

TASMANIAN SKILLED MIGRATION STATE NOMINATION PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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General questions - Before registering interest or applying for nomination

How do I apply? Where is the Application Gateway?

- The Application Gateway is expected to open to registrations of interests from all eligible candidates in October 2022.
- In the interim, candidates who meet the minimum requirements for one of the nominations pathways AND have at least one gold or green priority attribute can register their interest in nomination.
- More information about the interim program can be found [HERE](#).

I meet all the minimum nomination requirements. Does that mean I will be nominated?

- No, meeting the minimum requirements does **not** guarantee that you will be offered Tasmanian nomination.
- Meeting the minimum nomination requirements only allows you to register your interest in nomination in the Migration Tasmania Gateway.
- Applicants will also need to demonstrate that they have Priority Attributes relevant to a particular nomination pathway.
- The Migration Tasmania Gateway will rank you according to the information provided in the registration of interest and the Priority Attributes you hold.
- The most competitive applicants will be invited to lodge an application for nomination.

I have been invited to apply for nomination. Does this mean I will be nominated?

- If the information you provided is true and correct, and you can provide information and documents with your application to demonstrate this, you can be confident that your application will be approved.

How do I get a Skills Assessment?

- Information about Skills Assessments is available on the Department of Home Affairs website: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/working-in-australia/skills-assessment>

Can I lodge multiple registrations of interest?

- You only need to register once and if you are invited to apply for nomination you will be considered against the requirements of all pathways.
- If you are not invited to apply for nomination and your registration expires, you may register again.

I don't meet the nomination requirements. Can I still be nominated?

- No, you must be able to meet the minimum requirements for nomination.

Does my occupation need to be on the Tasmanian Onshore Skilled Occupation List (TOSOL) to be eligible for nomination?

- While your occupation does not need to be on the TOSOL to be eligible under the program all applicants must nominate an occupation listed on the Department of Home Affairs [list of eligible skilled occupations](#).
- The TOSOL is used to determine eligibility for subclass 190 nomination in the Tasmanian Skilled Employment nomination pathway and to prioritise registrations of interest in the Migration Tasmania Gateway.

I have a skills assessment for General Accountant, and I am running my own business / bookkeeping for my employer. Is this activity related to my skills assessment?

- No. You would need to be *employed* in an accounting / finance related role.
- Note that after running a business for two years you may be eligible for nomination in the subclass 190 Tasmanian Established Resident pathway.

Do the caveats and notes on the Tasmanian Onshore Skilled Occupation List (TOSOL) apply to all pathways?

- Yes, but if you do not meet the requirements specified in caveats or notes you may still be eligible for subclass 491 nomination in the Tasmanian Skilled Employment pathway.
- For other pathways you will not gain additional priority attributes that require a link between skills assessment and work. For example, a graduate who has a skills assessment and works as an Accountant may still meet the minimum requirements for nomination, but if the caveat is not met in relation to their employment, they will not gain additional competitive weight for that work.

What is the difference between “Employment related to skills assessment” and “employment in the same industry as skills assessment”?

- Some priority attributes refer to employment that is directly related to your skills assessment, whereas others may recognise post graduate employment in the same industry.
- For employment to be related to your skills assessment, the role must be consistent with ANZSCO Skill Levels 1-3 and be in the same four-digit group as the skills assessment. A candidate with a skills assessment for Analyst Programmer (261311) could work in any of the occupations included the 2613 Software and Applications Programmers group, such as Cyber Security Engineer (261315) or Software Engineer (261313).
- Where the employment or business is required to be in the same industry as the skills assessment or study area (but not directly related), as a general guide this should be within a related [Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification \(ANZSIC\) Division or Class](#), as long as the ANZSIC description of that industry includes activities that are relevant to the candidate’s study or skills assessed occupation.
- For example, an Accountant could be working in any activity listed in [Class 6932 Accounting Services](#), such as accounting , auditing, bookkeeping or tax agents services, or they could be working in an industry in [Division K – Financial and Insurance Services](#), such as Banking, Financial Asset Investing or General Insurance, .

My spouse / dependent family are not living in Tasmania. Can we be nominated?

- If you are currently living in Tasmania, your dependent family members may be living overseas but must not be living in another part of Australia.
- If your family are living with you in in Tasmania after relocating from another state or territory, they must have moved to Tasmania at least 3 months before you apply for nomination.
- Priority attributes are awarded where dependants have been living in Tasmania for more than 6 months before registering interest in Tasmanian nomination. This may make you more competitive for a limited number of nomination places.

