

## G'Day

Hope you had a great last month and welcome to our latest edition of our monthly update on all the visa changes and policy announcements

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# 1) WA State Migration round April 2023

WA ran a small April round. Here are the invite results;

<https://migration.wa.gov.au/services/skilled-migration-western-australia/invitation-rounds/current-invitation-round?fbclid=IwAR1kOepcNLqMfkxN2HpVgEYT26YPHXp0i0zOY2TuOknyxuZugvrmo8UQwxw>

WA state processing update

- Approved applications for WA State nomination no longer require a signed State nomination agreement to be nominated in SkillSelect.
- Once your application for WA State nomination has been approved, WA Migration Services will notify you via email, and nominate you in SkillSelect within five working days.
- Applications that were approved before 31 March, will still have 28 calendar days to sign and return their State nomination agreement.

For more information, please view our [How to apply for State nomination page](#).

## 2) Tasmania State Migration update

Tasmanian Skilled Migration State Nomination Program Update 12 April 2023

Minor adjustment to nomination quotas – 150 more subclass 190 places available  
To help us manage the unexpectedly high demand for Tasmania subclass 190 nomination, the Department of Home Affairs has made a minor adjustment to Tasmania's nomination quotas.

Our subclass 190 nomination quota has been increased by 150 places, while our subclass 491 quota has been reduced by the same amount.  
Tasmania's final 2022-23 program year allocation is:

- Subclass 190 Skilled Nominated visa – 2,150 places
- Subclass 491 Skilled Work Regional visa – 2,100 places

This minor change means that we can ensure nominations are fair and equitable across the program.

This adjustment will not have any significant effect upon the competitive threshold for subclass 491 invitation and nomination.

Program status update - no plans to close

The Tasmanian Skilled Migration State Nomination will not close to new registrations of interest or applications for nomination. Invitations to apply for nomination will continue to be issued throughout the remainder of 2022-23 and into the 2023-24 program year.

Nomination allocation and usage (at 12 April 2022)

Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa:

Nominations – 1,509 of 2,150 places used

Nomination applications not yet decided – 118

Invited but not yet applied for nomination – 225

Oldest application for nomination not yet decided – lodged 23 March 2023

Allocating cases for assessment lodged on 31 March 2023

Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visa:

Nominations – 1,457 of 2,100 places used

Nomination applications not yet decided – 143

Invited but not yet applied for nomination – 135

Oldest application for nomination not yet decided – lodged 7 March 2023

Allocating cases for assessment lodged on 31 March 2023

Details of nominations and invitations since 12 December 2022, when the Tasmania Skilled Migration State Nomination program fully reopened:

- 76 per cent of nominations have been in the Tasmanian Skilled Graduate pathways.
- 65 per cent of all candidates issued an orange pass have been invited to apply for nomination.

We anticipate that over 80 per cent of all registrants for 2022-23 will be invited to apply for nomination.

For any questions about this update or the Tasmanian Skilled Migration State Nomination Program please contact Migration Tasmania at [skilled@migration.tas.gov.au](mailto:skilled@migration.tas.gov.au)

### 3) Canberra Matrix Invitation Round: 5 April 2023

[https://www.act.gov.au/migration/resources/canberra-matrix-invitation-round?fbclid=IwAR20MeCcZjWvsFyXDimKm9v5dMluKK9MSUP1bme50UQla9Cz4OXeSsc\\_-D0](https://www.act.gov.au/migration/resources/canberra-matrix-invitation-round?fbclid=IwAR20MeCcZjWvsFyXDimKm9v5dMluKK9MSUP1bme50UQla9Cz4OXeSsc_-D0)

### 4) VETASSESS Demystifying 'not elsewhere classified' occupations

Some occupations assessed by VETASSESS are listed as 'nec' which means 'not elsewhere classified'. These are occupations that are not separately identified in ANZSCO, the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations used to determine the education and employment experience needed for a job role.

Applicants for a skills assessment nominate an occupation under the 'nec' code when they hold qualifications and employment that do not better fit under any other ANZSCO code.

We understand that applying under the 'nec' category can feel daunting for some applicants. It is, therefore, better to understand the category before submitting your application.

Here are our top six tips for applying for an 'nec' occupation:

If nominating an 'nec' category, you must ensure that your qualifications and employment are highly relevant to one of the occupation titles listed in the ANZSCO description for the particular occupation. Other unique and specific occupation titles that cannot be found listed elsewhere in ANZSCO are also considered on a case-by-case basis as long as they are specialised and related to its ANZSCO Unit Group description.

Your employment in these nominated occupations should not better match another ANZSCO code - whether or not it is assessed by VETASSESS.

When considering whether to nominate an 'nec' occupation, you should review the ANZSCO Sub-Major Group description and determine whether your skills best fit this category.

You need to provide a cover letter that justifies the rationale for choosing an 'nec' category.

You should also provide details of any relevant training or professional development courses undertaken in your specialised field. You can provide this information in your Curriculum Vitae/Resume.

When assessing 'nec' applications we conduct a case-by-case assessment to determine whether the employment can be considered highly relevant to the classification.

<https://www.vetassess.com.au/home/updates/post/blog-skills-assessment-nec-occupation?fbclid=IwAR3Bv5bRfGnMzsc4s3QNf7DrJaywlsupfJEcSGt2Jt95oITGydUB6Tc46g>

## 5) Victoria 491 update

Onshore candidates living and/or working in metropolitan Melbourne can now submit a registration of Interest (ROI) for the Skilled Work Regional visa (subclass 491) nomination.

