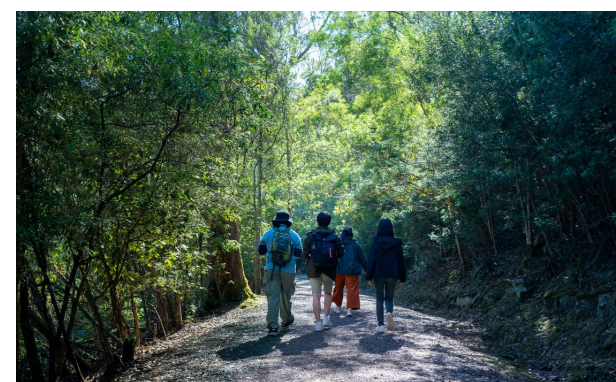
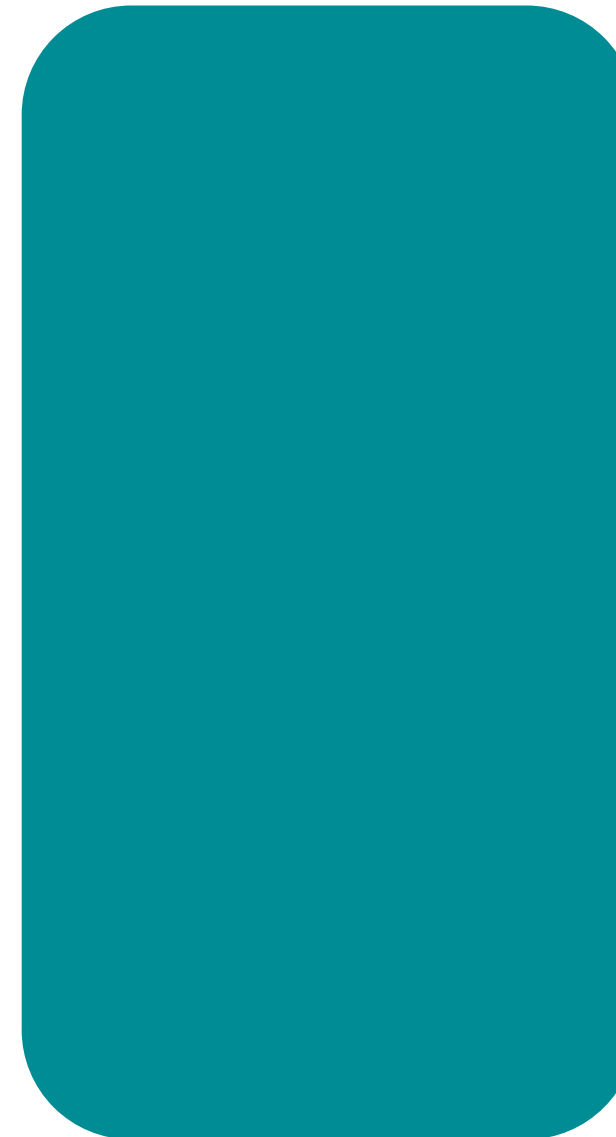


Migration Tasmania

Webinar - 13 August 2026

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Today's Topics

- Nomination allocations
- Why does Tasmania have a State Nomination Program?
- Who do we select and why have we made changes?
- Key changes for 2026 -27 program year
- Priority attribute changes
- Withdrawing nomination
- Overseas applicants
- Audience questions



