



Tasmanian
Government

VISA OVERVIEW

REGIONAL SPONSORED MIGRATION SCHEME

PERMANENT RESIDENCY

Under the Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS), Tasmanian employers can sponsor skilled workers who are currently overseas or temporarily residing in Australia. Employers must offer a minimum of two years employment.

Applicants must be able to meet the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) basic requirements outlined at www.immi.gov.au.

The process to sponsor a worker and for them to gain a visa consists of three distinct stages.

1. Position certification by the Regional Certifying Body (RCB)
 - a. When assessing the position, the RCB:
 - i. Verifies that the employer is actively and lawfully operating in Tasmania;
 - ii. Examines if the position is a genuine full time vacancy, necessary for the operations of the business, that cannot be filled from the local labour market and will not displace any person from the local labour market;
 - iii. Examines if the business would be able to ensure the position provides full-time employment for at least two years once the RSMS visa has been granted; and
 - iv. Examines if the position requires qualifications equivalent to at least the Australian diploma level (this includes trade certificates) and the tasks/duties match the relevant ANZSCO description
 - b. For a list of information to include for certification, view the employer checklist at www.migration.tas.gov.au/forms.
 - c. Once certified, the RCB will return all submitted documents to you.
2. Certified documents submitted to DIAC
 - a. All the documents returned to you after RCB certification are to be lodged with DIAC for approval. Also include any additional information they request.
3. Visa application submitted to DIAC
 - a. The visa applicant can now lodge their completed visa application with DIAC.

It is vital that position nominations are certified by the RCB before any paperwork is lodged with DIAC.

Steps two and three can be conducted simultaneously to speed up the process. If you are nominating a position without having found a skilled worker to fill it, the nomination is valid for visa applications lodged within six (6) months.