



AUSTRALIAN CONSULATE-GENERAL  
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Visa and Citizenship Section

## Skilled Migration to Australia

This information is a general guide only, applications for skilled migration visas are lodged and decided in Australia. For more detailed information, please refer to our website <http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/general-skilled-migration/index.htm>

### **General Skilled Migration**

Australia's General Skilled Migration Program is designed to attract people who have skills in particular occupations that are required in Australia. These occupations are listed on Australia's Skilled Occupation List (SOL). **See: Form 1121i** at <http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms>

If you want to apply to live permanently in Australia under one of the General Skilled Migration visa categories you will need to meet all of the following basic requirements:

- you must be under 45 years of age at the time you apply (unless you have been invited to apply for a General Skilled Migration visa)
- your occupation must be listed on the Skilled Occupation List (SOL)
- an organisation in Australia, known as the relevant assessing authority, must assess your skills as being suitable for this occupation
- you must have a high level of English
- you must have recent skilled work experience or have recently completed an Australian qualification as the result of two years full-time study in Australia, or be an eligible Occupational Trainee or Working Holiday visa holder.

If you don't meet all of the above requirements, you should not apply for a General Skilled Migration visa. There may be other skilled visa options that better suit you.

**See:** <http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/general-skilled-migration/index.htm>

### **Before you apply for a visa**

You may need to have had your skills assessed by the relevant Australian assessing authority (as outlined on Form 1121i Skilled Occupations List), for your nominated occupation.

These assessment authorities are responsible for undertaking skills assessment for migration purposes, and are **not** employment agencies. They will not reply to requests for job placement. Nor can they give advice on the allocation of points.

### **Using a migration agent**

You are not required to use a migration agent to assist you with your application, and using an agent will not speed up the processing of your application.

However, if you do consider using an agent, you should check the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) register to ensure that the agent is registered and whether any disciplinary action has been taken against the agent.

This information is available by contacting the Migration Agents Registration Authority at:

**See:** <http://www.themara.com.au>

**Email:** [themara@themara.com.au](mailto:themara@themara.com.au)

### **Where do I apply?**

All applications for skilled migration should be forwarded to Australia by mail or courier to:

#### **Adelaide Skilled Processing Centre (ASPC)**

##### **By mail:**

Department of Immigration and Citizenship  
GPO Box 1638  
Adelaide SA 5001  
AUSTRALIA

##### **By Courier:**

Department of Immigration and Citizenship  
1st Floor, 55 Currie Street  
Adelaide SA 5000  
AUSTRALIA

**e-mail:** [Adelaide.Skilled.Centre@immi.gov.au](mailto:Adelaide.Skilled.Centre@immi.gov.au)