diploma in IT (or IT sub-discipline)

Bachelor (undergraduate) degree or higher qualification with a minor in IT (or IT sub-discipline)

(AQF) Advanced diploma (three years full-time) or (AQF) Diploma (two years full-time) in IT (or IT sub-discipline)

Graduate certificate in IT (or IT sub-discipline)

If you do **not** possess a recognised qualification in IT (or IT sub-discipline) but you have a qualification in another discipline together with significant experience in IT, or extensive professional development, you may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

AIM

Australian Institute of Management

To satisfy the level of qualifications, training and work experience for a 'professional manager' assessed by AIM, applicants must hold a senior management position at the level of an Associate Fellow of AIM. The criteria used is as follows:

'A record of proven management achievement over a period of five years or more in a senior management position such as a chief executive, general manager or senior functional manager who delegates authority to **several** other managers who hold positions requiring the delegation of work to several other positions of a supervisory, or technical, or skilled nature.'

The years of experience may be reduced if the applicant has qualifications in management studies or business administration assessed as comparable to an Australian Bachelor degree, or in a discipline relevant to the field in which

the manager is working. **You must have relevant work experience - recent graduates are not able to meet the requirements.**

An important factor in making an assessment is whether a person delegates authority to other managers who are themselves responsible for planning, organisation, decision making, staffing and control, and who in turn delegate to others.

Applicants who wish to have their skills assessed should contact AIM for further information.

AIR

Australian Institute of Radiography

Medical Radiation Science in Australia

Medical Radiation Science encompasses:

- Diagnostic Radiographers (Medical Imaging Technologists)
- Radiation Therapists
- Nuclear Medicine Technologists
- Sonographers

Radiographers/Radiation Therapists/Sonographers/Nuclear Medicine Technologists and Industrial Radiographers holding qualifications obtained outside Australia must apply directly to the Australian Institute of Radiography for assessment of their qualifications.

The AIR will through its Overseas Qualifications Assessment Panel (OQAP) directly assess Radiographers/Radiation Therapists and Sonographers and will refer assessments on Nuclear Medicine Technologists to ANZSNM and Industrial Radiographers to AINDT. However all applications must be submitted to the AIR.

A Comprehensive appeal process is available to all applicants and the appeal mechanism is conducted by persons not associated with the original assessment.

AMSA

Australian Maritime Safety Authority

The professions assessed by AMSA are seafarers classified as deck officers (masters and mates) and engineers.

AIWCW

Australian Institute of Welfare and Community Workers

The general field of social welfare in Australia is diverse and complex, with a range of occupational groups involved in service provision. Persons with welfare work qualifications are employed across many of these occupations, and their job titles may vary greatly. However, eligibility for membership of the Australian Institute of Welfare and Community Workers (AIWCW) is used by a variety of employers as an important criteria for employment.

The AIWCW is the professional organisation responsible for assessment of overseas qualifications and work experience suitable for recognition as a generic welfare worker in Australia, using the criteria for eligibility for membership. Eligibility for membership of the AIWCW generally requires a person to have completed a vocational qualification in welfare work, community services or human services, with a three year university degree, or a two year diploma at a college of technical and further education (TAFE); including studies of society, individual human structure and function, welfare work with individuals, groups and communities, welfare services and systems, and practical training of at least 400 hours.

Full membership of the AIWCW is also available to those who

- satisfy the AIWCW requirements for Core Competencies and
- have a relevant qualification at least equivalent to the Australian Qualification Framework Diploma in academic standard and
- which is at least equivalent to two years of full time or 1000 hours of study and
- have at least three years of professional work experience (30 hours per week or more) within the last 10 years

A 'relevant qualification' may include, for example, a general three year Bachelor of Arts degree with a psychology or sociology major, or a specialised two year diploma in the field of social welfare. Decisions about the relevance of alternative qualifications and/or work experience are made on an individual basis by an AIWCW Membership Assessment Coordinator, with doubtful cases being referred to the National Membership Assessment Panel.

Experience has shown that, due to differences in social work education between countries, the course studied by many overseas trained social workers, who initially seek to join the AASW, do not meet AASW eligibility requirements. In the past, many of these people have met the requirements of the AIWCW. You may initially apply for social work assessment and if unsuccessful, have your application sent on for welfare work assessment without additional cost. However, this process is not usually available for other occupations in this complex field.

