

Employer Sponsored Visas

Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme Visa - SC187

The SC187 is part of the Permanent Employer Sponsored Visa program, which allows skilled workers to permanently reside and work in Regional Australia. 'Regional Australia' includes low population growth areas of Australia, AND does not include the major centres like Gold Coast, Brisbane, Newcastle, Sydney, Wollongong or Melbourne.

You can be inside or outside of Australia when you lodge the application and similar to SC186, if you are in Australia you must have a valid visa, or alternatively hold a bridging visa A, B, or C.

There are three ways (streams) to be granted a Subclass 187 Visa:

- Temporary Residence Transition Stream – for holders of a Temporary Work Visa (Subclass 457)
- Direct Entry Stream – for those who have the required skills and qualifications for the position they have been nominated for
- Agreement Stream – for people sponsored by an employer through a labour agreement.

RSMS - TEMPORARY RESIDENCE TRANSITION STREAM

This stream is for Subclass 457 visa holders who have worked for two years, while holding a subclass 457 visa, in the same occupation with their nominating employer who has lodged a valid nomination application for the visa applicant.

RSMS - DIRECT ENTRY STREAM

This stream is for people who have never, or only briefly, worked in the Australian labour market. If you are an overseas qualified tradesperson, you must obtain positive skills assessment from the relevant assessing body

RSMS – AGREEMENT STREAM

This stream is for people sponsored by an employer through a labour or regional migration agreement.

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The Temporary Residence Transition stream is for SC457 visa holders who have worked for two years and their employer wants to offer them a permanent position.

A SC187 visa through the Temporary Residence Transition Stream would suit you if:

- you hold a current SC 457 visa
- you are under 50 years of age
- you have vocational English
- you have worked for two years with your sponsoring employer through your SC457 visa
- you have been nominated by an approved Australian employer for a job in Regional Australia
- your sponsoring employer has nominated you for a permanent position within the 6 months prior to applying for the visa
- you hold all required registration, licence or professional membership necessary for your occupation
- you meet the health and character requirements of the Australian Government.

A SC187 visa through the Direct Entry Stream would suit you if:

- you are under 50 years of age
- you do not hold a Temporary Work (Skilled) Visa (Subclass 457)
- you have been nominated by your employer under the Direct Entry Stream to work in Regional Australia
- you are formally qualified in your occupation
- you hold all required registration, licence or professional membership/s necessary for your occupation
- your sponsoring employer has nominated you for a permanent position within the 6 months prior to applying for the visa
- you have worked for at least three years in your occupation

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- you have never worked in Australia (or have worked only very briefly in Australia)
- you are outside of Australia or you are a temporary resident who does not qualify for the Temporary Residence Transition Stream
- you have vocational English
- you meet the health and character requirements of the Australian Government.

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