The new expanded eligibility criteria opens Victoria's subclass 491 visa program to skilled migrants living anywhere in Victoria, including previously ineligible metropolitan Melbourne residents who wish to relocate to work and live in a designated regional area of Victoria

Subclass 491 visa holders must live, work and study in a regional area of Victoria for at least three years before they can apply for their subclass 191 visa, which provides permanent residency. This means you may need to move to a designated regional area of Victoria or secure a job that provides you with regional employment.

New candidates

There are four steps to subclass 491 visa nomination.

1. Submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to the Australian Government's Department of Home Affairs <<https://gemsuseraccount.cmail19.com/.../r-l-ttldhkdy.../>> using SkillSelect.
2. Using the EOI number received from SkillSelect, submit a Registration of Interest <<https://gemsuseraccount.cmail19.com/.../r-l-ttldhkdy.../>> (ROI) for Victorian nomination via the Live in Melbourne portal <<https://gemsuseraccount.cmail19.com/.../r-l-ttldhkdy.../>> .
3. After you are selected to apply for a Victorian visa nomination, apply for a subclass 491 visa nomination on the Live in Melbourne portal.
4. If your nomination application is approved, submit a visa application with the Australian Government's Department of Home Affairs.

I have already applied for the subclass 190 visa nomination; can I simultaneously apply for the subclass 491 visa nomination?

If you have a Registration of Interest (ROI) for a subclass 190 and have not been selected, you can submit a new ROI for a subclass 491 after withdrawing the existing subclass 190 ROI.

## 6) TRA Skills assessment changes to some trades

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

Please check with the Department of Home Affairs ([www.homeaffairs.gov.au](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au)) before submitting your application, to confirm a skills assessment is required for your visa application, and that TRA is the correct assessing authority for your nominated occupation.

<https://www.tradesrecognitionaustralia.gov.au/news/changes-automotive-occupation-eligibility-requirements-osap>

## 7) New extra state migration numbers allocated

Extra places for South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/what-we-do/migration-program-planning-levels>

## 8) Vetassess news

[https://mailchi.mp/vetassess/asktheexpertswbinarjune2022\\_email02-1793974](https://mailchi.mp/vetassess/asktheexpertswbinarjune2022_email02-1793974)

9 tips for a skills assessment for Australian migration purposes

<https://www.vetassess.com.au/home/updates/post/skills-assessment-tips-australian-migration>

VETASSESS Skills Assessment Experts answer some of the most common questions that we receive about trade and professional and general occupations.

<https://www.vetassess.com.au/home/updates/post/skills-assessment-migration-6-answers-by-experts-april-2023>

## 9) News Articles

The Exploitative and Discriminatory Nature of Australian Migration Laws

<https://thewire.in/rights/the-exploitative-and-discriminatory-nature-of-australian-migration-laws>

The Stats Guy: Record-breaking migration is reshaping an ill-prepared nation

<https://thenewdaily.com.au/finance/2023/03/18/the-stats-guy-record-breaking-migration-reshape-nation/>

Productivity Commission's migration reform ideas a curate's egg

<https://independentaustralia.net/politics/politics-display/productivity-commissions-migration-reform-ideas-a-curates-egg,17345>

State nominations for skilled visas lagging behind expectations

<https://independentaustralia.net/politics/politics-display/state-nominations-for-skilled-visas-lagging-behind-expectations,17183>

Why are these students waiting years to be allowed into Australia?

<https://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/why-are-these-students-waiting-years-to-be-allowed-into-australia/7n18z5cla>

Fast track nomination for health and teaching occupations

<https://liveinmelbourne.vic.gov.au/news-events/news/2023/fast-track-nomination-for-health-and-teaching-occupations>

Record-breaking migration is reshaping an ill-prepared nation

<https://indaily.com.au/news/analysis/2023/03/27/record-breaking-migration-is-reshaping-an-ill-prepared-nation/>

Pauline Hanson says Labor broke an 'election promise' on migration. Did it even exist?

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-03-31/fact-check-pauline-hanson-labor-migration-promise/102164016>

Indian degrees to be recognised in Australia, announces Australian PM Anthony Albanese

<https://www.timesnownews.com/education/indian-degrees-to-be-recognised-in-australia-announces-australian-pm-anthony-albanese-article-98508692>

Improving access to family violence provisions for victim-survivors

<https://minister.homeaffairs.gov.au/AndrewGiles/Pages/improving-access-to-family-violence-provisions.aspx>

Dutton's Home Affairs covered up illegal partner visa cap

<https://independentaustralia.net/politics/politics-display/duttons-home-affairs-covered-up-illegal-partner-visa-cap,17373>



What's behind the recent surge in Australia's net migration – and will it last?

<https://theconversation.com/whats-behind-the-recent-surge-in-australias-net-migration-and-will-it-last-203155>

Trade Minister says clearing million-visa logjam should ease nation's skills shortage

<https://inqld.com.au/news/2023/04/14/trade-minister-says-clearing-visa-logjam-should-ease-nations-skills-shortage/>

How a High Court ruling could impact hundreds of visa decisions since 2016

<https://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/how-a-high-court-ruling-could-impact-hundreds-of-visa-decisions-since-2016/8jf6fk9fx>

Ok folks  
That's all for this month, stay safe  
See you all on Monday 15th May 2023.



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