
HOW TO MIGRATE TO AUSTRALIA IN 2019



LET'S TALK



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OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM

- Family
- Investor (requires experience as a business owner)
- Employer sponsored (this requires both qualifications and a *genuine* job offer in a skilled occupation and *now* work experience)
- General Skilled Migration (this requires a 'skills assessment' in a skilled occupation)
- Humanitarian and other specific migration streams
- Student and visitor visa programs



STUDENTS TO MIGRATE TO AUSTRALIA

For most persons the best pathway to migrate is using the student & 485 graduate visas programs as a pathway to a GSM or employer sponsored visa

- Employer sponsored – composed of SC 482 / 186 / 187 you need to find a suitable position on the combined occupation list and your qualification / skills need to be suitable for the position. The employer needs to formally apply to sponsor.
- General Skilled Migration – composed of 489 / 189 / 190 visas. The 190 is state sponsored, and generally you will only be sponsored by the state where you completed two years of study. For 190 you need occupation on combined occupation list; and, a letter from an “assessing authority” saying you are suitable; see under “assessing authority”

OPTIONS IN 2017

OFFSHORE

- GSM > 489, 189 and 190
- Employer Sponsored > 186, 187 and 482

ONSHORE

- Student visa > direct 489, 189 and 190 on graduating
- Student visa > 485 graduate visa > 489, 189 and 190 after one-year employment professional year
- Student visa > direct 187 or 482 then 186 TRT on graduating
- Student visa > 485 graduate visa > 186 or 482 after finding employment



WHAT HAS CHANGED

- Removal of SOL and CSOL, and implementation of Short Term and Medium to Long Strategic Occupation lists
- Increase in points from 60 to 65 and demand for occupations increasing pass mark to 70 points
- Requirement for two years of work experience for TSS
- Requirement for three years of work experience for RSMS and ENS
- No PR employer sponsored options for TSS short term visa holders
- More pressure on state occupation lists, creating entirely unreliable state nomination

EXAMPLE - OPTIONS FOR ACCOUNTING STUDENT IN 2017

- Completed Master of Accounting at ANU, visa expired in March following year > Skills assessment > 190 nomination > visa application in ACT
- Completed Master of Accounting at ANU > Skills assessment > 189 nomination on 65 to 70 points
- Completed Master of Accounting in Melbourne > TSS / 457 on graduating > 186 TRT after two years

ANOTHER EXAMPLE

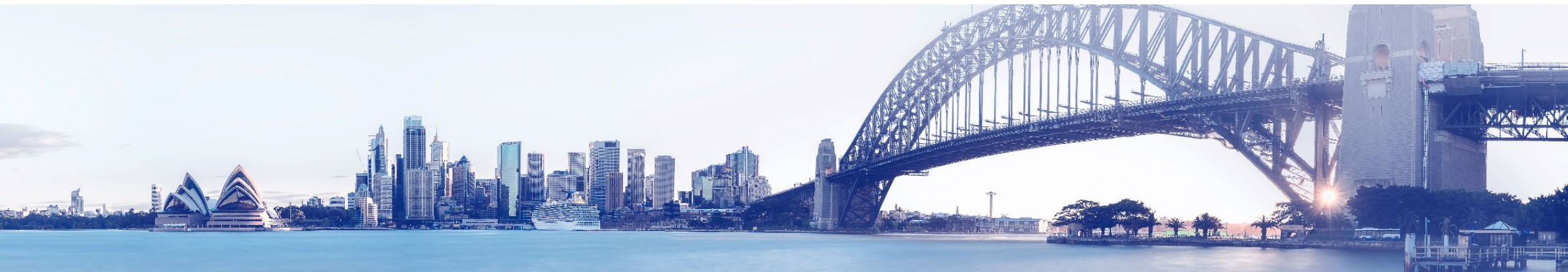
- Completed Diploma of Community Work in the ACT, visa expired in March following year > applied for RSMS as Residential Care Officer on graduating

