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Orana Reopens Subclass 489 Visa

While RDA Orana has been closed for 489 applications, the migration team have been working hard to develop an improved Expression of Interest (EOI) process to ensure the best possible candidates are recommended by RDA Orana for nomination by the State of NSW.

RDA Orana is aware of a number of candidates who have been living in the Orana region and actively participating in our communities and businesses and were disappointed when we reached our maximum last year. As such we would like to ensure these candidates have the opportunity to submit their Expression of Interest before others.

If you have clients that meet the following criteria we welcome their Expression of Interest in June, other applicants will need to wait for a later date.

Expressions of Interest may be submitted between June 1st and June 14th inclusive, and our intention is for applications to be accepted from days 1-14 each calendar month unless excessive applications require manual pausing of our system.

Specific Conditions For Orana Region June Expression of Interest

For June 2019 they will ONLY be assessing Expression of Interest from those who have been living in the Orana region for:

- At least 6 months
- AND working more than 30 hours per week

Their occupation must be on the current Orana Skills List.

The role they have been working in for at least 6 months MUST be suitable for classification under one of the Short/ Medium/ Long term skills list for the Orana region. That is the occupant must be eligible for 482, 489 or 187 visa's in NSW. We will also accept applications for Aged Care workers.

If you are interested in submitting an Expression of Interest in June 2019 and have been living in the Orana region for at least 6 months but are not sure if you meet the criteria, please contact the skilled migration team [HERE](#) prior to submitting an Expression of Interest.

Where you apply, and you do not meet these criteria the EOI will NOT be refunded.

ANZSCO Level 1 Occupations require 'Proficient' English

Specific Conditions For Orana Region July Expressions Of Interest

To ensure a consistently high calibre of candidates for the Orana region who have the skills

required to gain meaningful employment and the ability to make the Orana region their long term home, various conditions will need to be met to be eligible to submit an Expression of Interest from July 2019 onwards.

The list of specific conditions is being developed and will be posted by mid-June.

The list will impact Education, Engineering, Accounting and Nursing professions.

The New Expression of Interest Process

An explanation of the new process including Registration, Expression of Interest and Full Application will be found on their website

A short summary is:

1. An Expression of Interest, including a short questionnaire, Form R, Form 956 when applicable, current resume and nomination obligations document must be submitted
2. EOIs will be rated by RDA Orana and the most suitable candidates invited to submit a Full Application with all supporting documentation within 7 days
3. They aim to keep the timeline from start to finish under 2 calendar months
4. The Expression of Interest will have a fee of \$300 and Full Application \$500.

No fees will be refunded after an Expression of Interest and/or Full Application have been submitted, under any circumstances.

New Skills List & Numbers To Be Invited To Submit Full Applications

The State of NSW is still to release the numbers for each Regional Certifying Body and any modifications to the skills list. While we have some input into this process, at this point we have no indication if or what changes may be imminent.

Once the Skills List's and numbers are made known, RDA Orana will make changes to the Occupations that may be applied for and determined the pro rata number of Full Applications that will be invited.