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Welcome to a very short June edition of our monthly newsletter

A new government is going to see plenty of changes over the next few months where we expect to see

An increased migration program

Restrictions or extra scrutiny around temporary work visas

State occupation lists to expand in terms of occupations and numbers

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1) WA State 190/491 update

2022-23 program changes - new applications being accepted from people residing overseas – and an expansion of occupations available under the Graduate stream.

Commencing in the 2022-23 program year people residing overseas are now eligible to be considered for Western Australia (WA) State nomination. Invitations to apply for WA State nomination will be via the ranking system, giving preference to applicants currently residing in WA, followed by those residing in Australia and then those residing overseas.

The 2022-23 updated Western Australian State nomination criteria is now available. The 2022-23 program year will also provide candidates the opportunity to access an expanded, more extensive, Graduate occupation list under the Graduate stream. With over 300 occupations becoming available.

The expanded Graduate occupation list will become available in 2022-23 and is outlined in the new 2022-23 WA State nomination – combined occupation list. An easy-to-follow table of the occupations available under the Western Australian skilled migration occupation list - schedule 1 and 2 and the Graduate occupation list.

Invitations to apply for WA State nomination under the new Graduate Occupation list will not commence until the 2022-23 program year.

<https://migration.wa.gov.au/Pages/Skilled%20Migration%20WA/2022-23-State-nomination-requirements-.aspx>

(Source: WA State Migration)

2) Media articles on migration issues over the last month

<https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/McGowan/2022/05/Welcoming-skilled-migrants-and-international-student-s-to-study-live-and-work-in-WA.aspx?fbclid=IwAR3NREL8gHXdwa85BQcB-4mlrrh10SDv4gCeu1eX7kw7TCxk35J6GuQMtf8>

<https://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/can-a-new-campaign-and-government-change-the-fate-of-120-000-parent-visa-applications-stuck-in-limbo/70uj6iuku>

https://m.facebook.com/watch/?v=810952453102714&_rdr

<https://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/labors-clare-oneil-calls-for-more-skilled-permanent-migrants-as-part-of-coronavirus-reset/c9wny85pv>

<https://www.crikey.com.au/2022/06/02/boosting-migration-economic-prosperity/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/jun/03/understaffed-sectors-join-premiers-of-nsw-and-victoria-in-call-for-improved-skilled-migration?>

<https://www.watoday.com.au/politics/federal/address-genuine-skills-shortages-new-aged-care-minister-s-migration-focus-20220602-p5aqpy.html>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/jun/03/understaffed-sectors-join-premiers-of-nsw-and-victoria-in-call-for-improved-skilled-migration>

<https://independentaustralia.net/politics/politics-display/skilled-migrants-business-wants-the-benefit-but-not-the-burden,16443>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/jun/10/australian-visa-backlog-keeping-engineers-out-of-country-amid-skills-shortage>

<https://www.innovationaus.com/morrison-man-quietly-departs-struggling-global-talent-visa-program>

<https://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/absolute-gridlock-the-migration-and-visa-challenges-facing-the-new-government/6z1gj92nc>

<https://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/will-migration-recovery-end-australias-low-unemployment-rate-analysts-say-its-not-that-simple/gwlre2j7f>

<https://www.9news.com.au/national/immigration-news-the-forgotten-people-waiting-half-a-century-to-get-their-australian-visa/b3ad95f0-e33c-4313-8228-bcf23e2a8443>

<https://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/skilled-migration-and-visa-backlog-in-focus-at-national-cabinet-meeting/s568bxrh2>

<https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/7786422/processing-visa-backlog-an-urgent-need/>

<https://www.afr.com/politics/federal/giles-plans-visa-overhaul-in-race-for-skilled-migrants-20220615-p5atv2>

3) Trades Recognition Australia – Changes to Job Ready Program

From 1 July 2022, the Job Ready Program (JRP) will move from a four (4) step program to a three (3) step program.

As a result of this key change, no new applications for the Provisional Skills Assessment (PSA) [Step 1 of the JRP] will be accepted after 4.00 pm (AEST) on 30 June 2022.

From 1 July 2022, JRP applications will be accepted for the new three step JRP process by selecting the JRP Program Registration and Eligibility option.

What you need to do

If you have not started your PSA application before 1 July 2022, you will not be able to apply for a PSA. You will need to apply under the new JRP process on or after 1 July 2022.

If you have applied for a PSA outcome before 1 July 2022, your application will be processed, and you will receive your PSA outcome.

If you have received a PSA outcome before 1 July 2022, your progress through the JRP will not be affected.

<https://www.tradesrecognitionaustralia.gov.au/news/important-changes-job-ready-program-jrp-1-july?fbclid=IwAROGvRtTcW5A36wilDtNou40Mw58FblRtlbdA6Cu-mGIAMGnacGiZobsW9o>

4) South Australia state update

South Australia will soon be closing nomination applications and Registrations of Interest (ROIs) for the 2021-22 program year but there is still time to apply.

The upcoming program closure dates are here;

<https://www.migration.sa.gov.au/news-events/important-message-skilled-business-migration-program-closures?fbclid=IwAR3ruhkD28mGAX6fVwxS-XEh9F7HOaVYLI6R8z82Cb5mZFIJIFksbKYZv5s>

5) ACT Matrix 190/491 update

Canberra Matrix Invitation Round – 16th June 2022

<https://www.act.gov.au/migration/resources/canberra-matrix-invitation-round?fbclid=IwAR3RFRp3OAx65T5kXxr2WdHu1KDa-DGTwm6md74WaUgSkMCTJYkjJ65AU4A>

Ok folks,

That's all for this month, stay safe.

See you all on Monday 18th July



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