

State Sponsorship Guidelines for Skilled Visas

TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP (DIAC) INFORMATION ON STATE AND TERRITORY SPONSORED SKILLED VISA REQUIREMENTS. DIAC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF ALL VISA APPLICATIONS.

Western Australian State Sponsorship is available for the offshore and onshore Skilled Sponsored Visa (SSV) and Skilled Regional Sponsored (Provisional) Visa (SRSV).

The State Migration Centre (SMC) is responsible for approving sponsorship applications on behalf of the Government of Western Australia.

Sponsorship Criteria

All applicants for Western Australian State Sponsorship are required to demonstrate that they meet the DIAC criteria for the skilled visa they are applying for, and to submit an application addressing all requirements in these guidelines.

Western Australian State Sponsorship requirements are reviewed on a regular basis, and may be amended based on current economic conditions.

Skilled Sponsored Visa (SSV) – Permanent Residency

Applicants must:

- have an occupation on the Western Australian Occupations in Demand List (WAOIDL) that is in demand Statewide;
- commit to living and working in Western Australia;
- participate in a survey every 6 months for 2 years; and
- bring sufficient funds into the State to cover settlement costs.

Skilled Regional Sponsored Visa (SRSV) – Temporary Residency

Applicants must:

- have an occupation on the Western Australian Occupations in Demand List (WAOIDL);
- commit to living and working in a regional area of Western Australia; and
- bring sufficient funds into the State to cover settlement costs.

“Regional areas” in Western Australia are generally considered to be the entire State except for the Perth metropolitan area.

Off- List Nominations

If an applicant's occupation is on DIAC's Skilled Occupations List (SOL) but is not on the WAOIDL, the State Migration Centre (SMC) may be able to consider the applicant as an off-list nomination for the Skilled Sponsored Visa (SSV).

Skilled migrants seeking State Sponsorship for an off-list occupation must meet the general DIAC skilled visa criteria and the Western Australian State Sponsorship requirements. Greater consideration will be given to applicants who:

- have a job or offer of employment in Western Australia in a SOL occupation (must be related to the nominated occupation);
- have established links to the State – currently living, having studied or have support in Western Australia;
- demonstrate that their occupation is in demand in Western Australia; or
- are prepared to live and work in a regional area of the State.

Off-list nominations will be assessed by the SMC on a case-by-case basis and the ability of the applicant to meet Western Australia's workforce skill shortages will be determined.

Conditions of State Sponsorship

As part of the assessment process by the State Migration Centre (SMC) applicants are encouraged to investigate and nominate the area of Western Australia in which they plan to live and work.

A decision will be provided on State sponsorship applications within 30 days of receiving all relevant information and documentation unless otherwise notified. A Western Australian State Sponsorship Form will be issued to successful applicants for inclusion in their skilled visa application to DIAC.

Upon arrival in Western Australia, State sponsored skilled migrants are required to notify the SMC of their residential address. In addition, State sponsored skilled migrants must inform the SMC of any changes to their address.

Please Note: Western Australian State Sponsorship is not transferable to other Australian States or Territories without the approval of the SMC.

Further Information

Please contact the State Migration Centre for further information about skilled migration to Western Australia.