

Skilled – Regional Sponsored (Provisional) Visa (Subclass 475)

This visa is a three year provisional visa for skilled workers who are unable to meet the criteria for a Skilled - Independent visa. You will have the opportunity to apply for permanent residency after you have lived for two years and worked at least 12 months in a Specified Regional Area of Australia.

This visa requires you to be either:

- nominated by a participating state or territory government agency
or
- sponsored by an eligible relative living in a designated area of Australia.

This visa uses a points test to select visa applicants with skills and attributes needed in the Australian labour market.

This visa is for you if you:

- have the skills and qualifications that meet the Australian standard for an occupation on the Skilled Occupation List (SOL); and
are outside Australia
or
- are an New Zealand citizen who holds a Special Category visa (subclass 444).

This visa:

- allows you to remain in Australia for up to three years and requires you to live and work in a Specified Regional Area in Australia
- allows accompanying secondary applicants to work and study, but only in a Specified Regional Area of Australia

provides a pathway to permanent residence.