The requirements say I must be living in Tasmania / intend to continue living in Tasmania. Are short holidays okay?

- Yes, short visits or holidays that do not involve a long-term residential address are not considered “living in another state or territory”.
- However, numerous regular visits to the same location may cast doubt on your intention to settle in Tasmania, especially if the visits are to your previous place of residence.
- If your skilled visa has already been granted you should contact the Department of Affairs if you are unsure of your visa conditions.

I have questions about the priority attributes

Do I need to meet all of the priority attributes to be nominated?

- No, you don't have to meet the priority attributes for your pathway.
- You must meet the minimum nomination requirements for your chosen pathway to register your interest and be considered for nomination.
- The priority attributes for each pathway are not required, but they will make you more competitive for a limited number of nominations.
- The more of the attributes you have, the better your chances of nomination and the sooner you may be invited to apply for nomination.

Some priority attributes reward earnings of above the Australian average. Where can I find information on Australian earnings?

- The [Australian Bureau of Statistics](#) regularly publishes and updates this information.

I have been working for 3 months in a role listed on the “Critical Roles” list and this meets the gold priority attribute. Does this mean I will be eligible for subclass 190 nomination?

- No. You must meet the minimum eligibility requirements for your pathway. Having the gold attribute will, however, allow you to lodge an application for nomination without waiting for an invitation.

I have been working in a skilled role (ANZSCO 1-3) for 3 months but for under 20 hours per week. Does this meet the green or gold priority attributes?

- No, employment must average at least 20 hours per week to qualify for the gold and green priority attributes.
- Employment can be a minimum 9 hours per week to qualify for orange priority attributes.

I have been working in a lower skilled role (ANZSCO 4-5) related to my skills assessment or Tasmania study. Does this meet the gold and green priority attributes?

- No, all employment must be skilled (ANZSCO 1-3) to qualify for the gold or green priority attributes. ANZSCO 4 or 5 employment will qualify for orange priority attributes.
- For example, a Diploma of Logistics graduate working as warehouse pick-packer would meet the orange priority attribute “Employed in Tasmania for at least the last 6 weeks in the same industry as your skills assessment or Tasmanian study”. However, it would not qualify for green or gold priority attributes.

I don't have any of the priority attributes. Am I eligible for nomination?

- Yes, you can register your interest in nomination if you meet the minimum nomination requirements for your chosen pathway.
- However, if you do not have any priority attributes, you will only be invited to apply for nomination if there are enough places available. The candidates with the largest number of priority attributes will be invited first.

I want to apply for nomination in Tasmanian Skilled Graduate Pathway

Can I combine two or more courses to make up the study requirement?

- If you are a graduate enrolled in number of courses packaged together, this may be acceptable. Enrolment in all courses must have occurred at the same time as issuing of Confirmations of Enrolment. There must be no break between courses other than standard term breaks. There must also be a genuine progression between all courses in the package.
- An example may be a Graduate Certificate in Public Policy followed by a Graduate Diploma in Public Policy, or Certificate III followed by Certificate IV in Commercial Cookery.
- It would not meet the requirement where a graduate completed and graduated from a Diploma of Leadership and Management, then separately enrolled in and completed an Advanced Diploma of Leadership and Management.
- Note that graduates who have lived in Tasmania for 3 years may be eligible for subclass 190 nomination in the Tasmanian Established Resident Pathway.

I have already completed my study. Do the current requirements apply to me?

- Yes. The published requirements apply to all registrations and applications for nomination made after 30 June 2022.
- Some candidates may be eligible for either subclass 491 or 190 nomination in the Tasmanian Established Resident pathways after living in Tasmania for 2 years.

One of the green attributes in the Tasmanian Skilled Graduate pathway asks for "3 months employment in field of study". Can this be lower skilled employment (ANZSCO Skill Level 4 or 5)?

- No, the employment must be in an ANZSCO 1-3 role to meet the green priority attribute.
- Lower skilled roles may meet the orange attribute requirements of work in the same industry as Tasmanian study and related to qualification.

Can I complete my course in less than 2 years and still be eligible for subclass 190?

