

Expression of Interest (EOI)

Overview

Submit an expression of interest (EOI) if you are a skilled worker or business person from overseas who wants to migrate to Australia on one of the following visas:

- Skilled Independent Visa (Subclass 189)
- Skilled Nominated Visa (Subclass 190)
- Skilled Regional Visa (Subclass 491)
- Business Visa – Innovation stream (Subclass 188A)
- Business Visa – Investor stream (Subclass 188B)
- Business Visa – Significant Investor stream (Subclass 188C)

All EOIs must be completed online. An EOI is not a visa application and there is no fee to create or submit an EOI. For certain visa programs you may be required to participate in a skills assessment or appropriate points test. You will be able to complete an EOI even if you don't meet the pass mark, but you will not be eligible to be invited to apply for a visa.

Submitted EOIs

Once you have completed your EOI, it is stored online and is valid for 2 years. Incomplete EOIs will also be stored for 2 years, but will not be eligible to receive an invitation.

You can access your EOI and update your information at any time. It is your responsibility to access your EOI and update your details if your circumstances change. It will be too late to update your EOI if you receive an invitation to lodge a visa application. You may want to update your EOI if:

- you have gained new work experience
- you have gained a higher qualification
- you have improved your English language ability, or
- your family make up has changed.



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These changes may also affect your points score, and may improve your ranking. It is your responsibility to ensure you don't provide any incorrect, false or misleading information on your EOI. If you provide incorrect, false or misleading information on your EOI, your application might be refused.

Independent and Skilled Regional (Provisional) visas

Invitations are issued automatically by the Immigration system to the highest ranking EOIs, subject to occupation ceilings.

State and territory nominated visas

State or territory governments will identify and select skilled workers that they wish to nominate.

Business Innovation and Investment visas

State or territory governments or Austrade will identify and select skilled business people or investors they might want to nominate. If you are nominated by a state or territory government, or by Austrade, you will receive an invitation to apply.

For streams which require a pass mark, you must indicate that your points score is at least equal to the pass mark to receive an invitation.

When you complete an EOI, you will be asked which state or territory you wish to seek nomination from. You will be able to select one nominator, or any nominator.

It is your responsibility to contact the government from which you are seeking nomination to discuss their processes and requirements.

If you are invited or selected

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If you are invited to apply for a visa you will receive an invitation. You will then have 60 days from the date of invitation to make a valid visa application online before the invitation expires.

Applications received outside of this timeframe will not be valid and you will need to wait for a further invitation before being eligible to make an application. The online visa application system will use information from your EOI, therefore you do not need to re-enter some information already provided.

If you are not invited or selected

Not everyone who completes an EOI will receive an invitation to apply for a visa.

You will not be notified of the progress of your EOI or be able to obtain any updates on the likelihood of receiving an invitation by the Immigration.

After each invitation round the Department will publish the lowest points mark that allowed an EOI to be invited. This will give you an indication of your potential for receiving an invitation in future rounds.

Bridging visas

An EOI is not a visa application and you will not be granted a Bridging visa by submitting an EOI. Your eligibility for a Bridging visa would only be considered once a valid visa application is lodged.

If you are in Australia and the visa you hold is about to expire before you are invited and able to apply for a skilled visa, you will need to apply for another visa to remain in Australia. If you do not meet the requirements for the grant of another visa, you will need to depart Australia before your visa expires.

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