



Skilled Independent Subclass 189 Visa

The Skilled Independent Subclass 189 visa is for Points-tested skilled workers and does not require applicants to be sponsored by an employer or family member or nominated by a state or territory government. This visa entitles you to the permanent residency with rights to live and work in Australia.

How to apply:

To apply for Skilled Independent Subclass 189, you must lodge an Expression of Interest (EOI) via SkillSelect detailing your skills, qualification and the nominated occupation. If you are ranked high enough, the Department of Immigration and Border protection will invite you to apply for the visa and you have 60 days to lodge your application. It is very important to make a valid visa application with 60 days supported by all the relevant documents

What is the Criteria?

To meet the requirements of Subclass 189, you must:

- submit an Expression of Interest and be invited to lodge an application.
- Have occupation which is listed on the relevant list of eligible skilled occupations
- Obtain skills assessment for that skill from the approved assessing authority
- Meet the points test requirements
- Must not have turned 45 as yet
- Competent English

Where can this application be lodged?

Applicants can either be in Australia or overseas. If you are in Australia, you must be a lawful non citizen.

Can I include my family members in my application?

Following family member can be included in subclass 189 visa application:

- Spouse/Defacto partners/same sex partners
- Dependent children/step children

Duration and Conditions

The visa is a permanent visa and allows you to remain in Australia permanently with full work rights. If you are outside Australia when the visa is granted, you and your family members will need to enter Australia for the first time prior to expiry of your health and police clearances.

We at Choice Migration Services can assist you with:

- the assessment of your skills and strategically guide you to maximise your point score.
- Preparing and lodging your EOI and visa application
- Assisting you with bridging visa if required

Should you wish to seek assistance and guidance with your visa application, please [book an immigration consultation](#).