- No, to be eligible for subclass 190 nomination in the Tasmanian Skilled Graduate pathway you must have lived and studied in Tasmania for at least two years.
- Your study must have been full-time and on campus.
- You may be eligible for subclass 190 nomination in the Tasmanian Skilled Employment pathway if you have a skills assessment for an occupation on the Tasmanian Onshore Skilled Occupation List and have worked in a directly related role for at least the last 6 months.

What is full-time on-campus study?

- This is study that is at least 75 per cent of a 100 per cent full time study load in each semester. It does not include online or distance education. VET courses must involve at least 15 scheduled contact hours per week unless otherwise specified by the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA).
- Contact hour delivery may be small group tutorials as long as it meets the minimum hours required of the course.

My college moved to online study during the COVID-19 emergency period. Will that study be accepted?

- If your course was registered for on campus delivery but moved to online delivery as result of COVID-19 health directions it will be accepted.
- However, online study completed after 31 July 2022 will not be recognised unless it was due to a Tasmanian Government health direction or the need to isolate as a result of a positive COVID-19 test or close contact notification, or due to a serious medical condition requiring a medical exemption. You will need to supply supporting evidence of this with your application.
- Classes may be tutorial based but must meet the full-time requirement (generally 20 hours per week).

I graduated 6 years ago and moved interstate for work experience. I have now moved back to Tasmania. Am I eligible for nomination?

- If you have spent a large period of time since graduation in another state or territory it may be difficult for you to demonstrate your genuine intention to live, work and contribute to Tasmania in the long term.
- In this case, you will have to show that you have a strong incentive to stay through personal, employment or other long-term commitments.

Can I provide a “Verification of Enrolment” instead of a “Confirmation of Enrolment”?

- A “Confirmation of Enrolment” is required for all courses of study which were enrolled in after 30 July 2022.

I have completed 2 years of my PhD in Tasmania. What evidence do I need to provide?

- You must provide evidence of your PhD enrolment, as well other information including:
 - confirmation from your university that you completed two years of your PhD
 - communication related to your PhD research
 - scholarship/stipend evidence
 - bank statements showing receipt of your stipend/scholarship funds.

I am currently studying in Tasmania. Can I go on a holiday interstate or overseas?

- Yes, short periods of holiday travel during study breaks are acceptable.
- Travel during semesters or extended periods outside Tasmania will need to be explained and supported with evidence as would any travel at times of known COVID-19 lockdowns or border closures.

I want to apply for nomination as a business owner.

How can I prove that my business is providing me with an income likely to meet the income requirement?

- You can provide evidence showing that you are drawing a wage from the business. This could include payslips, BAS and Profit and Loss statements as evidence. If you are not drawing a wage from the business, your profit margin would need to be enough to meet the requirement.

I am running a business in partnership with two others. Am I eligible for nomination?

- No, unless jointly owned with your spouse businesses operating in partnership are not eligible to meet the minimum requirements in the Tasmanian Business Operator or Tasmanian Established Resident pathways.
- If you enter into an employment relationship with the business you may be eligible through the Tasmanian Skilled Employment of Tasmanian Skilled Graduate pathways.

I want to apply for nomination in the Tasmanian Skilled Employment pathway.

Some occupations on the Tasmanian Onshore Skilled Occupation List (TOSOL) say a skills assessment is not available for this occupation, does this mean I don't need a skills assessment to be nominated if I am working in that role?

- No, all applicants must have a skills assessment for a subclass 190 visa eligible occupation to be nominated for subclass 190 Skilled Nominated visa. Details of these occupations can be found on the Department of Home Affairs [website](#).
- In addition, to be nominated for a subclass 190 visa through the Tasmanian Skilled Employment pathway, you must have a skills assessment for an occupation listed on the current TOSOL *and* be working either in that role or another within the same four-digit ANZSCO group.
- For example, an applicant who holds a skills assessment for “342411 Cabler” may be working in any role in the 3424 Telecommunications Trades Workers group, such as “342414 Telecommunications Technician” to meet the subclass 190 nomination requirement, even though there is no skills assessment for that particular role. They must however have a skills assessment for one of the occupations in that same group.

I have a student visa and can only work 20 hours per fortnight. Is part-time work acceptable?

- Yes, the minimum requirement for the Tasmanian Skilled Employment pathway is 20 hours work per week regardless of current visa.

Can I still be nominated if I have worked for 12 months for an average 10 hours per week?

