

Skilled Migration Visas

Skilled Nominated or Sponsored (Provisional) Visa (SC489)

The SC489 is a points based visa for skilled workers. This visa allows you to live and work **temporarily** within a specific regional area in Australia.

There are two ways to be granted a SC489:

- **Invited Pathway** – which requires an Expression of Interest (EOI)
- **Extended Stay Pathway** – requires holding a provisional visa in SC496, 495, 487 or 475.

The Invited Pathway may suit you if:

- you do not meet the criteria for skilled permanent visa options
- you are under 50 years of age
- you have at least competent English
- your Expression of Interest (EOI) is accepted
- you are nominated by an Australian state or territory, or sponsored by an eligible relative living in a designated area in Australia
- you have the qualifications and skills required for an occupation on the Skilled Occupation List
- you achieve the score specified in your letter of invitation based on the factors in the points test
- you have an interest in future residency in Australia (Subclass 489 Visa is a pathway to permanent residence through the SC887)
- you wish to work and live in Australia for no more than 4 years
- you are prepared to work and live in a specific regional area
- you meet the health and character requirements of the Australian Government.

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The **Extended Stay Pathway** may suit you if:

- you do not meet the criteria for skilled permanent visa options
- you hold a provisional visa in Subclass 496, 495, 487 or 475
- you are under 50 years of age
- you have at least competent English
- you have the qualifications and skills required on the Skilled Occupation List
- you achieve the necessary score on the points test
- you have an interest in future residency in Australia (SC489 is a pathway to permanent residence through the SC887)
- you wish to work and live in Australia for no more than 4 years
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