

Invitation Round on 25 May 2023

Overview

Invitation rounds for Skilled Independent visa (subclass 189) and Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491) – Family Sponsored visas will be run cyclically 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.

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.

Current round

Invitations issued on 25 May 2023

The table below shows the number of invitations issued in the SkillSelect invitation round on 25 May 2023.

Visa subclass	Number
Skilled Independent visa (subclass 189)	7,353
Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491) – Family Sponsored	74

Invitation process and cut offs

The highest ranked individuals by points score are invited to apply for the relevant visa. Those who have equal points scores, the time at which they reached their points score for that subclass (referred to as the date of effect) determines their order of invitation. Expressions of Interest with earlier dates of effect are invited before later dates.

Visa subclass	Minimum points score	Latest date of effect month
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Skilled Independent visa (subclass 189)	65	05/2023
Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491) – Family Sponsored	65	04/2023

Occupations included in 25 May 2023 Invitation Round

The table below shows the occupations issued invitations in the SkillSelect invitation round on 25 May 2023.

Occupation	189		491	
	Offshore**	Onshore**	Offshore**	Onshore**
Audiologist	65	65	65	N/A*
Cardiothoracic Surgeon	N/A*	75	N/A*	N/A*
Child Care Centre Manager	65	65	N/A*	90
Chiropractor	70	65	N/A*	N/A*
Clinical Psychologist	65	80	90	N/A*
Diagnostic and Interventional Radiologist	65	65	N/A*	N/A*
Early Childhood (Pre-primary School) Teacher	65	65	65	70
Educational Psychologist	N/A*	70	N/A*	N/A*
Emergency Medicine Specialist	75	65	N/A*	N/A*
Gastroenterologist	65	65	N/A*	N/A*
General Practitioner	65	65	N/A*	N/A*
Intensive Care Specialist	70	70	N/A*	N/A*
Medical Diagnostic Radiographer	65	65	N/A*	N/A*
Medical Laboratory Scientist	65	65	70	90
Medical Practitioners nec	65	65	85	75
Medical Radiation Therapist	85	80	N/A*	N/A*
Midwife	65	65	70	N/A*
Neurosurgeon	80	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*
Nuclear Medicine Technologist	65	80	N/A*	N/A*
Nurse Practitioner	65	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*
Obstetrician and Gynaecologist	N/A*	65	N/A*	N/A*
Occupational Therapist	65	65	85	N/A*
Optometrist	70	70	N/A*	N/A*
Organisational Psychologist	N/A*	90	N/A*	N/A*

Orthotist or Prosthetist	N/A*	65	N/A*	N/A*
Osteopath	N/A*	75	N/A*	N/A*
Paediatrician	75	70	N/A*	N/A*
Patho	N/A*	65	N/A*	N/A*
Physiotherapist	65	65	70	75
Podiatrist	65	65	N/A*	N/A*
Psychiatrist	65	65	N/A*	N/A*
Psychologists nec	65	65	N/A*	N/A*
Radiation Oncologist	85	85	N/A*	N/A*
Registered Nurse (Aged Care)	65	65	N/A*	85
Registered Nurse (Child and Family Health)	65	65	N/A*	N/A*
Registered Nurse (Community Health)	65	65	N/A*	N/A*
Registered Nurse (Critical Care and Emergency)	65	65	75	N/A*
Registered Nurse (Developmental Disability)	N/A*	85	N/A*	N/A*
Registered Nurse (Disability and Rehabilitation)	65	65	N/A*	N/A*
Registered Nurse (Medical Practice)	65	65	N/A*	N/A*
Registered Nurse (Medical)	65	65	65	N/A*
Registered Nurse (Mental Health)	65	65	75	N/A*
Registered Nurse (Paediatrics)	65	65	N/A*	N/A*
Registered Nurse (Perioperative)	65	65	N/A*	N/A*
Registered Nurse (Surgical)	65	65	N/A*	85
Registered Nurses nec	65	65	65	65
Rheumatologist	75	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*
Secondary School Teacher	65	65	70	100
Sonographer	65	70	65	N/A*
Special Needs Teacher	65	65	N/A*	N/A*
Specialist Physician (General Medicine)	90	70	N/A*	N/A*
Specialist Physicians nec	65	65	N/A*	N/A*
Speech Pathologist	65	65	N/A*	N/A*
Surgeon (General)	90	65	N/A*	N/A*
Teacher of the Hearing Impaired	65	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*

Thoracic Medicine Specialist	N/A*	75	N/A*	N/A*
Vascular Surgeon	N/A*	65	N/A*	N/A*

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

** Onshore/Offshore location as indicated in SkillSelect system at the time invites were issued.

Invitations issued during 2022-23 program year

Visa subclass	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Skilled Independent visa (subclass 189)		12,200		11,982		35,000					7,353	
Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491) – Family Sponsored		466		847		120					74	

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 2022-23 program year

Nominations by State and Territory Governments – 2022-23 total activity

The number of intending migrants who received nominations from State and Territory Governments from 1 July 2022 to 30 April 2023 is shown in the following table:

Visa subclass	ACT	NSW	NT	Qld	SA	Tas.	Vic.	WA
Skilled Nominated visa (subclass 190)	1,309	9,015	553	1,848	2,597	1,643	11,193	3,419
Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491) State and Territory Nominated	1,481	3,733	648	1,159	4,986	1,614	1,926	2,034
Business Innovation and Investment (provisional) visa (subclass 188)	<20	260	<20	235	59	<20	163	40