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## Chapter 6

### Economics of immigration

- One quarter of the Australian workforce was born overseas.
  - In 2006-07, 75.9 per cent of settlers who were in the labour force prior to migrating were skilled.
  - Building and engineering professionals, became the top occupation of migrants prior to coming to Australia.
  - Unemployment rates for migrants are closely related to proficiency in English, age, skill level and qualifications.
  - Research shows that the employment outcomes for recently arrived migrants are better now than six years earlier.
  - Australia continues to gain in net terms from the movement of skilled people on a permanent or long term basis.
  - Skilled migrants have a positive impact on Australian living standards and a highly beneficial impact on Commonwealth and State budgets.
  - Temporary entrants to Australia such as tourists, students and Working Holiday Makers also contribute significant economic benefits.
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