

August 2019 SkillSelect Shocker!

The August SkillSelect round results are out, and they are a bit of a shock! Only **100 (yes, one hundred)** subclass 189 visa invitations were sent out, with the vast majority of invites sent to those on 85 points. This is a massive 90% decrease in invitations for this round, and is likely to be disappointing news to a number of hopeful migrants.

In slightly better news, the Subclass 489 Skilled Regional (Provisional) family sponsored invitations remained at **100**, taking into account the upcoming visa closure. The lowest points required for applicants was 80 for an EOI lodged back in January 2019.

Pro-rata occupations:

Pro-rata occupations are classified as those for which there is more demand for places than there are places available.

11 August 2019 Invitation Rounds scores for pro-rata occupations are:

Occupation ID	Description	Minimum Points Score	Latest date of EOI
2211	Accountants	90	20/07/2019 8:54pm
2212	Auditors, Company Secretaries and Corporate Treasurers	85	11/03/2019 7:14pm
2334	Electronics Engineer	85	15/07/2019 2:50pm
2335	Industrial, Mechanical and Production Engineers	85	31/07/2019 3:21pm
2339	Other Engineering Professionals	90	07/08/2019 4:41pm
2611	ICT Business and System Analysts	85	30/07/2019 12:04pm
2613	Software and Applications Programmers	85	31/07/2019 7:57pm
2631	Computer Network Professionals	80*	14/07/2019 8:37pm

*Likely to be a typo, as the advised lowest score invited was 85

Our Advice

If obtaining additional points is not possible, applicants may need to consider going to a regional area once the new Subclass 491 Skilled Regional visas open in November.

State sponsorship for a 190 visa may be the best option for applicants already living and working in Australia. Only 65 points are required, though the individual States and Territories can have additional eligibility requirements such as higher English language skills or additional work experience.

As always, we encourage applicants to seek professional advice on your options. A Migration Agent can thoroughly assess your case and explore your visa options, so you are not left waiting for an invitation that is unlikely to come.

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