

MONTHLY IMMIGRATION BULLETIN

The latest immigration news, views and announcements

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SUBCLASS 485 - SKILLED OCCUPATION CONCESSION

The Department has temporarily remove the requirements for Sub-class 485 (Temporary Graduate) applicants in the Graduate Work stream to nominate an eligible skilled occupation and to obtain a skills assessment.

This concession is to allow applicants who have studied for occupations that are not on the skills lists to live and work in Australia for a further temporary period. This amendment will provide this temporary concession for applications made between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023 (inclusive).

NEW SC 485 REPLACEMENT STREAM

The new Replacement stream introduced on 01st July 2022, allows 485 visa holders to obtain another 485 visa of the same duration as their original 485 visa, if they were unable to stay in Australia for the full duration of their original visa between 1 February 2020 and 14 December 2021.



There are two categories of applicants who will be eligible for the Replacement stream:

- If the applicant was outside Australia when their original 485 visa was granted, they must have entered Australia before 15 December 2021 and subsequently departed before 15 December 2021 while their original visa was in effect; or
- If the applicant was in Australia when their original 485 visa was granted, they must have been outside Australia between 1 February 2020 and 14 December 2021 while their original visa was in effect.

Other eligibility criteria include:

- Apply under the Replacement stream from 1 July 2022 and before 1 January 2027;
- Must hold or have held a 485 visa that was granted before 15 December 2021; and
- The original 485 visa was in effect on or after 1 February 2020.

People who will not be eligible include:

- Those who were on their second 485 visa of the Post-Study Work stream during the travel restriction period; or
- Those who had their 485 visa or a visa granted after the 485 visa cancelled, unless they requested in writing that the Minister cancel their visa or the decision to cancel their visa was overturned by the Tribunal.

AMENDMENTS TO THE JOB READY PROGRAM (JRP)

From 1 July 2022, the Job Ready Program (JRP) will move from a four (4) step program to a three (3) step program. As a result of this key change, no new applications for the Provisional Skills Assessment (PSA) [Step 1 of the JRP] will be accepted after 4.00 pm (AEST) on 30 June 2022. From 1 July 2022, JRP applications will be accepted for the new three step JRP process by selecting the JRP Program Registration and Eligibility option. If you have not started your PSA application before 1 July 2022, you will not be able to apply for a PSA. You will need to apply under the new JRP process on or after 1 July 2022. If you have applied for a PSA outcome before 1 July 2022, your application will be processed, and you will receive your PSA outcome. If you have received a PSA outcome before 1 July 2022, your progress through the JRP will not be affected.



AUSTRALIAN ENTRY/EXIT UPDATES



From 6 July 2022 Australian entry/exit requirements have changed:

- People entering Australia do not need to provide evidence of vaccination status
- People entering Australia do not need to complete the Digital Passenger Declaration or Maritime Travel Declaration
- People leaving Australia will not be asked to provide evidence of their vaccination status
- Unvaccinated visa holders do not need a travel exemption to travel to Australia

CHANGES TO FAIR WORK HIGH INCOME THRESHOLD 2022

The high-income threshold operates as a limit to an employee's eligibility to be protected from unfair dismissal under the terms of the *Fair Work Act 2009*. The high-income threshold has increased from **\$158,500 to \$162,000** on 1 July.



INCREASED TO THE VISA APPLICATION CHARGES



The Department of Home Affairs has increased their visa application fees and these will apply in relation to visa applications made on or after 1 July 2022. Please check the new visa fees through following link;

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/visa-pricing-estimator>

CHANGES HEALTH ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

Applicants who intend to study, train or work as **doctors, dentists, nurses and paramedics** are required to undertake the following health assessment tests (unless applying for a SC 600 Visitor visa of less than 6 months stay):

- medical examination, and
- chest X-ray, and
- HIV test, and
- Hepatitis B test, and
- Hepatitis C test, and
- latent tuberculosis screening.



