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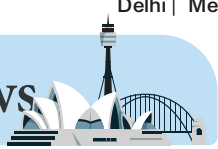


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India-Australia recent agreements after Mr. Albaneses' visit

New Scholarship Program for Indians

1. The Australian prime minister announced a scholarship for Indians to study in Australia.
2. The Deakin University of Australia plans to set up a foreign branch in the GIFT city of Gujarat, India.
3. The commercial opportunities offered by Australian education give Indians a more convenient and innovative education system for Indian students.

Australia – India Treaty

4. An “Australia-India Education Qualification Recognition Mechanism” policy was introduced between India-Australia.
5. Indians currently studying or have previously studied in Australia can now have their educational degrees recognized even back in their native country.
6. The Australia-India educational treaty will offer more innovative and flexible ways of providing education to Indians.
7. ‘The Maitri Scholarship’ is the latest scholarship program introduced that facilitates Indians to study in Australia for up to 4 years.

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Updated requirements for applicants applying to be assessed through the Offshore Skills Assessment Program (OSAP).

From 1 April 2023, automotive trades qualified applicants from the countries of passport detailed below will be able to have their skills assessed through the Trades Recognition Australia (TRA) Migration Skills Assessment (MSA) program, instead of through the Offshore Skills Assessment Program (OSAP). The qualification must be relevant to the chosen occupation.

- Automotive Electrician 321111 – China, Ireland, Sri Lanka and United Kingdom
- Diesel Motor Mechanic 321212 - China, Ireland, Sri Lanka and United Kingdom
- Motor Mechanic 321211 - China, Ireland, Sri Lanka and United Kingdom
- Panelbeater 324111 - Ireland, Sri Lanka and United Kingdom
- Vehicle Painter 324311 – China, Ireland, Sri Lanka and United Kingdom

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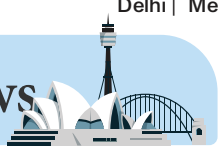
Update on ANMAC skills assessments for Nurses

Assessment wait times:

The assessment team is currently assessing applications made on 20 January 2023. Applications are assessed in date order. They do not offer a priority service.

- ◆ **Offshore Nurses:** People Having nursing or midwifery qualifications from overseas – this includes any exams/OSCE's that were required to undertake to obtain registration in the United Kingdom, Ireland or Singapore. We need to forward successful completion correspondence to skilledmigration@anmac.org.au. This information will be stored on your file. If you obtained credits towards your Australian nursing degree please provide this detail in the form of certification or a statutory declaration.
- ◆ **Onshore nurses:** If you are an enrolled nurse in Australia and have no prior nursing qualifications please provide a statutory declaration declaring the same. If you have overseas nursing qualifications, please upload them to the portal. If you are submitting work experience for assessment, please make sure your referee has provided their work email address. This is important because we verify all claims of work experience.

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Further visa options for past 485 visa holders

As well as the extra 2 years available for 485 visas granted in some occupations .. those not benefitting from this may be able to apply for a TWO YEAR 408 pandemic visa as follows

- ◆ "Transitional arrangements are also in place to support other graduates.

Temporary Graduate visa holders in Australia whose visas expired or will expire between 1 September 2022 and 1 July 2023, or Temporary Graduate visa holders who were in Australia throughout the pandemic period and are therefore not eligible for the TGV Replacement stream, may be eligible for the COVID-19 Pandemic Event (subclass 408) visa with a 2-year stay period. You must be working in Australia or have an offer of employment. You must apply 90 days before your TGV expires, or 28 days after your TGV expires to be eligible for a Pandemic event visa. If you are granted a 408 Pandemic Event visa, you will not be eligible to then apply separately for an extended TGV. You should evaluate your options carefully before you apply. "

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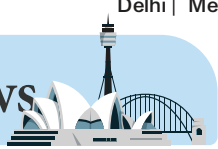


