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## **State Nomination Update**

With the opening of the new Subclass 491 Regional Work visa, the Australian States and Territories are getting ready for the influx of EOI applications acceptance after 16 November.

The following information has been made available so far.

### **Victoria**

The Victorian Government has started accepting applications for state nomination for the 491 visa from 9am on Monday 18 November 2019. There is no fee to apply for nomination, and they can use any occupation on the Immigration skilled occupation lists.

**However, all applicants for the 491 visa are required to provide evidence of a current job offer in their nominated occupation, located in regional Victoria. Evidence of the employment offer, business operations, recruitment efforts, and genuine need must be provided with the application for state nomination.**

### **Queensland**

The state nomination program for General Skilled Migration remains closed, with advice that this will reopen 'in the coming weeks'. A number of occupations have been removed from the QSOL, including:

#### **Onshore and Offshore - IT**

- ICT Business Analyst ANZSCO 261111
- Systems Analyst ANZSCO 261112
- Developer Programmer ANZSCO 261312
- Software Engineer ANZSCO 261313
- Software and Applications Programmers nec ANZSCO 261399
- ICT Security Specialist ANZSCO 262112
- Computer Network and Systems Engineer ANZSCO 263111
- Analyst Programmer ANZSCO 261311

#### **Onshore - Accounting**

- Accountant (General) ANZSCO 221111
- Management Accountant ANZSCO 221112
- Taxation Accountant ANZSCO 221113
- External Auditor ANZSCO 221213

- Internal Auditor ANZSCO 221214

### **Offshore - Engineering**

- Civil Engineer ANZSCO 233211
- Mechanical Engineer ANZSCO 233512
- Electrical Engineer ANZSCO 233311
- Engineering Technologist ANZSCO 233914

### **Tasmania**

The Tasmania occupation list is released and we have already informed our registered clients about it with required details. The eligible applicants may immediately contact CDC support service officer assigned to Tasmania nomination process to get more details .

From this date, applicants for both the 491 and 190 visa will be required to pay a \$220 (incl. GST) application fee for nomination applications. This must be made via credit card (Visa or Mastercard) and is not refundable regardless of application outcome.

### **South Australia**

Migrate SA closed their state nomination system for 190 visas from 11am on 15 November 2019, in order to make changes for the 491 visa. The system will reopen in the **first week of December (exact date to be determined)**. Applicants for the 491 visa will open at the same time.

Further information will be published in late November.

### **New South Wales**

The NSW Government states that it will 'shortly advise' when they will open for 491 nominations, however below are the replies we have received from them about their intended plans .

- ✓ Regional Development Australia **Northern Inland NSW**, one of the regional bodies of the NSW State Government announced in a recent newsletter that a start date for 491 nominations 'will not begin until early 2020, hopefully January'.
- ✓ Regional Development Australia **Riverina NSW** says they are not able to provide an exact date when nominations will open until they receive full details of the subclass 491 visa program and authorisation from the NSW State Government. Their website and Skills in Demand List will be updated when nominations are open.
- ✓ Regional Development Australia **Far South Coast NSW**  
They say *,Please note that the Skilled Regional Sponsored Visa (SRS) 491 program for the NSW Far South Coast is now CLOSED. Applications time stamped by our email server as received between 12.01am 01.08.2019 and 12noon 02.08.2019 will be*

*accepted and processed. Applications received outside of this time frame will be ineligible.*

✓ **Regional Development Australia Southern Inland NSW**

Due to IT updates and changes, RDA Southern Inland are scheduled to open applications for the 491 Visa Program and the Subclass 494 Visa, on the the 28th of November 2019. All the potential applicants should immediately get ready with the required documents and get the instructions for the self lodgement process from the relevant CDC support service staff member as your earliest as possible

✓ **Regional Development Australia Orana NSW**

The State of NSW has stopped accepting applications for nomination for subclass 491 visas. The exact process, application criteria, occupation list and application form expect to be similar to the expired subclass 489 procedure, however, this is subject to confirmation. Please do not call them seeking information, it will be posted here as soon as it becomes **available. Applicants who have ongoing, full-time employment in our region in their field are our preferred applicants.**

## **Northern Territory**

The Territory advises that their nomination program for the Subclass 190 and 491 will be closed until 9 December 2019.

## **Western Australia**

The WA government has advised that EOIs for the 491 visa has started from 16 November, however, the invitation process will not commence until 21 November 2019.

## **Australian Capital Territory**

The ACT has advised that applications for nomination can only be submitted from 1 January 2020. This is following a release of new eligibility criteria for both the 491 and 190 visas, due on or before 28 November 2019.

## **What can we do now?**

Where there are delays in the 491 program opening, it is still a good idea to start on the skill assessment process and undertaking an English language test. Having these to hand will give you the advantage of being able to lodge an EOI as soon as programs do open.

For more information Contact CDC through 0112 823000/111