- No, your employment must have averaged at least 20 hours per week over a 6-month period (or three months if applying for subclass 491 nomination and you have a TOSOL-listed occupation and employment role).
- If you apply for nomination in the Tasmanian Skilled Graduate pathway employment of at least 9 hours per week will be recognised in relation to meeting priority attributes for that pathway.

My visa expires soon. Can you waive the six-month work requirement?

- No, applicants must meet the minimum requirements for nomination.
- You may be eligible for subclass 491 nomination after working for three months if you have a skills assessment and related work included in the Tasmanian Onshore Skilled Occupation List.

Can I run my own business and employ myself to be nominated in the Tasmanian Skilled Employment (TSE) pathway?

- Yes, if you have a skills assessment related to your business, you may be eligible in the TSE pathway after 12 months of business operation.

- If your skills assessment is not related to your business, and you are not operating as a subcontractor, you may qualify for the Tasmanian Business Operator pathway.

I have a skills assessment for Chef but a Certificate III/IV Commercial Cookery gained through recognition of prior learning. Is this a problem?

- No, while we do not recognise qualifications gained through online courses or Recognition of Prior Learning, your Chef skills assessment would meet the nomination requirement.

I am working in a ANZSCO 4-5 role. Do I have to complete a Certificate III?

- For ANZSCO 4-5 roles, you must have either a Certificate III qualification related to your role or at least 12 months experience. For example, if you have worked for 12 months as an aged and individual support worker, delivery driver housekeeping attendant or dairy cattle farm worker, you will meet this minimum requirement without having a Certificate III.

I want to apply for nomination in the Tasmanian Established Resident pathway

I have been living in Tasmania for 4 years have worked in an ANZSCO skill level 4 job for 12 months, and a skill level 3 job for 6 months. Am I eligible for the Tasmanian Established Resident pathway?

- Yes, for subclass 190 nomination eligibility you may have been employed at any ANZSCO Skill Level for at least 18 months in the past 3 years, or 12 out of 18 months for subclass 491.

I am living overseas

The requirements say I must not have lived in another state or territory outside Tasmania in the last 12 months. Last year I had a short holiday in Queensland. Am I still eligible?

- You may be eligible. Short visits that do not involve a long-term residential address are not considered “living in another state or territory”.

I am currently visiting Australia temporarily / was in Australia temporarily last year on a non-resident visa. Can I still apply for nomination in the overseas applicant pathways?

- Yes, if you are/were only a short-term visitor and your visa does/did not allow employment you may register interest if you meet the other minimum nomination requirements. We may ask you for more information to show that you have not been living and working in Australia.

I have created an EOI in SkillSelect. When will you contact me?

- There is no guarantee that you will be contacted and / or invited to apply for nomination.
- We periodically screen EOIs in SkillSelect and will contact only those who most closely fit the skills needs profiles outlined in the Overseas Skilled Occupation Profiles.

I have registered my interest in the Migration Tasmanian Gateway

Where does my registration of interest rank in the Gateway queue and when will I be invited to apply for nomination? Can you prioritise my case?

- When you register in the Gateway, depending upon your priority attributes you have, you will be given a Gold, Green or Orange Pass, which will indicate your priority status. If you receive a Gold Pass you will immediately be able to apply for nomination. If you receive a Green Pass you will be invited to apply within the next 6 weeks. If you are given an Orange Pass you may be invited to apply for nomination within the next 6 months, depending upon the volume of interest we have received and how many of the priority attributes you have. If you are not invited to apply within 6 months your registration will expire and you will need to complete a new registration in the gateway to be considered for a nomination invitation
- We will not provide further information about your Gateway ranking or the likelihood of receiving an invitation.

My visa is about to expire. Can you prioritise my case?

- No, we will not prioritise based on personal circumstances. This includes imminent visa, skills assessment or language test expiry dates or critical birthdays which may affect your score on the Department of Home Affairs skilled migration points test.
- You can explore additional visa options by contacting the Department of Home Affairs and/or a registered migration agent or lawyer.

My circumstances have changed. How can I update my ROI?

- You can only have 1 active ROI at any time.

- If you want to change anything on your ROI, you will need to log in to the gateway and withdraw this ROI and then create a new ROI including the new information. This will not change the time you can expect to wait for an invitation.

I have been invited to apply for nomination / I have applied for nomination

When will my nomination application be processed?

