

Skilled visas & pathways to permanent residency

One of the world's  
best lifestyles,  
**make Victoria  
your home.**



## Victorian visa nomination for skilled migrants – we can support you to make Victoria home

Victoria offers skilled migrants diverse career opportunities and an exceptional quality of life.

Melbourne, the capital of Victoria, consistently ranks among the world's most liveable cities and is renowned for its cosmopolitan culture, welcoming communities, world-class education and healthcare services. Victoria's robust economy offers a wide range of career opportunities along with work-life balance that ranks among the best globally. From vibrant arts and culture to clean, green outdoors to stunning coastlines and national parks, there is so much to discover in Victoria.

The Victorian Government supports skilled migrants seeking to live and work in Victoria by providing free visa nomination.



## What is skilled visa nomination?

Visa nomination from a state or territory government is a mandatory requirement for the Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa and the Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) (subclass 491) visa.

The Victorian Government offers visa nomination to skilled migrants with skill sets that can make a significant contribution to the Victorian economy and the global competitiveness of our industries.

When a state or territory government nominates you for a skilled visa, it indicates to the Australian Government's Department of Home Affairs that your skills are needed in their region.

### Victoria's skilled visa nomination program:

- ✓ Adds extra points to your Australian visa application points test (5 points for subclass 190, 15 points for subclass 491).
- ✓ Is entirely cost-free.
- ✓ Does not require a job or employer sponsorship.
- ✓ Provides unrestricted work rights in accordance with visa conditions.
- ✓ Offers pathway to permanent residency.

## Skilled visa nomination

The Victorian Government provides skilled visa nomination for the following visas:

### Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa

This is a permanent visa that allows skilled migrants to reside and work anywhere within Victoria, including Melbourne.

### Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) (subclass 491) visa

This is a 5 year provisional visa for living and working in regional Victoria, with a pathway to permanent residency after 3 years.

### Both pathways:

- ✓ Do not have minimum work experience requirements and do not require employment in Victoria to be eligible to apply. Once granted the visa, you can work for any employer in Victoria.

## Am I eligible?

To apply for Victorian skilled visa nomination, you must meet the following criteria:

Achieve a minimum of **65 points** on the Australian Government's points test for your Expression of Interest (EOI) in SkillSelect

Have a valid **Skills Assessment** in an occupation listed on the **eligible skilled occupations list**

Have at least **Competent English** proficiency

Have your Victorian Government **Registration of Interest (ROI)** selected

Be under 45 years of age

Be committed to living in Victoria

You'll need a valid Skills Assessment and English test before applying.

## How do I apply for a Victorian skilled visa nomination?

What you need to do





Estimated completion times

Processing times

Notifications to expect

Validity periods before expiry

Fees

	1 Expression of Interest (EOI) →	2 Registration of Interest (ROI) →	3 Nomination application →	4 Visa application ✓
	Submit your EOI online to the Australian Government's Department of Home Affairs through <b>SkillSelect</b> .	a) Create an account on the <b>Live in Melbourne portal</b> . b) Use your EOI number from <b>SkillSelect</b> to submit your Registration of Interest (ROI) for Victorian nomination through the <b>Live in Melbourne portal</b> .	If selected by the Victorian Government, submit an application for Victorian visa nomination through the <b>Live in Melbourne portal</b> .	If your Victorian visa nomination application is approved, apply for a visa with the <b>Department of Home Affairs</b> . They will assess your application and make a visa decision.
Estimated completion times	30 mins	10 mins	15 mins	45 mins
Processing times	Instant	Within the program year	Approx. 20 business days	Varies – check the <b>Department of Home Affairs website</b> for the latest processing time
Notifications to expect	SkillSelect EOI number	Invitation to submit the nomination application (if ROI is selected)	Approval email and invitation from SkillSelect to submit your visa application (If you are nominated)	An email from the Australian Government with visa application outcome
Validity periods before expiry	2 years	For the duration of the program year	60 days	You must enter Australia by the date specified in your visa grant letter
Fees	Free	Free	Free	Fees apply - check the <b>Department of Home Affairs website</b> for details
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**Australian visas and immigration:**  
[homeaffairs.gov.au](https://homeaffairs.gov.au)

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