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NEWS UPDATE

## CHANGES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED TO TASMANIA'S SKILLED VISA NOMINATION PROGRAM.



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## WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KEEP IN MIND?

By Nicole Kirkwood

What occupations are available at present?

The program is open to all applicants that meet the minimum published requirements, however applications will be prioritized in relation to their likely contribution to Australia's economy recovery.

1. High quality subclass 188 and 132 (Business Innovation and Investment Program) nomination applications
2. Applicants critical to supporting Tasmania's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including individuals providing critical or specialist medical services, critical skills required to maintain the supply of essential goods and services, or delivering services in sectors critical to Australia's economic recovery.
3. Applicants currently in Australia who can demonstrate their capacity to meaningfully contribute to economic recovery through skilled employment.

How does this change affect prospective applicants? All applications will continue to be assessed with priority give to critical roles, followed by other eligible applicants that can demonstrate that are able to contribute to economic recovery.

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What are critical roles? For Tasmania these roles include people:

- engaged by Tasmanian Government and directly assisting in Tasmania's COVID-19 response
- providing critical or specialist medical services or delivering medical supplies potentially associated with the COVID-19 response. This includes all general nursing and medical positions with the Tasmanian Health Service
- directly involved in the supply of essential goods and services (medical technology, critical infrastructure, telecommunications, engineering and mining, supply chain logistics, agricultural technology, food production, and the maritime industry) including highly skilled and specialised roles in
  - infrastructure engineering and maintenance such as dams, large-/high-complexity bridges, irrigation schemes, transport logistics planning and maintenance
  - agriculture such as artificial insemination technicians, wool classers, livestock pregnancy scanners
  - the supply of essential goods and services which would be in jeopardy without the applicant.
- delivering services in sectors critical to economic recovery such as financial technology, large scale manufacturing, film and television production and emerging technology which:
  - must be high-value/highly-skilled/specialised roles
  - would normally include a significant and recognised contribution to export income, significant flow-on employment and economic benefits, high-value national/ international exposure.
- Lower skilled positions such as retail workers, harvest labour, delivery drivers, or warehouse staff are not considered to be critical roles.

How can applicants show they are contributing to the Tasmanian economy?

Applicants may show for example:

- employment in highly skilled, hard to fill roles
- high value skills or experience not readily found in the local community
- long-term high-value financial contribution to the local economy leading to additional employment outcomes for locals
- involvement in Tasmanian business or enterprise that is significantly reliant on the applicant's ongoing presence in Tasmania
- a clear, plausible potential to live in Tasmania and contribute to the development of skills which are needed in Tasmania.

For advice on your state options contact a registered migration agent today at [www.avie.com.au](http://www.avie.com.au)

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

## OFFSHORE PROGRAM FOR SUBCLASS 491 NOW OPEN IN TASMANIA



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## HOW WILL THIS IMPACT YOU?

By Nicole Kirkwood

If you have an occupation on the Tasmanian Skills and Occupation list, you are outside of Australia and have between 2-5 years work experience, you may be eligible to apply for a general skilled migration to Australia.

Occupations include:

- Nurses
- Engineers
- Sonographers
- Electricians
- Plumbers
- Construction Project managers.

There are many more occupations, however priority will be given to critical roles including general health and nursing, supply of essential good and services.

The subclass 491 visa provides a pathway to Permanent Residence for eligible applicants.

Contact a registered migration agent to assess your eligibility today.

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## NEWS UPDATE:

QUEENSLAND  
OPENS  
GENERAL  
SKILLED  
MIGRATION  
FOR ONE WEEK  
ONLY.



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## HOW DOES THIS WORK?

By Nicole Kirkwood

QLD General Skilled Migration subclass 491 & 190 program is open 01 February - 07 February 2021. The next skilled opening will be in April 2021. You must be onshore, and working in QLD to be considered.

The Subclass 491 visa is open to COVID critical skill or sectors as outlined by the Department of Home Affairs in: Air Ambulance, Critical Medical, Medical Technology, Engineering, Critical Infrastructure, Supply Chain, Telecommunications, Film & Television Production, Maritime Industry, Agricultural Technology Food Technology, Mining, Emerging Technology, Financial Technology, and Large Scale Manufacturing. You must also have been working for a minimum of 3 months in a regional location in Queensland and have a job offer for an additional 12 Months from your employer in your nominated occupation. You will need at least 65 points.

Skilled Nominated (Permanent) Subclass 190 visa is open to the Department of Home Affairs Priority Skills Migration Occupation List (18 occupations in total). The 18 occupations (ANZSCO code) are: Chief Executive or Managing Director (111111), Construction Project Manager (133111), Mechanical Engineer (233512), General Practitioner (253111), Resident Medical Officer (253112), Psychiatrist (253411), Medical Practitioner nec (253999), Midwife (254111), Registered Nurse (Aged Care) (254412), Registered Nurse (Critical Care and Emergency) (254415), Registered Nurse (Medical) (254418), Registered Nurse (Mental Health) (254422), Registered Nurse (Perioperative) (254423), Registered Nurses nec (254499), Developer Programmer (261312), Software Engineer (261313), Social Worker (272511), Maintenance Planner (312911).

You must also have been working for 6 months and have a job offer for an additional 12 months from your employer in a nominated occupation. You will need at least 80 points to be prioritized. It is important to be organised to be able to apply for QLD program as they generally will open and close very quickly. You will need a skills assessment, evidence of work and living in QLD and meet all other requirements. For assistance to apply by 7 February 2021 or to be prepared for April 2021 [contact us](#) today.