Top 20 occupations by vacant positions from Oct22-Dec22 in Australia

Top 20 occupations in demand nationally

- 1 Registered Nurses 8,377
- 2 Software and Applications Programmers 6,269
- 3 Aged and Disabled Carers 4,642
- 4 Child Carers 4,277
- 5 Construction Managers 4,230
- 6 Motor Mechanics 3,924
- 7 Retail Managers 3,777
- 8 Chefs 3,725
- 9 Generalist Medical Practitioners 3,352
- 10 Metal Fitters and Machinists 3,137
- 11 ICT Business and Systems Analysts 3,053
- 12 Civil Engineering Professionals 2,871
- 13 Electricians 2,839
- 14 Early Childhood (Pre-primary School) Teachers 2,493
- 15 Contract, Program and Project Administrators 2,392
- 16 Advertising and Marketing Professionals 2,265
- 17 Physiotherapists 1,262
- 18 Gardeners 1,015
- 19 Mining Engineers 957
- 20 Database and Systems Administrators, and ICT Security Specialists 942

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Vetassess update policy on documents and time limits for skills assessments:

We have changed our timeframes for applications that do not have complete documents. If any information or documents are missing from the application, we will provide 15 calendar days to submit them. If the outstanding documents are not submitted within the given timeframe, a final notice will be issued giving seven additional days before the application is closed without further communication.

You can request to reopen an application after providing all required documents and information. There will be an administrative fee of AUD\$150 to reopen a closed application.

It is important to ensure you lodge a complete set of required documents when you apply, and this will avoid delays with processing of your application.

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1. When applying for Priority Processing, you must have sufficient evidence supporting correct fee payment, proof of identity, qualification and employment claims ready to upload to the online form.
 2. Returning applicants with a previous full skills assessment are not eligible to apply for a Priority Processing application under the same occupation which has been previously assessed, unless the overall outcome was positive and all previous periods of employment and qualifications were assessed positively.
 3. Renewal applications are eligible for Priority Processing, provided all previous periods of employment and qualifications were assessed positively.
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Western Australia: Immigration

Invitations issued on 10 March 2023 for State Nominated Migration Program (SNMP)

| Intending visa subclass | SNMP General stream –WASMOL schedule 1 | SNMP General stream –WASMOL schedule 2 | SNMP General stream- higher education graduates | SNMP General stream- vocational education and training graduates |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Skilled Nominated visa (subclass 190) | 300 | 1600 | 554 | 46 |
| Skilled Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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NSW

1. 11 new occupations added to the NSW state nomination lists.

2. NSW Hunter valley closed for new 491 nominations.

Visa information for Hunter is closed for SC visa 491 applications.

RDA Hunter is not receiving any new 491 Visa applications as it has reached its assigned allocation.

3. Hunter is still open for 494 Visa application:

The subclass 494 visa is a provisional residency visa available to skilled workers. It is available both to skilled workers who are already living and working in Australia as temporary residents, and to skilled workers living outside Australia.

4. RDA regions Closed for 491 applications:

Illawarra

Central coast

Riverina

Hunter

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■ Nothern territory

New offshore GSM nomination criteria:

The nomination eligibility criteria for offshore General Skilled Migration applicants has changed.

This includes:

- Reduced work experience requirement (one year down from 3 years for most occupations)
- More occupations added to the Priority Occupations Stream
- Expansion of the Family Support Stream to enable regional provisional (subclass 489, 491 and 494) visa holders and those who hold bridging visas after having applied for regional permanent residency (subclass 887 and 191) visas to support family members applying for nomination.

For Onshore Clients:

Migration NT continues to receive and assess onshore nomination applications under the existing eligibility criteria.

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Applications may not be assessed prior to visa expiry dates.

All applicants must ensure that they meet both the NT nomination criteria and the standard Home Affairs criteria at the time of lodging their nomination application and throughout their application process.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all documents including English test results, skills assessments, etc. remain valid.

Nomination allocation and usage (as at 14 March 2023)

◆ ***Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa:***

Nominations – 1269 of 2000 places used

Nomination applications not yet decided – 119

Invitations issued but not yet accepted – 200

◆ ***Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visa:***

Nominations – 1109 of 2250 places used

Nomination applications not yet decided – 232

Invitations issued but not yet accepted – 244

◆ ***Oldest application yet to be processed –***

which were lodged on lodged 27 January 2023 and 3 March 2023



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