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Disclaimer: Information provided in today's session is of a general nature only. Please note that visa pathways, suitability, and eligibility can vary greatly depending on your information,.

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Today's Topics

1. Graduate visa.
2. Permanent Residency (PR) pathways.



Overview

Pathways to
Permanent
Residence for
International
Students

Graduate Visa (sc
485)

General Skilled
Migration (GSM)
Visas (sc **189**,
190, 491)

Employer
Sponsored Visas
(sc 482, **186**)

National
Innovation Visa
(sc **858**)



Assumptions about you



- A student visa holder under the age of 35 studying a Bachelor or Masters Degree (Coursework).
- A student visa holder under the age of 50 studying a Masters (Research) or a Doctoral Degree.
- Graduate Diploma...?
- The course you are enrolled in is registered to run for a min. 2-year duration, and you will complete the course in at least 16 months.



Student > Temporary Graduate Visa (sc 485)

What is the 485 visa?

- A temporary visa that allows international graduates to spend time in Australia post-completion of a relevant course.
- May be initially valid for 2-5 years, depending on the course studied and visa applicant's passport.

Why the 485 visa?

- Upcoming student visa expiry
- Full work rights
 - The time you need to gain work experience and become eligible for a skills assessment/employer sponsored visa.
 - Work experience is worth points on the points test for GSM visas.



The Temporary Graduate Visa (sc 485)

Which 485 visa?

- First-timers: Two streams – Post-Higher Education Work stream and Post-Vocational Education Work stream
 - Post-Higher Education – If you have attained a bachelor degree, masters degree (coursework or research), graduate diploma, or a PhD.
- Regional extension:
 - For post-higher education stream 485 visa holders only.
 - Graduated from a regional institution.
 - Have continued to reside (including all work and study) for at least two years in a regional area.



The Temporary Graduate Visa (sc 485)

Location	Definition	Incentive
Major City	Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane	None
Cities and major regional centres	Perth, Adelaide, Gold Coast Sunshine Coast, Canberra, Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Wollongong, Illawarra, Geelong, Hobart	Eligible to access an additional 1 year in Australia on a post-study work visa.
Regional centres and other regional areas	All other locations	Eligible to access an additional 2 years in Australia on a post-study work visa.



The Temporary Graduate Visa (sc 485)

485 visa essentials

- Lodge visa application after and within 6 months of course completion date.
- Lodge visa application while onshore (physically in Australia).
 - ❖ Lodge visa application prior to student visa expiry (ideal).
- Apply for AFP clearance prior to lodgement of visa application.
- Sit for English language test no more than 12 months prior to lodgement of visa application (UK, USA, Ireland, Canada, NZ citizens exempt).



The Temporary Graduate Visa (sc 485)

Most applicants:

IELTS	Overall score of at least 6.5 with a minimum score of 5.5 for each of the 4 parts
TOEFL (only if taken after 4 May 2024)	Total score of at least 83 with a minimum score of 7 for listening, 8 for reading, 18 for writing and 16 for speaking.
PTE	Overall score of at least 57 with a minimum score of 43 for listening, 48 for reading, 42 for speaking and 51 for writing.
OET	At least B for each of the 4 parts
Cambridge Advanced English	Overall at least 176 with a minimum score of at least 162 in each of the 4 test components