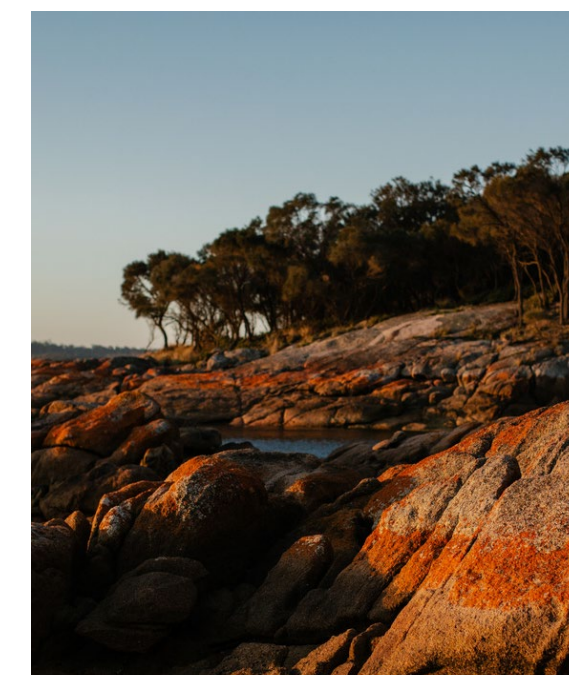
Nomination Allocation

- Total of 2,050 places available, comprising:
 - 1,250 nomination places for subclass 190
 - 800 nomination places for subclass 491
- Weekly invitations to commence on Thursday 20 August 2026
 - Christmas break will interrupt the weekly invitations
 - Invitations will cease on or around 27 May 2027
 - Aiming to invite around 37 ROIs each week for subclass 190
 - Around 26 ROIs each week for subclass 491
- “Processing Times” web news item will be updated weekly once invitations commence and will include a three-monthly average of lowest ROI score required for nomination at time of assessment



Why does Tasmania have a State Nomination Program?

- Tasmania has an aging population, and a shrinking workforce, with associated major skills shortages
- The State Nomination Program seeks to attract and retain people who can address these problems
- Not simply population growth
- We want people who choose Tasmania, build careers here, establish community connections, and strengthen the state over the long term
- People who see Tasmania as more than just a pathway to Australian PR
- People who are likely to develop enduring ties to the state, wherever their career takes them



Who do we select?

- Selection framework prioritises those who have demonstrated a contribution to Tasmania and are connected to the workforce or who are very likely to
- Key priorities
 - Length of residence in Tasmania
 - Length and stability of employment
 - Employment aligned with skills, qualifications and career background
 - Skills in critical workforce areas, such as health and education
 - Higher-skilled and higher-paid employment, associated with stronger long-term workforce participation and incentive to stay



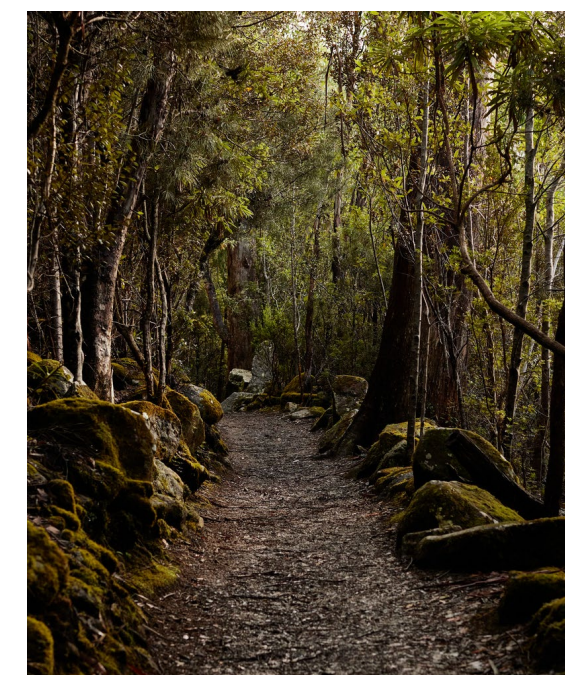
Why have we made changes?

- Changes are minor – no change to principles
- Better aligning actual selection with program aims
- Better prioritise Tasmanian graduates and longer term established residents who have already invested in Tasmania compared to more recent arrivals
- Addressing loopholes – choosing study or work to find the quickest, easiest migration pathway
- Prioritising people who have chosen Tasmania and demonstrated a genuine commitment to (and likelihood of) building their future and careers here
- Changes are summarised on our website (Program Opening news item)



Key Changes - Leave from work

- Paid leave taken outside of Tasmania can be counted as employment experience, if you have worked and lived in Tasmania for at least six months
- Unpaid leave (including unpaid maternity leave) will not be counted as work experience
- This time of unpaid leave must be added to the total time you need to qualify
- Gaps between jobs do not count toward qualifying time and must be added to the total qualifying period, up to a maximum of three months



Key Changes – Massage Therapists

- From 1 December 2026, massage therapy work will only be recognised if it is undertaken in a hospital, aged care, disability or allied health setting
- The 2025 -26 settings will apply to Massage Therapists until end of Nov
- After 1 December 2026, previous experience in massage therapy will be recognised if the applicant is working in one of these settings at time of application
- Whilst Massage Therapists working outside these settings may no longer be eligible for a Green priority attribute, they are not excluded from the program



