

## Skilled Independent Visa (Subclass 189)(Points Tested)

### What is the 189 Visa?

The 189 visa is a points tested stream for skilled workers who are not sponsored by an employer, family member or nominated by a state or territory government. This visa allows you to live and work in Australia as a permanent resident.

### How long does the 189 Visa allow you to stay in Australia?

Permanently.

### What are the eligibility criteria?

To be eligible, applicants must:

- have a relevant occupation on the list of eligible skilled occupations
- have a suitable skills assessment for the occupation
- meet the points test pass mark of 65 points
- be under 45 years of age at the time of invitation
- have Competent English
- you must meet the Health requirement
- you must be of good character
- be invited by the Australian Government to apply.

### How do I find out if my occupation qualifies?

The list of eligible skilled occupations is updated frequently by the Australian Department of Home Affairs based on changes in the Australian labour market. The most up-to-date list can be found at [www.homeaffairs.gov.au](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au).

### Do I need a sponsor for this Visa?

This visa does not require sponsorship by an employer. The first step in applying for this visa is submitting an Expression of Interest (EOI) in which you have the opportunity to outline your eligibility criteria for consideration.

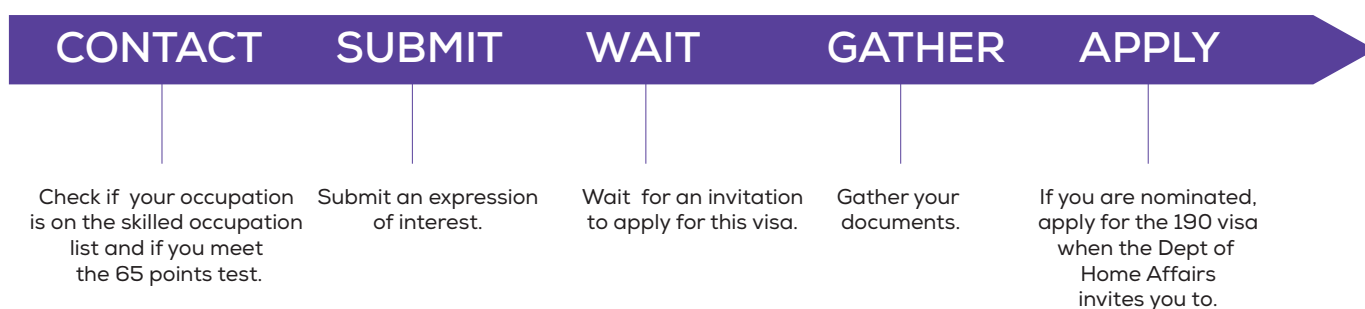
### How do I complete an Expression of Interest?

The Expression of Interest application is an important first step in securing a skilled visa in Australia. They are available online via SkillSelect and can also be submitted by a registered migration agent such as Four Points Immigration.

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### What is the application process?

There is a five stage process to applying for this visa.



### How can Four Points Immigration help?

The visa application process is difficult with applicants required to meet specific criteria to be considered for a 189 visa. We recommend that potential applicants speak with one of our registered migration agents to discuss their situation on 1300 474 674 or [info@fourpointsimmigration.com.au](mailto:info@fourpointsimmigration.com.au).