- Your application for state nomination and application for a visa are two separate processes.
- The Tasmanian Government assesses your application for state nomination and the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs assesses your visa application.
- Applications for nomination are processed in order of lodgement. We aim to process all applications for nomination within 6 weeks of lodgement.
- Current processing times for Tasmanian nomination are in the Latest News section of the [Migration Tasmania](#) website.
- Processing times can be affected by the completeness of your application. To avoid delays you should provide all required information when you lodge your application. Other factors that impact on processing times include changes in application volumes, seasonal peaks, and complex cases.
- Visa processing timeframes are posted on the Department of Home Affairs website for both [subclass 190](#) and [subclass 491](#).

My circumstances have changed. How can I update my details?

- After you apply for nomination you can update your application at any time before the application is assigned to a case officer for processing by logging in to your Migration Tasmania Application Gateway account.
- After your case has been assigned you can send new information and documents to Migration Tasmania by email to skilled@migration.tas.gov.au

My nomination application has been decided

My nomination has been approved. When will I get my visa?

- Your application for state nomination and application for the visa are two separate processes. The Tasmanian Government assesses your application for state nomination and the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs assesses your visa application.
- The Department of Home Affairs publishes current visa processing times on its [website](#).

I have a subclass 489 / 491 visa but now I meet the subclass 190 nomination requirements. Can I be nominated again?

- No, we do not offer multiple nominations. If you have a subclass 489 or 491 visa and wish to become a permanent resident your options are through the subclass 887/191 visa pathways.

I made an error calculating my points on the EOI. If I update my EOI, will you nominate me again?

- Every nomination place comes from the limited quota of nomination places allocated by the Department of Home Affairs, even if it is for the same person. A renomination will use up another place, even if you have not accepted your application to lodge a visa application.
- You may wish to contact us if there has been an error made on your EOI, however:
 - While we endeavour to accommodate applicants with this, we are under no obligation to re-nominate.
 - It is the responsibility of you and your agent to ensure all application details are true and correct prior to lodgement.

Can I move to another state?

- Yes, but as a Tasmanian nominee you agreed to make reasonable efforts to work and live in Tasmania for at least 2 years after your nomination was approved, or after you arrived in Tasmania if your nomination was approved when you were overseas. However, any decision to move interstate is yours.
- We do not provide waiver or release letters and cannot enter discussions about your request to move interstate.
- The Tasmanian Government is not permitted to provide migration advice or an indication of your future visa or Australian Citizenship pathways.
- Please contact the Department of Home Affairs, a migration agent or a registered lawyer if you need further information in relation to your visa conditions.

I was nominated 3 months ago, but I haven't applied for my visa / my visa was refused. Can I be nominated again?

- You have sixty days to apply for your visa from the time you receive your invitation from SkillSelect.
- If your visa application was refused or you did not lodge a visa application within the sixty day timeframe and you would like to be nominated again, you will need to register again in the Migration Tasmania Gateway. If invited to apply for nomination you will need to explain why you were unable to lodge your visa application / or why your visa was refused.
- We cannot guarantee that we will provide a further nomination.

My nomination has been refused but I disagree with my nomination decision. Can I ask for a review of the decision?

- If your application for Tasmanian nomination is refused, we will tell you why you were unsuccessful. You can ask us to reconsider this decision if a substantial error was made by the case officer.

- We will not review a decision where an applicant did not provide adequate information or provided incorrect information on the application.
- We also will not review a decision considering new information that was not provided in the original application or before the application was decided.
- A request for reconsideration must be in writing, explaining why you believe the decision is wrong. Remember, you cannot provide any new documents to support your request.
- If we agree to reconsider the decision, we will only re-assess the original documents attached to the application.
- If you have new information or documents that were not included in the original application, you may lodge a new registration of interest for state nomination in the Migration Tasmania Gateway. However, you would be unlikely to be offered nomination if you are unable to address the reasons your nomination was not approved.

I have other questions

How can I report fraud?

- We take allegations of fraud seriously.
- To help us investigate please email skilled@migration.tas.gov.au and provide as much information as possible, including the name and date of birth of the person involved.
- Please note that due to privacy considerations we cannot provide details or outcomes of our investigations.
- If reporting an alleged fraud, your name or identifying information will not be released or provided to the person against who you make n allegation.

My visa is about to expire. What should I do?

- If your visa is about to expire and you may be at risk of becoming unlawful in Australia, please contact the Department of Home Affairs and/or a registered migration agent as soon as possible to resolve any potential issues with your immigration status: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/visa-about-to-expire>