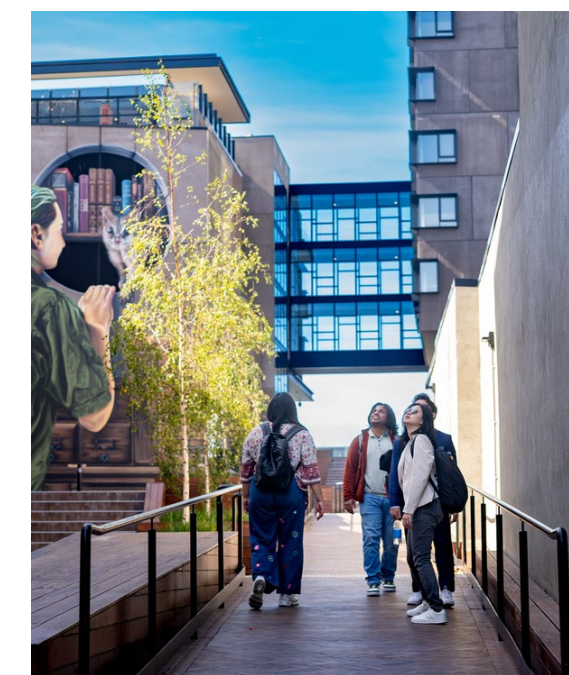
Key Changes – Massage Therapists

- Not an exclusion – just reduces priority for massage therapists who do not work in health settings
- Can still choose other priority attributes such as
 - Salary level – higher salary = higher points
 - Length of employment (job not related to skills assessment or study)
 - Length of residence in Tasmania
 - Prior work experience in same industry
- Realistically a massage therapist who has lived and worked in Tasmania for 18 months could score anywhere between 20 and 60 points depending upon the nomination pathway, their income level and previous experience



Key Changes – Motor Mechanics

- From 1 December 2026, employment as a motor mechanic will only be recognised as related to skills assessment or study if employer's main business is repairing vehicles
- Will not be recognised if business also buys and sells used cars unless it is an authorized dealer for a recognised vehicle manufacturer
- Service Technician roles will not be accepted as matching ANZSCO Group 321 (which includes Motor Mechanic (General)). Employer must be an authorised dealer
- If not routinely performing diagnosis and repair, role is Service Technician
- The 2025 -26 settings will apply to mechanics until end of November



Priority Attributes - General Changes

- Priority income level refers to pay or salary of at least \$57,000 per year or \$28.85 per hour
- Some priority attributes include *Do not select if...* to help prevent mis-claiming of mutually exclusive salary or experience level attributes
- Base salary/hourly pay level attributes updated
 - Annual average earnings - \$106,600 per year or \$53.95 per hour
 - TSMIT/CSIT - \$79,423 per year or \$40.19 per hour
 - 90 per cent of TSMIT/CSIT - \$71,480 per year or \$36.17 per hour
- If your ROI scores more points now than with new priority attributes, all ROIs valid for six months and can stay in the Gateway – no need to withdraw old ROI



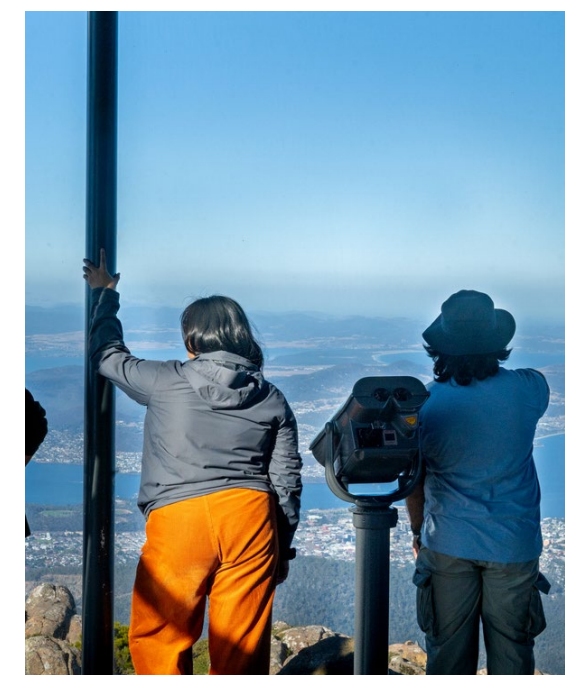
Priority Attributes - General Changes

- TSG: additional Orange -plus attributes for employment related to study (if earnings above priority income level)
 - 9-12 months = 50 for subclass 190 / 45 for subclass 491
 - 12-18 months = 75 / 70
 - 18+ months = 100/95
- Slight increase in points for earnings above TSMIT/CSIT / 90 percent of TSMIT/CSIT
- TSE – increase in points awarded for 9 -12 months experience related to skills assessments, reduced those for current and prior industry experience (remove distortion – claiming multiple attributes)



