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The new 491 Visa has been delayed by New South Wales (NSW). The 491 is a Skilled Work Regional (provisional) visa program launched in November 2019, however the most populated state in Australia NSW has not activated the program.

Migrants looking to apply for NSW under subclass 491 will have to wait a little longer. The Australian government launched new regional visa programs at the end of last year.

The Australian government introduced this visa pathway to calm the population pressures on Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. The paths will also be of enormous benefit to regional communities by boosting local populations and giving communities access to skilled workers, that they lack.

The NSW government have stated on their website *“There is currently a delay in the program opening in NSW. We will announce when NSW is open to applications shortly. We are unable to provide further guidance via phone or email at this time.”*