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STATE AND TERRITORY NOMINATION ALLOCATION UPDATE FOR SKILLED AND BUSINESS VISAS

The Migration Institute of Australia (MIA) has advised that the States and Territories have received a very small allocation of places for both Business Migration programs and the skilled SC 491/190 nominations, until the Federal Budget is delivered on 6 October 2020.

Occupations the State and Territory Governments can approve for the SC 491/190 are strictly limited. These allocations are to be used for occupations that are critical to the COVID-19 economic recovery. The critical occupations and industry sectors are:

- people providing critical or specialist medical services, including air ambulance, medical evacuations and delivering critical medical supplies
- people with critical skills required to maintain the supply of essential goods and services (such as in medical technology, critical infrastructure, telecommunications, engineering and mining, supply chain logistics, agricultural technology, food production, and the maritime industry)
- people delivering services in sectors critical to Australia's economic recovery (such as financial technology, large scale manufacturing, film and television production and emerging technology), where no Australian worker is available

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