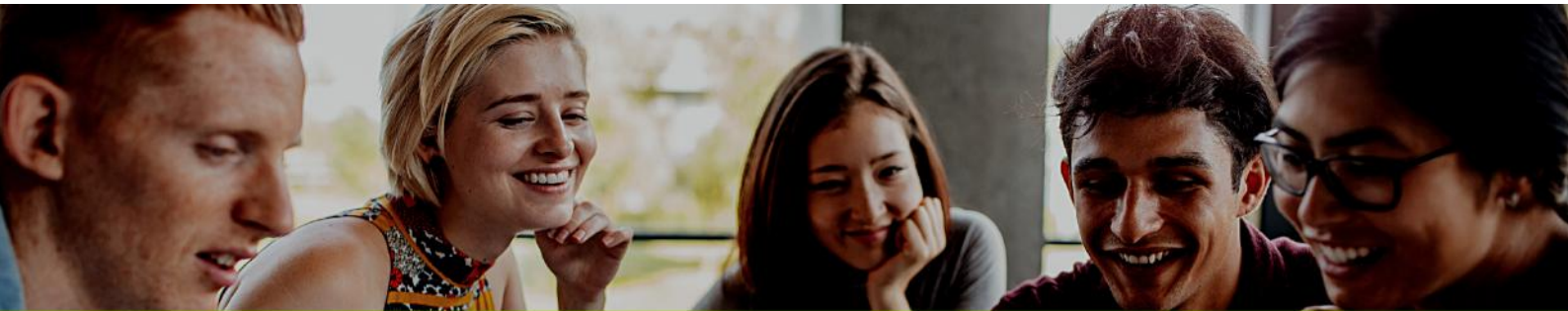


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DOES YOUR STUDENT VISA EXPIRE ON
15TH MARCH 2021?

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO



IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

By Nicole Kirkwood

For many students, although not all, their student visas will 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: If you are in Australia, 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.

Offshore students: If you are outside Australia, at present you may be eligible to apply for a 485 using COVID-19 concessions even after your student visa expires.

Studied in regional area: If you are currently on a 485, studied and remained in a regional area you may be eligible for a second 485 visa.

Talk to Australian Visa and Immigration Experts about your 485 visa eligibility via the following link www.avie.com.au

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PROGRAM.

HOW WILL THIS IMPACT
YOU?



BIG CHANGES ANNOUNCED TO GLOBAL TALENT INDEPENDENT (GTI) VISAS

By Nicole Kirkwood

The Department of Home Affairs quietly made a big change to the Global Talent Independent Visa on 20 January 2021. Bachelor and Masters students are no longer able to meet the requirements of the Global Talent Visa unless they meet the high income threshold which is currently \$153,600. If you are a PHD student who has recently graduated or nearing completion of your course you may still be eligible.

What is the Global Talent Independent visa? You would need to show that you are a leader, innovator and exceptional in any of the following areas:

- AgTech (the application of technology to agriculture and food production),
- Space and Advanced Manufacturing,
- FinTech (technology that seeks to improve and automate the delivery and use of financial services),
- Energy and Mining Technology,
- MedTech (medical technologies and pharmaceuticals),
- Cyber Security,
- Quantum Information,
- Advanced Digital, Data Science and ICT.

A suitable candidate must be highly skilled in one of the seven target sectors and be able to command a salary that meets the high- income threshold (currently \$153,600) PhD graduate or PhD who will submit thesis in next 6 months. Contact AVIE today for an assessment of your eligibility for the Global Talent Visa at www.avie.com.au .

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA ANNOUNCES ITS SKILLED VISA NOMINATION PROGRAM FOR SUBCLASS 190 AND 491 TO OPEN IN JAN 2021



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WESTERN AUSTRALIA ANNOUNCES OPENING DATE IN JAN 2021

By Nicole Kirkwood

Western Australian skilled visa nomination program (subclass 190 and 491) announces it will open in January 2021, with the first invitation round taking place on the third Thursday of each month.

What occupations are on their occupation list? WA has two occupation lists:

- General: no study in WA required. This occupation list is primarily medical related occupations.
- Graduate: Study in WA required. This occupation list has been reviewed in line with directions from the federal government to focus on the state's health and economic response. As such a number of occupations previously on the list are currently unavailable.

Available occupations include:

- Midwife
- Civil Engineer
- Beef cattle farmer
- Finance Manager
- Interpreter
- Medical Laboratory Assistant and many more.

Occupations that are closed at present include:

- Accountant
- Early childhood teacher
- Secondary school teacher
- Youth worker
- Solicitor

Do you need work experience? You must be working for 6 months work experience or have a six-month contract of employment. For advice on your migration options or assistance with your application contact a registered Migration agent today at www.avie.com.au.