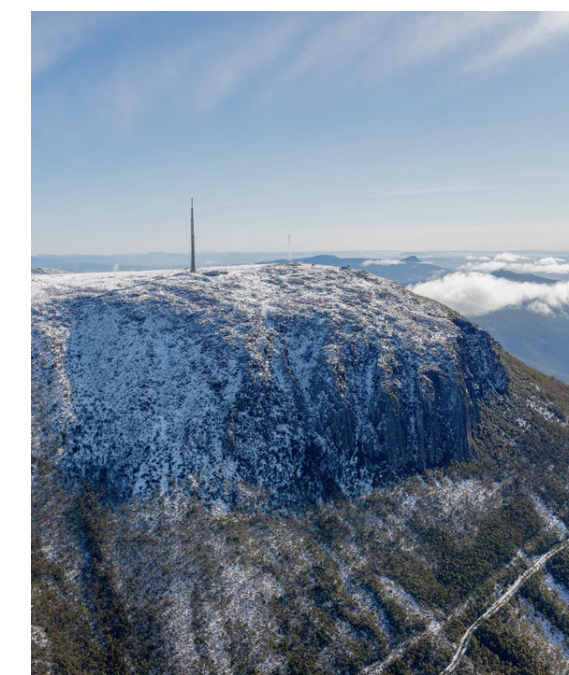
Priority Attributes – TSE Gold Pass changes

- Gold Pass provides an accelerated pathway - applicants with a demonstrated commitment to Tasmania or a clear, predictable incentive to remain living and working here long term
- Secure, regular work – not for variable hours across multiple jobs
- Tasmanian Skilled Employment (TSE) pathway Gold PA – change to a minimum (and not average) of 30 hours of work each week from one employer
- One exception – regular fortnightly roster pattern (in one job) that equals at least 60 hours
- Cannot combine multiple jobs to meet hours
- No change in TSG or TER pathways – still 20 hours per week (9 hours during study time for TSG)



Priority Attributes – TSE Gold Pass changes

- If the current employment is under the 30 hour / one employer requirement it can still be counted towards the Green and Orange attributes
- Health care professionals on a Student visa or work less than 30 hours each week can still be competitive, e.g.;
 - After nine months of employment, may claim employment matching skills assessment for 25 points (30 points after 12 months)
 - If base salary over \$36.17 per hour, could also claim at least another 10 points (15 points if over \$40.19 per hour, 40 points if over \$53.95 per hour)



Priority Attributes – Have only lived in Tas

- Both Tasmanian Skilled Graduate (TSG) and Tasmanian Established Resident (TER) pathways score 15 points for candidates that have only lived, studied or worked in Tasmania
- Recognises stronger demonstrated commitment to the state and greater likelihood of long-term settlement and workforce participation
- On its own not enough for an invitation, but with other attributes (such as duration of work, higher income), will give a big edge
- Graduate who has lived in Tasmania for the last four years, is working in an entry level role could claim at least 30 points depending upon salary and relationship to skills assessment or study



Withdrawing nomination

- Every year we withdraw nominations
- Program is designed to support people pursuing genuine careers and settlement in Tasmania. We do not want people selecting courses or jobs purely because they believe they may lead to nomination.
- Short-term work in an industry with no genuine intention of continuing in that field delivers limited benefit to Tasmania. Disadvantages applicants who are genuinely building their careers. Questions if leave role soon after nomination.
- We conduct post -nomination checks throughout the year. We look closely at situations where people have left the role they were working in at the time they applied for nomination.
- If we have been given false information about employment or intentions, we may withdraw nomination. This can lead to Home Affairs refusing an application.



Overseas Applicants

- Subclass 491 Overseas Skilled Occupation Profile (OSOP) pathway will not be invited this year
- Ministerial Direction 119 determines that Home Affairs will prioritise visa processing for applicants in Australia
 - Offshore applications will not be prioritised
 - Current processing timeframes for 491 – 90 per cent processed in 18 months
- Offshore health and teaching professionals who secure employment in their field of skills assessment are still eligible for subclass 190 nomination in Overseas Applicant – Health or Education Sector Job Offer Pathway



Audience Questions



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