ANCI

Australian Nursing Council Incorporated

Nurses seeking to determine their eligibility to apply for registration as a nurse in Australia may apply for an assessment of their qualifications provided they have:

- completed a pre-registration course of training;
- been registered as a nurse in the country where education was undertaken;
- current registration, a practising certificate or licence in the country where they are currently practising;
- demonstrated proficiency in the English language; and

It is a requirement for nurses to possess and demonstrate the National Nursing competency Standards before they are granted registration. Overseas nurses may be required to complete a Competency Based Assessment Program/Migrant Bridging Program in order to be able to meet this requirement. These courses must be completed either all or in part in Australia. The requirement to complete such a program will be determined at assessment.

APEC

Australian Pharmacy Examining Council Incorporated

Pharmacy in Australia

Qualifications Immediately Acceptable to Pharmacy Registration Authorities:

A pharmacy degree obtained in the UK, Ireland and NZ and a licence to practise in the UK, Ireland and NZ – note: registering authority may impose additional requirements. You must still have your qualifications recognised by APEC before you are able to apply for migration.

Qualifications not Immediately Acceptable to Registration Authorities:

If your qualifications do not immediately meet the Australian requirements you will need to undertake the examination process conducted by the Australian Pharmacy Examining Council Inc (APEC).

Eligibility Criteria:

The APEC assessment procedure is open to any overseas trained pharmacist who has completed an approved pharmacy course which included a minimum component of the equivalent of three years of full time academic study and is eligible for registration as a pharmacist in the country in which the qualification was obtained.

Examination Procedure:

This consists of an English language requirement (some candidates may be granted an exemption), **Stage I Examination** (a written multiple-choice-question examination covering basic pharmaceutical sciences which is conducted twice a year), **interview and counselling, a period of supervised practice** in an Australian pharmacy; and **Stage II Examination** (conducted in Australia only) – a practical and oral examination covering the practice of pharmacy.

Please note that an application for an assessment of qualifications determines a person's eligibility to undertake the examination procedure. It is not an application to sit the examination. When a person's eligibility is determined, separate examination application forms are forwarded by APEC.

A skills assessment letter for the purposes of migration is given upon successful completion of an eligibility assessment, English language requirement and the Stage 1 examination. The remainder of the process may be completed on arrival in Australia.

AVBC

Australian Veterinary Boards Council Incorporated

The following veterinary qualifications will be recognised as eligible for registration in Australia without further examination.

Accreditation body

VSAAC

Degree from University of Sydney

University of Melbourne

Murdoch University

University of Qld

Degree from Massey University,
Palmerston North

RCVS

Degree from UK – London (RCVS), Bristol,
Liverpool, Glasgow,

Edinburgh, Cambridge

BVSc from University of Pretoria
(Onderstepoort)

AVMA

The AVBC has recommended that from 30 November 2000 State/Territory registering authorities accept for registration without further examination all graduates from AVMA accredited/approved universities who have passed the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE).

Oregon State University

University of Pennsylvania

Texas A&M University

Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State
University / University of Maryland

College Park

University of Prince Edward Island

Washington State University

Universite de Montreal

University of Saskatchewan

University of Tennessee

University of Wisconsin

Louisiana State University

Tufts University

University of Missouri

Cornell University

North Carolina State University

Michigan State University

University of Minnesota

Mississippi State University

Oklahoma State University

University of Guelph

Auburn University Limited Accreditation

Tuskegee University

University of California

University of Georgia

University of Illinois

Colorado State University

Purdue University

Iowa State University

University of Florida

Kansas State University

The Ohio State University Limited Accreditation

State University of Utrecht

CPAA

Certified Practising Accountants Australia

The Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants (CPAA) and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ICAA) are the two designated assessing authorities for accountants intending to apply for migration to Australia.

The current minimum educational requirement to meet the Australian standard of accountant is an Australian Bachelor degree or an overseas degree/qualification assessed by the ICAA or the CPAA as at least comparable to the educational standard of an Australian Bachelor degree. The degree/qualification

should have an accounting major and include adequate coverage of the following subjects: financial accounting and reporting, accounting theory, management and cost accounting, business finance, auditing, the legal framework of business and business law, Australian company law and taxation, micro and macro economics, statistics/quantitative methods, business information systems.

Applicants can apply to either the ICAA or the CPAA for assessment of their degree-level/professional qualifications. Note: Associate/Fellow members of ACCA, ACCA/HKSA and CIMA who do not hold an undergraduate degree in addition to their professional body qualifications are offered several options for meeting the requirements for CPAA membership. However, for the purpose of migration applications, these accountants are advised to apply to the ICAA for skills assessments.