OPTIONS IN 2019

- 190 nomination closed in the ACT
- 189 requires 80 points – cannot be acquired
- TSS cannot be applied for without 2 years of full-time work experience
- RSMS now needs three years of experience

WORK EXPERIENCE FOR TSS & 187 / 186

- Internships count
- Extend time on 485 using delay on bridging visa
- Time of decision for TSS



2019 OPTIONS

OFFSHORE

- GSM > 489, 189 and 190 < only available for highest level applicants
- Employer Sponsored > 186, 187 and 482

ONSHORE

- Student visa > direct 489, 189 and 190 on graduating
- Student visa > 485 graduate visa > 489, 189 and 190 after one-year employment or professional year

- Employer Sponsored for Short Term List > 485 graduate visa > 482 after two years of experience > further 482 for two years
 - RSMS after three years
 - 190 depending on state
- Employer Sponsored for Long Term List > 485 graduate visa > 482 after two years of experience > visa will be for four years > 186 TRT after three years

PROCESSING TIMES

189 Skilled - Independent	Points-tested	8 months	11 months
189 Skilled - Independent	New Zealand	14 months	14 months
190 Skilled - Nominated		7 months	8 months
186 Employer Nomination Scheme	Agreement	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.
186 Employer Nomination Scheme	Direct Entry	15 months	19 months
186 Employer Nomination Scheme	Temporary Residence Transition	15 months	17 months
187 Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	Temporary Residence Transition	15 months	16 months
187 Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	Direct Entry	22 months	24 months
187 Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	Agreement	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Hedge your bets – job in industry and sponsorship is paramount
- Minimise time on student visas to minimise cost
- Get a skills assessment before you travel to state that will nominate
- Go to states with programs that benefit – don't rely on this
- Focus on internships work experience – try to get two years as soon as possible
- Realize points for independent are just as important – focus on English
- **Course choice is critical – aim for GSM on graduation**

HOW TO MIGRATE IN 2019 – FOCUS ON GSM

Choosing course vitally important. Needs to have five characteristics:

IDEAL COURSE

- Preferably needs to be on Medium to Long Term Strategic List if Bachelor +
- Needs to be on Medium to Long Term Strategic List for Vocational
- Needs to be professional qualifying for skills assessment
- Needs to be non-pro rata for 189
- Have good job prospects

EXAMPLES OF BEST COURSES AT BACHELOR LEVEL

- Teacher < early childhood and secondary
- Engineer < non-pro rata
- Nurse
- Social work
- Doctors
- Some health practioners without intern year;
<http://www.ahpra.gov.au/registration/registers-of-practitioners/professions-and-divisions.aspx>
- Bachelor level ICT with professional year (needs one-year professional year)
- Surveyor & other specialist occupations

OTHER COURSES

- Lawyer – very long course + additional study
- Actuary – not professional qualifying – high job prospects
- Architect – very long course – medium job prospects
- Psychologist – very long course – medium job prospects
- Medical Laboratory Scientist – risky may be removed

EXAMPLES OF BEST COURSES AT VOCATIONAL LEVEL – ENGINEERING

- civil engineering draftsman
- civil engineering technician
- electrical engineering draftsman
- telecommunications technical officer or technologist

EXAMPLES OF OTHER COURSES AT VOCATIONAL LEVEL – TRA

- Chef > High job prospects
- Mechanic
- Plumber
- Electrician
- Bricklayer
- Painting and decorating

PROBLEMATIC COURSES

- Pharmacy > needs intern year
- Childcare > can get graduate visa > need three years of work for RSMS
- Enrolled Nurse > professional qualifying but no graduate visa
- Phlebotomist > professional qualifying but no graduate visa
- Marketing / business etc.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE ALREADY ENROLLED

- Try and obtain work experience ASAP through internships
 - Move to regional area
 - Change courses or prepare to complete additional masters
 - Training Visas
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- Before you apply for initial visa contact a professional so SeekVisa can make you a strategic pathway based on your individual circumstances