For **doctors, dentists, nurses and paramedics** applying for a SC 600 Visitor visa of less than 6 months stay:

- medical examination, and
- chest X-ray, and
- HIV test, and
- Hepatitis B test, and
- Hepatitis C test

For applicants who intend to study, train or work as a **health care worker** (not mentioned above) or to work within a health care, aged care or disability facility (unless applying for a SC 600 visa for less than 6 months stay):

- medical examination, and
- chest X-ray, and
- latent tuberculosis screening

For **health care workers** applying for a SC 600 for less than 6 months stay:

- medical examination, and
- chest X-ray.
- For applicants likely to train or work in an **Australian childcare centre** including creche or preschool:
 - medical examination, and
 - chest X-ray.
- For applicants likely to enter a **health care or hospital environment**:
 - medical examination, and
 - chest X-ray.

For an applicant who is **pregnant** and intends giving birth in Australia:

- Hepatitis B test.

For an applicant who is at **least 75 years old** and applying for a Dc 600 visitor visa or Sc 676 Tourist visa:

- a medical examination.

EXPRESS ENTRY – CANADA INVITES SKILLED IMMIGRANTS OVERSEAS FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 2020



Canada has invited Federal Skilled Worker Program (FSWP) candidates for the first time since December 2020. Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) invited a total of 1,500 Express Entry candidates to apply for permanent residence on the 6th July 2020. The Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) cut-off score was 557

EXPRESS ENTRY – ITAS UP CRS DOWN IN NEW ALL-PROGRAM DRAW

Canada invited 1,750 Express Entry candidates to apply for permanent residence on July 20. Candidates were invited if they had a Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) score of at least 542. There was no program specified for this draw, meaning candidates from the Canadian Experience Class (CEC) or Federal Skilled Worker Program (FSWP) had the potential to be invited. The CRS requirement for the new draw is 15 points lower than the previous all-program draw on July 6, when the minimum cut-off score was 557. Also, Canada issued 250 more invitations in this draw compared to the previous round of 1,500 invitations.



QANTAS DIRECT FLIGHT UPDATES



Qantas was launched direct flights between Australia and Europe with non-stop routes becoming available between from Perth to Rome.

The new route will be the only direct flight between Australia and continental Europe offered by any airline, and is estimated to take 16 hours.

MOST LIVEABLE CITIES

Australian cities have plummeted in this year's Global Liveability Index's ranking of the most liveable cities.

Melbourne is the only city to scrape into the top 10 in 2022, with Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth's rankings decreasing significantly from last year.

WHERE YOUR CITY RANKED

2022 Global Liveability Index

10	Melbourne (Last year's ranking: 8)
13	Sydney (Last year's ranking: 11)
17	Brisbane (Last year's ranking: 10)
30	Adelaide (Last year's ranking: 3)
32	Perth (Last year's ranking: 6)

BEST PERFORMING STATE ECONOMIES

Victoria has been listed as having Australia's best performing state economy, taking the top spot from Tasmania after more than two years.

The latest quarterly CommSec State of the States report showed an exceptionally strong job market in Victoria helped propel the state to the top of the list, while retail spending was also up considerably.

BEST PERFORMING STATE ECONOMIES

CommSec State of the States



STATE RANKINGS

- 1 Victoria
- 2 Australian Capital Territory
- 3 Tasmania
- 4 Queensland
- 5 Western Australia
- 6 South Australia
- 7 New South Wales
- 8 Northern Territory



EVENTS AND WEBINARS

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- ⇒ **Business Visa to Australia (English Session)**
- ⇒ **Business Visa to Australia (Sinhala Session)**
- ⇒ **Business Migration pathways to Australia**
- ⇒ **Introducing the Sanji Caldera Education foundation**
- ⇒ **Get your PR in Australia with employer sponsored visa? How would an employer-sponsored visa help you achieve your Australian permanent residency?**
- ⇒ **Are you skilled and lacking in work experience? How can 407 training visa help you?**
- ⇒ **Discover much more about 482 subclass**
- ⇒ **How do you apply for permanent residency in Australia?**
- ⇒ **New Budget announcement 2021**



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We cannot accept responsibility for any errors or omissions. Because Australian immigration law and regulations change regularly, it is best to contact us before making any decisions. Alternatively, up to date information can be checked on the website of the Department of Home Affairs (DHA).

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