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIA RELEASES OCCUPATION LIST

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## THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR

By Nicole Kirkwood

The SA program will be open from Monday 8th of February 2021 and their requirements have changed. The occupation list is available and includes hundreds of occupations including:

- Accountants
- Graphic Designers
- Marketing Specialists
- Nurses
- Plumbers
- Management Consultants
- Counsellors

To be eligible you must be eligible under one of the following programs:

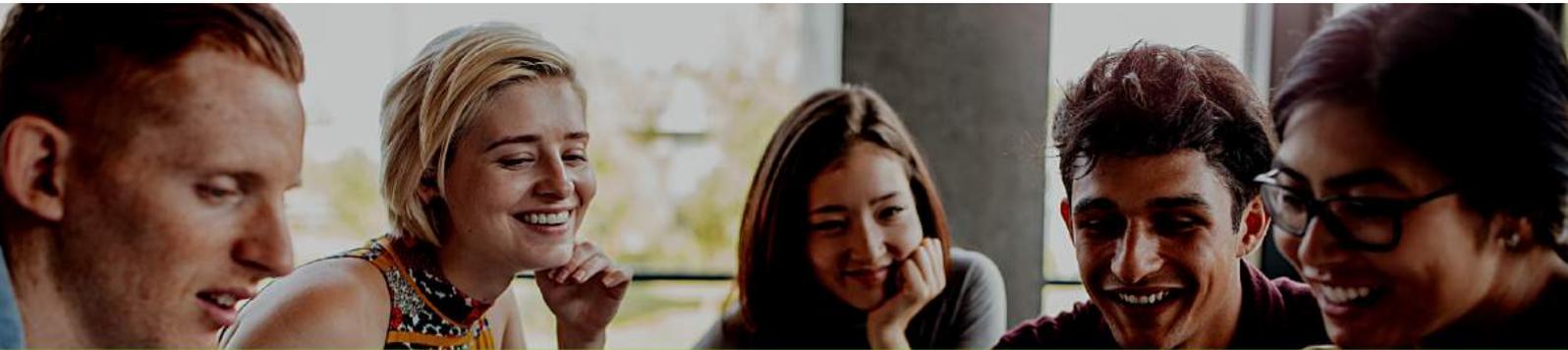
- Talent and Innovators program.
- Working in South Australia
- International graduate of South Australia

There are many new requirements and eligibility requirements vary greatly depending on your occupation. To discuss your eligibility or if you need help with your application [contact us](#) today!

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## DOES YOUR STUDENT VISA EXPIRE ON 15TH MARCH 2021?

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO



## MAKE SURE YOU'RE PREPARED

By Nicole Kirkwood

International Students Important Reminder: 15 March 2021 – 4 weeks to go!

For many students, although not all, student visas expire on the 15th of March 2021. It is important to check your visa expiry date as there are always a handful of students who have a different visa expiry date.

You can check your expiry date on VEVO [here](#).

A common misconception: Students DO NOT have 28 days after their expiry date to lodge a 485 visa. If you plan to lodge your 485 visa before your visa expires, you do not have long.

Talk to Australian Visa and Immigration Experts about your eligibility [here](#).

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JUST IN

## NSW ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO ITS OCCUPATION LIST

SUBCLASS 190 & 491



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## IS YOUR OCCUPATION ON THE UPDATED LIST?

By Nicole Kirkwood

NSW has just added more occupations to their occupation lists.

Occupations that are currently being sponsored:

- 133211 - Engineering Manager
- 134211 - Medical Administrator
- 134212 - Nursing Clinical Director
- 134214 - Welfare Centre Manager
- 233211 - Civil Engineer
- 233212 - Geotechnical Engineer
- 233214 - Structural Engineer
- 233215 - Transport Engineer
- 233511 - Industrial Engineer
- 233512 - Mechanical Engineer
- 233513 - Production or Plant Engineer
- 233911 - Aeronautical Engineer
- 233913 - Biomedical Engineer
- 233916 - Naval Architect
- 233999 - Engineering Professionals nec
- 254411 - Nurse Practitioner and others. Find the rest of the list [here](#).

Contact a registered migration agent today to discuss your eligibility for these visas at [www.avie.com.au](http://www.avie.com.au)

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NSW OPENS APPLICATIONS  
FOR SUBCLASS 491, ONLY FOR  
SOME REGIONS



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## WHICH REGIONS ARE OPEN?

By Nicole Kirkwood

NSW has 13 different regions for subclass 491, five of these regions have opened for subclass 491. The regions and their status for subclass 491 visas are listed below as

### Open:

- Riverina
- Far south Coast
- Northern Inland
- Central West
- Sydney

### Closed:

- Orana (due to open 24/02/2021)
- Central coast (due to open shortly)
- Mid North Coast
- Northern Rivers
- Far west (website down)
- Hunter
- Illawarra
- Southern Inland

Each region has their own occupation list most (although not all) are opening to the following three streams. Stream 1 - Living and working in regional NSW; Stream 2 - Recently completed study in regional NSW; Stream 3 - Living and working outside of a designated regional postcode of NSW (family ties or job offer) NB: Stream 3 - Offshore applications so far remain closed. To be reviewed in April 2021. For advice on your eligibility for the subclass 491 visa for NSW or any region in Australia [contact](#) an expert registered migration advisor today.