



Gold Medal Visa
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Classification of Regional Areas

Designated regional areas are divided into two categories: Category 2 “Cities and Major Regional Centres” and Category 3 “Regional Centres and Other Regional Areas”.

If you have lived only in a Category 2 area, you can only be granted an additional 1 year visa.

If you have lived only in a Category 3 area, you can only be granted an additional 2 year visa.

If you have moved between categories you will be considered for the shorter visa.

If you have been away from your usual residence for a holiday or short work trip, it will not change the way we assess your usual residence.

The table below provides a guide on the residence and study requirements for the second Temporary Graduate post-study work stream visa.

Residence location on first subclass 485 in the post-study work stream	Study location on student visa	Visa length for second 485 post-study work stream visa
Category 1 – Major cities: Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne (Non-Regional)	N/A	Not eligible
Category 2 – Designated city or major regional centre	Category 1 – Major cities: Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne (Non-Regional)	Not eligible
Category 2 – Designated city or major regional centre	Category 2 – Designated city or major regional centre	1 extra year

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Category 2 – Designated city or major regional centre	Category 3 - Regional centre or other regional area: (All other locations)	1 extra year
Category 3 - Regional Centre or other regional Area: (All other locations)	Category 1 – Major cities: Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne (Non-Regional)	Not eligible
Category 3 – Regional centre or other regional area: (All other locations)	Category 2 – Designated city or major regional centre	1 extra year
Category 3 - Regional centre or other regional area: (All other locations)	Category 3 - Regional centre or other regional area: (All other locations)	2 extra year

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