CASA

Civil Aviation Safety Authority

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) is responsible for safety regulation of civil air operations in Australia and the operation of Australian aircraft overseas. Its functions include: standards setting; entry control (includes certification and licensing); safety surveillance of the industry enforcement of standards; regulatory oversight of the national airways system, and air traffic services, aviation rescue and fire fighting services provided by Airservices Australia.

A Professional Aircraft Pilot flies aircraft to transport passengers, mail and freight or provide agricultural, aviation and aerial surveillance services. Licences are issued as either commercial pilot licence (CPL) or air transport pilot licences (ATPL).

There are no formal educational qualifications required for this occupation but applicants must be licensed by CASA.

An overseas pilot licence may be deemed equivalent to an Australian ATPL or CPL if it authorises the holder to fly aircraft as pilot in command in air transport operations or commercial operations respectively.

ICAA

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Australia

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ICAA) is one of the two designated assessing authorities for the occupations of Accountant, Corporate Treasurer, External Auditor and Finance Manager.

To be considered suitable for any of these occupations for the purpose of migration, you must hold formal qualifications assessed by the ICAA as at least comparable to the level of an Australian Bachelor degree and have adequate coverage of the core curriculum areas identified by the ICAA as necessary for these occupations in Australia.

It is important to note that practical experience is not accepted as an alternative to a formal qualification or for coverage of the core curriculum areas. A degree/qualification and subjects completed by examination and recognised by the ICAA are required.

The core curriculum areas required include: financial accounting, corporate accounting & reporting, accounting standards & theory, cost & management accounting, business finance, auditing, the legal framework of business, contract law & its application, micro & macro economics, statistics, business information systems, Australian taxation law, and Australian company law. (Most overseas trained accountants will not have completed studies in Australia tax and company law and this is taken into consideration during the assessment).

Although, in general, you can apply to either the ICAA or the other assessing authority (CPA Australia) for a skills assessment for the purpose of migration, if you are an Associate or Fellow member of ACCA (UK) or CIMA (UK) but you do not also hold an undergraduate degree, it is recommended that you apply to the ICAA for the skills assessments.

Based on the certified documentation you provide the ICAA will send you a formal letter of assessment. This will indicate whether your qualifications are suitable or not suitable for the occupation you have nominated. If your letter of assessment states that you are suitable you should then include it with the visa

application that you make to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs at an Australian mission overseas. If the assessment indicates you are not suitable then you should not proceed with a migration application.

If your qualifications are acceptable for migration purposes you will still need to undertake further studies after arriving in Australia if you intend to seek admission to membership of the ICAA. This may include university studies and the completion of the ICAA's post-graduate admissions program (the CA Program). A period of approved mentored experience may also be necessary.

IEAust

Institution of Engineers, Australia

The Institution of Engineers, Australia (IEAust) is the assessing authority in Australia that conducts engineering skills assessments for migration purposes.

There are three occupational categories in the engineering profession: professional engineer, engineering technologist and engineering associate. Details regarding these occupational categories and the assessment process are presented on the website www.ieaust.org.au under 'Quicklinks' and 'Overseas QA Kits'.

Intending applicants for assessment should go to the website and read or download the Overseas Qualifications Assessment Kit. The Kit provides comprehensive instructions on what you need to do to have your engineering skills and qualifications assessed. Applicants with further questions on the assessment process may contact the IEAust by telephone, facsimile or e-mail (see: Contact details of assessing authorities).

OCANZ

Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand

Optometry in Australia

Optometrists carry out eye examinations to measure visual efficiency and detect any visual defects. They may prescribe and dispense suitable visual aids such as spectacles and contact lenses as well as special telescopic and magnifying devices for the visually impaired. Optometrists may also advise patients on eye exercises to improve eye muscles and coordination. They are trained in detection

and diagnosis of eye diseases, and can refer patients to ophthalmologists or other health care practitioners.

Optometry Education in Australia

A bachelor degree in optometry is required.

Entry of overseas qualified optometrist into the profession in Australia

The qualifications recognised for registration as an optometrist are specified by legislation in each State and Territory. Australian and New Zealand qualifications are accepted in all jurisdictions. Optometrists who qualified in other countries can sit an examination conducted by the Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand or the New South Wales Board of Optometrical Registration. A pass in the first examination is accepted for registration purposes in all States and Territories of Australia and New Zealand while a pass in the latter will not be automatically accepted in any of the other Australian States or Territories, or in New Zealand.

Optometrists who received their qualification outside Australia or New Zealand should contact the Optometry Council.

If your qualifications are acceptable for migration purposes, you will still need to apply for registration if you are successful in migrating to Australia. If following migration to Australia, your qualifications are accepted by a registration board, this does not guarantee you employment as an optometrist. That will depend on other factors, such as the number of vacancies or your suitability for a particular job.

