

Invitation Round on 18 Dec 2023

Overview

Invitation rounds for Skilled Independent visa (subclass 189) and Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491) – Family Sponsored visas will be run periodically during the program year.

Invitation numbers in each round may vary depending on the number of applications being processed by the Department.

State or territory government nominations for skilled visas will not be impacted by the departmental invitation rounds.

For information on previous SkillSelect Invitation Rounds see previous the Previous Rounds page.

Occupation ceilings for invitation rounds

An 'occupation ceiling' may be applied to invitations issued under the independent, and skilled regional (provisional) visas. This means there will be a reasonable upper limit on how many Expressions of Interest can be invited for skilled migration from an occupation group. This ensures that the skilled migration program remains balanced and continues to invite intending migrants across a variety of skilled occupations.

Occupation ceiling values are based on a percentage of stock employment figures for each occupation. Employment figures are provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, and represent the number of people employed in Australia in each occupation.

Occupation ceilings do not apply to State or Territory Nominated or Business Innovation and Investment visa subclasses.

Invitation process and cut offs

The highest ranked individuals by points score are invited to apply for the relevant visa before those with a lower points score. For those who have equal points scores, a tie break is used by determining the time at which they reached their points score for that subclass (referred to as the date of effect) , expressions of Interest with earlier dates of effect are invited before later dates of effect.

Current round

Invitations issued on 18 December 2023

The table below shows the number of invitations issued, and the tie break month, in the SkillSelect invitation round on 18 December 2023.

Visa subclass	Number	Tie break / date of effect month
Skilled Independent visa (subclass 189)	8,300	11/2023

Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491) – Family Sponsored	79	12/2023
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Occupations included in 18 December 2023 Invitation Round

The table below shows the occupations and their respective minimum score, that were issued invitations in the SkillSelect invitation round on 18 December 2023.

Occupation*	189	491
Audiologist	65	70
Child Care Centre Manager	65	N/A*
Chiropractor	65	N/A*
Clinical Haematologist	65	N/A*
Clinical Psychologist	70	90
Dermatologist	80	N/A*
Diagnostic and Interventional Radiologist	65	N/A*
Early Childhood (Pre-primary School) Teacher	65	65
Educational Psychologist	70	N/A*
Emergency Medicine Specialist	65	N/A*
Endocrinologist	95	N/A*
General Practitioner	65	N/A*
Intensive Care Specialist	65	N/A*
Medical Diagnostic Radiographer	65	65
Medical Laboratory Scientist	65	75

Medical Oncologist	65	N/A*
Medical Practitioners nec	65	75
Medical Radiation Therapist	65	N/A*
Midwife	65	70
Neurosurgeon	80	N/A*
Nuclear Medicine Technologist	65	N/A*
Nurse Practitioner	65	N/A*
Obstetrician and Gynaecologist	65	N/A*
Occupational Therapist	65	70
Ophthalmologist	80	N/A*
Optometrist	65	N/A*
Orthopaedic Surgeon	65	N/A*
Orthotist or Prosthetist	65	N/A*
Osteopath	65	N/A*
Paediatrician	65	N/A*
Pathologist	80	N/A*
Physiotherapist	65	65
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon	70	N/A*
Podiatrist	65	N/A*

Psychiatrist	65	N/A*
Psychologists nec	65	65
Registered Nurse (Aged Care)	65	65
Registered Nurse (Child and Family Health)	65	N/A*
Registered Nurse (Community Health)	65	N/A*
Registered Nurse (Critical Care and Emergency)	65	65
Registered Nurse (Developmental Disability)	70	N/A*
Registered Nurse (Disability and Rehabilitation)	65	90
Registered Nurse (Medical Practice)	65	N/A*
Registered Nurse (Medical)	65	65
Registered Nurse (Mental Health)	65	N/A*
Registered Nurse (Paediatrics)	65	85
Registered Nurse (Perioperative)	65	N/A*
Registered Nurse (Surgical)	65	N/A*
Registered Nurses nec	65	65
Secondary School Teacher	65	70
Social Worker	65	70
Sonographer	65	N/A*
Special Education Teachers nec	65	N/A*

Special Needs Teacher	65	N/A*
Specialist Physician (General Medicine)	65	N/A*
Specialist Physicians nec	65	N/A*
Speech Pathologist	65	85
Surgeon (General)	80	N/A*

* Results could indicate that no candidates were available to be invited, or did not meet parameters to receive an invite.

Invitations issued during 2023-24 program year

Visa subclass	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Skilled Independent visa (subclass 189)	0	0	0	0	0	8,300						
Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491) – Family Sponsored	0	0	0	0	0	79						

The above figures do not include invitations issued for State and Territory Government nominated visa subclasses. State and Territory Governments nominate throughout the month for specific points tested skilled migration and business innovation and investment visas.

State and Territory nominations

State and Territory nominations 2023-24 program year

Nominations by State and Territory Governments – 2023-24 total activity

The number of intending migrants who received nominations from State and Territory Governments from 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023 is shown in the following table:

Visa subclass	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA
Skilled Nominated visa (subclass 190)	454	966	234	505	830	370	1,722	913
Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491) State and Territory Nominated	407	295	243	264	501	261	304	420

Business Innovation and Investment (provisional) visa (subclass 188)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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