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## Victoria's 2020-21 skilled visa nomination program (subclass 190 and 491)

We will be opening Victoria's 2020-21 Victorian skilled visa nomination program (subclass 190 and 491) on Tuesday 8 September, 2020.

We will also be changing the way we select applicants to apply for Victorian visa nomination, with a new process that will focus on talent and contribution to Victoria's economic recovery, as well as information in your Expression of Interest (EOI). This change aims to be responsive to challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic, with a focus on the state's economic recovery.

### The skilled visa nomination program up until 5 October 2020

As we only have a very limited number of visa nomination places available until after the Federal Budget is delivered on 6 October 2020, Victoria will initially run a shorter and more targeted interim skilled visa nomination program (subclass 190 and 491) until 5 October 2020.

For this interim period, we will only select applicants to apply for Victorian visa nomination if their [Registration of Interest](#) demonstrates they are working in **health or medical research and contributing to Victoria's economic recovery and/or health response**.

Here's some important information to help you prepare.

### Registration of Interest for Victorian State Visa Nomination

To be considered for Victorian visa nomination, you must submit a [Registration of Interest for Victorian State Visa Nomination](#). Applicants who register their interest may then be selected to apply for Victorian visa nomination.

As a pre-requisite for submitting your [Registration of Interest for Victorian State Visa Nomination](#), please either make or update your valid Expression of Interest (EOI) on the Department of Home Affairs' [SkillSelect](#) website. The information you provide will help us determine whether you are selected to apply for Victorian visa nomination.

- You must submit your [Registration of Interest](#) by **5pm AEST, 21 September**.

To be eligible to submit your [Registration of Interest](#) (ROI) for Victorian visa nomination (subclass 190 and 491) you must:

- be currently living in Victoria, and
- be currently employed in Victoria (minimum six months), and

- work in a highly skilled occupation in health or medical research, which supports Victoria's economic recovery and/or health response

We will then select the best candidates to apply for Victorian visa nomination.

[Further information about the 2020-21 Victorian skilled visa nomination program](#)

- With limited nomination places available, the program is highly selective and targeted.
- We will closely monitor Victoria's visa nomination program to ensure it is consistent with public health measures, is flexible and does not displace Victorian job seekers, so that Victoria can effectively respond to the immediate and subsequent impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19).
- You can find more detailed information about the subclass 190 and subclass 491 nomination criteria on our [website](#).
- We will provide further information following advice from the Department of Home Affairs after 6 October.
- Please continue to check our website for the [latest news](#).

*Please note, a Registration of Interest **is not** an application for Victorian visa nomination. We will only contact you again if you are selected to apply for Victorian visa nomination. **There are no set timeframes for when you may be selected.***

*If you are selected to apply for Victorian visa nomination, you will then need to submit a separate visa nomination application.*

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