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# NSW Business & Skilled Migration

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# Australia's Migration Program

The Federal Government retains ultimate responsibility for Australia's migration program through the Department of Home Affairs.

NSW nomination program is just one of many visa pathways potentially available to migrants.

Positions are limited and competition for nomination by NSW is high

# NSW's Skilled & Business Migration Program

NSW has a limited number of nomination positions across a few skilled, business investor visas. These positions are designed to:

1. Attracts and retain **skilled migrants** to NSW where there are known skilled labour shortages.
2. Attract **business, investor and entrepreneurial migrants** who can make significant economic contributions through the creation of new businesses and jobs and investment into NSW.



# NSW's program allocation: 2022-23



The 2022-23 Australian Migration Program has a current planning level of **195,000 places**.

NSW has received an allocation for the State's 2022-23 Skilled Migration Program of **15,536 places** in the following visa categories.

9,108 Primary skilled migrants (Subclass 190 Skilled Nominated Visa)

6,168 Primary applicant migrants (Subclass 491 Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa)

260 Primary applicant migrants (Business / Investment Program)

# 190 NSW Nomination Requirements



- Be skilled in an occupation that is:
  - within an ANZSCO unit group identified on the NSW Skilled Nominated Skills List; AND
  - is eligible for the Skilled Nominated visa (subclass 190)
- be either currently residing in NSW or offshore, and have continuously done so for a minimum period of six months.
- Lodge an EOI in Skill Select selecting NSW and the 190 visa only.
- Wait to be invited to apply.

## Points to be aware of...

Ensure you only claim skilled employment from the time deemed skilled.

Have strong supporting documentation.

Make sure your documentation supports your points claims.

# 491 NSW Nomination Requirements



- Regional Direct Stream – working with an employer for 12 months – explained overleaf.
- Apply direct to RDA.
- Be invited by NSW Government.
- Ensure have required minimum points score and experience – this is informed by available applicant seeking nomination by NSW – changeable.
- Be skilled in an occupation that is:
  - within an ANZSCO unit group identified on the NSW Skilled Nominated Skills List; AND
  - is eligible for the Skilled Nominated visa (subclass 190)
- be either currently residing in NSW or offshore, and have continuously done so for a minimum period of six months.
- Lodge an EOI in Skill Select selecting NSW and the 491 visa only

## Points to be aware of...

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# New eligibility stream

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- Dedicated eligibility stream *Working in Regional NSW* for the 491 Visa for applicants working in their skilled occupation in regional NSW.
- The new stream recognise applicants' commitment to living and working in regional NSW and demonstrates support for business and their need to retain skilled migrants to maintain business operations.
- Points score and work experience not applicable to these applicants. As long as they can demonstrate they are already living and working in NSW in their skilled occupation, they can apply.
- Provides a temporary residency pathway (5 years) to people genuinely living and working in regional NSW.

## Points to be aware of...

Applicant may not remain in the same job.

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Once granted, migrants may not stay in regional NSW, which does not support regional NSW businesses.

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Applicants need to be genuine

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Applicants must be paid TSMIT level.

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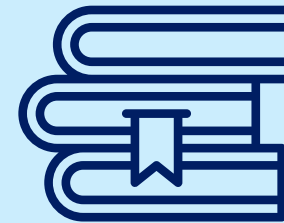
# Program refinements: 2022-23



Minimum points test scores and work experience requirements were published to manage expectations by applicants but have now been removed



They were not new but were published to increase transparency and manage applicant expectations



The approach of publishing information around minimum points scores meant that NSW is consistent with other States.





# Supporting communities across NSW

- Program updates on the Department's Skilled Migration web page
- Regular newsletter blasts to skilled migration database
- Outreach activities and information sessions with peak bodies and industry groups
- Partnership with Home Affairs in regional engagement initiatives
- Proactive updates to journalists
- Migration information material packs for MP offices
- Assisting RDAs with local business support and migrant settlement activities.

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