

Skill Select invitation round results for April 2019



Quota goes down, points score goes up

The April Skill Select invitation round information has just been released and the figures are surprising... and totally shocking!

The latest round saw invitations sent to a **meagre 100 subclass 189 visa applicants**, and the standard 10 Subclass 489 family sponsored applicants.

As we get closer to the end of June (and the Federal Election on 18 May) invitation quotas have dropped significantly in what appears to be a plan to manage the numbers of visas granted this financial year.

Point scores for non-pro rata occupations has increased:

The points score for non-pro rata 189 has jumped up to 80 points, with only a one month waiting time at this score.

No change to 489 Family Sponsored visas:

Invitations for this subclass remain at 10 per month, requiring a point score of 80. Wait times have crept up to around 5 months from lodgement of an EOI.

Pro-rata occupations:

Pro-rata occupations are classified as those for which there is more demand for places than there are places available. These occupations usually have a point score higher than the non-pro rata occupations.

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

Occupation ID	Description	Minimum Points Score	Latest date of EOI
2211	Accountants	90	10/04/2019 10:04pm
2212	Auditors, Company Secretaries and Corporate Treasurers	85	14/12/2018 4:04 pm
2334	Electronics Engineer	80	11/03/2019 4:54 pm
2335	Industrial, Mechanical and Production Engineers	80	07/03/2019 3:45 pm
2339	Other Engineering Professionals	80	31/12/2018 8:56 pm
2611	ICT Business and System Analysts	85	10/04/2019 2:49 pm
2613	Software and Applications Programmers	80	12/03/2019 3:40 pm
2631	Computer Network Professionals	80	14/03/2019 6:56 pm

As can be seen from the table, the minimum points score for Accountants increased to 90, Auditors and ICT Business and Systems Analysts are up to 85 points, and all other pro-rata occupations have increased to 80 as well. This is due to the smaller number of invitations issued in this round, and could change again if the quota is increased in upcoming rounds.