



## Purpose

From 1 July 2017, the Tasmanian Government will begin introducing some changes to our skilled visa nomination program. These changes are designed to make sure that skilled migrants coming to Tasmania have a commitment to remain in the state, and that they are filling genuine skills shortages for industry.

## What is changing?

From 1 July 2017:

- **New Category for overseas applicants (489 visa only):** A new Category for the Skilled Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 489) has been introduced for Tasmanian Government state nomination. Overseas (offshore) applicants will be eligible to apply under this new Category.
- **Changes to eligibility for 'Category 3 – Family in Tasmania':** Applicants with eligible family members residing in Tasmania will only be eligible for Skilled Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 489) nomination.

From 1 August 2017:

- **Labour market testing for 'Category 2 – Job Offer' (489 visa only):** For Skilled Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 489) nomination, employer offering employment for a position at ANZSCO skill level 4 or below will need to provide evidence of genuine attempts to recruit workers from the domestic labour market.

From 1 October 2017:

- **Three months prior employment requirement for 'Category 2 – Job Offer' (BOTH 190 and 489 visas):** Onshore applicants with employment in Tasmania will only be eligible for nomination if they have been working in Tasmania for 3 months prior to lodging their application for state nomination.

From 1 January 2018:

- **Two year study requirement (190 visa only):** Applicants will need to have completed two years of study at a CRICOS-registered Tasmanian tertiary institution instead of one year.
- Please refer to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) [Australian study requirement](#) as to what constitutes two years of study. If the applicant is claiming regional study points with DIBP, they would meet the two year study requirement.
- One year study requirement remains in place for provisional visa nomination (**489 visa**).

## Who is affected?

Current international students who have commenced an eligible course in a CRICOS registered Tasmanian tertiary institution before 31 July 2017 will **NOT** be affected by the changes to the Tasmanian Graduate Category (190 visa). If enrolled prior to 31 July 2017, requirements introduced on 1 January 2018 will not be applicable and the following requirements need to be met in order to be eligible for 190 visa nomination:

- completed and graduated from a [CRICOS registered tertiary institution in Tasmania](#). The course undertaken:
  - must be either a degree (a bachelor or any higher degree), a diploma, an advanced diploma, or a trade qualification (minimum Cert III level for a skilled occupation in Major Group 3 in [ANZSCO](#))
  - must have a minimum duration of one academic year (40 weeks)
  - must be full time and on site in Tasmania.
- currently in Tasmania and lived in the state for at least 12 months during your period of study (evidence needs to be provided);

All other applications will be assessed in accordance with Tasmania's nomination requirements at the time of lodgement. Applicants who have lodged their applications for state nomination before the listed dates for changes will not be affected.

It is important that applicants ensure their applications take into account these dates and contain the correct and appropriate information.

## More Information

For more information on the changes to state nomination requirements, please refer to the relevant visa subclass on the [Migration Tasmania website](#). For enquiries, please contact [skilled@migration.tas.gov.au](mailto:skilled@migration.tas.gov.au)