TRA

Trades Recognition Australia

The term 'trades' is used in Australia to describe occupations which require technical knowledge and manual skills and where training is usually through an apprenticeship.

In the past, trades skills and knowledge have been recognised in Australia through a trade certificate. Recent changes to Australia's training system are replacing trade certificates with qualifications known as Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) certificates.

The AQF comprises qualifications at levels which reflect the complexity and range of the required skills and knowledge. The

qualification for a trade is usually an AQF Certificate III or, in some cases, AQF Certificate IV. These qualification levels also apply to other occupations, and the qualification level by itself does not make an occupation a trade. A trade is defined by the combination of the type of knowledge and skill involved, together with the level of qualification.

AQF Certificates are issued in respect of defined sets of competencies. Competencies, and the combinations of competencies required for a certificate, are specified in Training Packages.

Competencies are detailed specifications of the knowledge and skill required in the workplace in Australia. They provide the benchmarks for assessing skills for migration purposes.

Assessing skills against competencies requires very detailed information from a variety of sources. You will be required to provide extensive and detailed information about your training and/or work experience to the assessing authority. You will need to meet the assessing authority's requirements for the authentication of the information you provide.

The assessing authority will charge you a fee to carry out the assessment.

The assessment of your skills by the assessing authority will be for migration purposes only. The outcome of your assessment will not be a qualification.

It will assist you in your self-assessment against the skill requirement for migration, but it does not mean that your application for migration to Australia will necessarily be approved. It will be considered by the Australian government, together with other factors, in making a decision on your migration application.

Information about trade skills and application forms for having your trade skills assessed are available by contacting the Trades Recognition Australia (TRA).

Applications and payments for assessment must be made directly to the assessing authority. Any further inquiries about your skill assessment must also be made directly to the assessing authority.

If you are successful in your migration application, it is also important to understand that you will not automatically be provided with a qualification in Australia on the basis of your skill assessment. You may be required to undergo further assessment before a decision can be made on whether to issue you with a qualification in Australia. The assessing authority will provide you with more information on this, including additional fees you will have to pay.

PART 7
**IELTS test
centres**

Select your IELTS office

To have your ability in the English language assessed, you should select the most convenient office where you can sit the **International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test**.

It is your responsibility to contact an IELTS centre to make arrangements. You do not need a letter of introduction or referral to take the IELTS test.

The contact details provided on the following pages were correct at the time this booklet was printed. For the most up-to-date list of IELTS test centres you should view the IELTS website at www.ielts.org

IELTS addresses

ALBANIA

IELTS Administrator
The British Council
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Tirana
Albania
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Email: elsona@icc.al.eu.org

ALGERIA

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The British Embassy
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BP43, Alger gar
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ANGOLA

IELTS Administrator
The British Embassy Luanda
British Embassy Luanda
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Fax: 2333331

ARGENTINA

IELTS Administrator
The British Council
Marcelo T De Alvear 590
1058 Buenos Aires
Buenos Aires
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Tel: 13119814
Fax: 13117747

AUSTRALIA

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Central Queensland University
Language Centre
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North Rockhampton 4702 QLD
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Tel: 61 7 4930 9790
Fax: 61 7 4930 6321
Email: pullyng@janus.cqu.edu.au

IELTS Administrator
Charles Sturt University, Riverina
Language Centre
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Australia
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Fax: 61 2 6933 2799
Email: ssavage@csu.edu.au

IELTS Administrator
Curtin University of Technology
Centre for International English
Kent Street Bentley
Perth 6102 WA
Australia
Tel: 61 8 9266 7622
Fax: 61 8 9266 3186
Email: pdooley@cie.curtin.edu.au
WWW: <http://cie.curtin.edu/courses/ielts>

IELTS Administrator
Gold Coast Institute of TAFE
ESL Department
91 Scarborough Street
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www.business.gov.au

Australian Taxation Office

www.ato.gov.au

State/Territory Governments

Australian Capital Territory

ACT Government

www.business.act.gov.au

New South Wales

Department of State & Regional Development

www.business.nsw.gov.au

Northern Territory

Department of Industries and Business

Enquiries to: **migration.dib@nt.gov.au**

Queensland

Department of State Development

www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/

South Australia

Department of Industry and Trade

www.immigration.sa.gov.au

Tasmania

Tasmanian Government

www.tas.gov.au

Victoria

Skilled Migration Unit

www.migration.vic.gov.au

Western Australia

Small Business Development Corporation

www.sbdc.com.au

General Skilled Migration