

### Sydney and New South Wales. Your future starts here.

Sydney is renowned for having the best quality of living standard of any major Australian city<sup>1</sup> and has been voted the 'world's friendliest city'<sup>2</sup>. Within Australia, New South Wales (NSW) is the largest state economy and home to 45% of the top 500 enterprises in the country<sup>3</sup>.

#### Skilled Nominated (Permanent) Visa (subclass 190)

The Skilled Nominated Visa (190 visa) is a permanent visa for points-tested skilled workers who are nominated by a state or territory government agency.

NSW Department of Industry nominates eligible highly skilled workers with occupational skills needed in the State to drive economic growth.

This visa is points-tested. Applicants who receive NSW nomination are awarded five additional points towards their overall points score.

NSW nominees must commit to live and work in NSW for at least their first two years in Australia while holding this visa.

The visa criteria and visa application processes are administered by the Australian Government Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP). NSW nominates eligible candidates to apply for the visa to DIBP. State nomination does not guarantee that the visa will be granted.

Candidates who are invited to apply for NSW nomination must:

- meet the NSW and DIBP requirements
- be suitably skilled in an occupation on the NSW Skilled Occupation List
- have been selected and invited to apply for NSW nomination
- provide evidence that supports their application.

Demand for NSW nominations is very high, usually exceeding the number of places available under the NSW 190 program. Due to the large volume, only selected candidates will be contacted and invited to apply. NSW does not provide status updates on individual EOIs.

<sup>1</sup> Mercer Quality of Living survey 2015  
<sup>2</sup> Conde Nast Traveler, August 2015  
<sup>3</sup> NSW Department of Industry

#### VISIT

- [industry.nsw.gov.au/migration](http://industry.nsw.gov.au/migration)
- [border.gov.au](http://border.gov.au)

#### NSW BUSINESS & SKILLED MIGRATION

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(10:00am -12.30pm AEST, Monday - Friday)
- [skilled.migration@industry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:skilled.migration@industry.nsw.gov.au)

#### 01 ASSESS YOUR ELIGIBILITY

- Research DIBP 190 visa requirements.
- Research NSW nomination requirements for this visa, including NSW eligible occupations.
- Apply for your skills assessment.
- Gather all required evidence that you will submit to support your application.

#### 02 LODGE EOI IN SKILLSELECT

- Register an EOI in SkillSelect, available on the DIBP website.
- Make sure the information in your EOI is correct and remains up-to-date. If you are invited, we will require you to prove the claims you have made in your EOI.
- Registering an EOI does not guarantee a NSW invitation. Only selected candidates are contacted.
- NSW does not provide status updates on individual EOIs

#### 03 INVITATION TO APPLY FOR NSW NOMINATION

- NSW Department of Industry selects and invites the highest ranking candidates in each occupation to apply for NSW nomination.
- NSW issues invitations on an ongoing basis. There is no time-frame to expect an invitation.
- The invitation contains a link to the NSW online application form.
- Invitations are not guaranteed and NSW does not provide status updates on individual EOIs

#### 04 SUBMIT NSW APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION

- If you are invited to apply, you must submit your NSW nomination application online within 14 days and pay the application fee.
- You will need to prove that the claims in your application, including points and occupation, match what was in your SkillSelect EOI when NSW invited you to apply.
- As a security measure, the link to the online form can only be opened a limited number of times.

#### 05 NSW NOMINATES SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS TO DIBP

- NSW assesses the application and nominates successful applicants to DIBP.
- NSW application processing can take up to 12 weeks.
- If NSW nominates you, you will receive an invitation via SkillSelect to apply for the 190 visa.
- Applicants nominated by NSW receive five additional points towards their visa application.

#### 06 SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR 190 VISA TO DIBP

- Apply for the visa using the 1393 Electronic application form. The link to this form is provided in the SkillSelect invitation.
- Submit the visa application within 60 days of being nominated by NSW.

#### 07 DIBP ADVISES OF OUTCOME OF THE VISA APPLICATION

- Your visa application will be assessed by DIBP.
- If your visa is granted:
  - Move to NSW and commence your two year commitment to live and work in the state.
  - Submit the 'NSW Skilled Nominee Information Update' form to update your contact details.
  - Participate in NSW Department of Industry surveys of Skilled Nominated Migrants.

Glossary:  
EOI: Expression of Interest  
DIBP: Department of Immigration and Border Protection, Australian Government

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