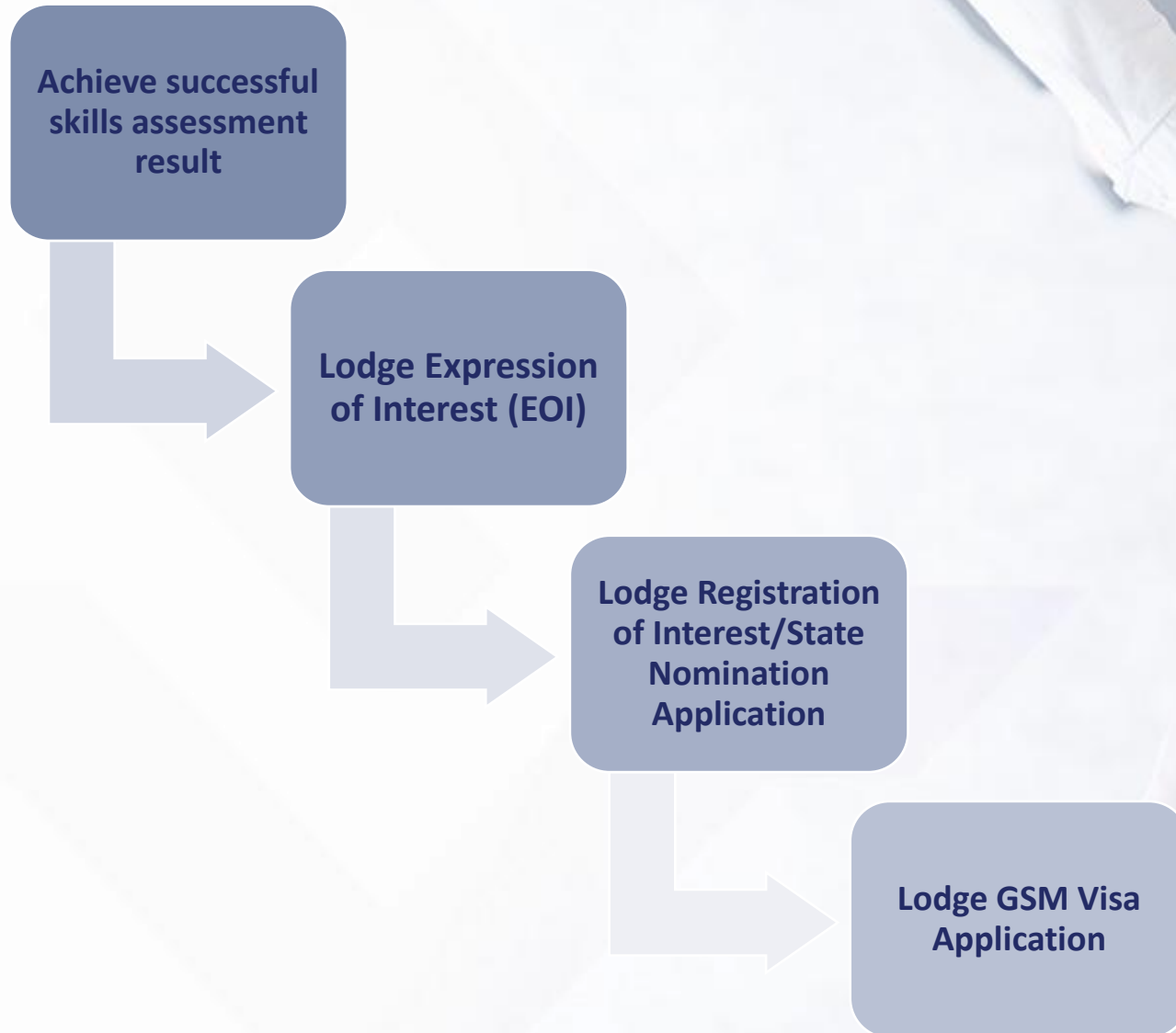


The Temporary Graduate Visa (sc 485)

Holders of British National (BNO) or Hong Kong passports:

IELTS	Overall score of at least 6 with a minimum score of 5 for each of the 4 parts
TOEFL (only if taken after 4 May 2024)	Total score of at least 83 with a minimum score of 4 for listening, 4 for reading, 14 for writing and 14 for speaking.
PTE	Overall score of at least 50 with a minimum score of 36 for each of the 4 parts.
OET	At least B for each of the 4 parts
Cambridge Advanced English	Overall at least 169 with a minimum score of at least 154 in each of the 4 test components

The General Skilled Migration (GSM) Visa Pathway





The Skilled Visas

189

- ☐ Under 45 years of age
- ☐ An occupation on the medium long term occupation list
- ☐ Competent English language skills
- ☐ Meet the Points Test pass mark (65 points minimum)

190

- ☐ Nominated by a State/Territory
- ☐ Under 45 years of age
- ☐ An occupation on the medium long term/short term skilled occupation list
- ☐ Competent English language skills
- ☐ Meet the Points Test pass mark (65 points minimum)

491

- ☐ Nominated by a State/Territory
- ☐ Under 45 years of age
- ☐ An occupation on the medium long term/short term/regional skilled occupation list
- ☐ Competent English language skills
- ☐ Meet the Points Test pass mark (65 points minimum)



The Skilled Visas

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- ☐ No age limit
- ☐ Compliance with regional visa conditions
- ☐ Have received Notice of Tax Assessments for 3 financial years

8578

notify immigration of changes within 14 days

8579

live, work and study only in a designated regional area

8580

if requested to do so, provide evidence within 28 days

8581

if requested to do so, attend an interview



Factor	Description	Points
Nomination/ sponsorship (where required)	Nomination by state or territory government (190 only)	5
	Nomination by state or territory government or sponsorship by an eligible family member to reside and work in a specified/designated area (491 only)	15
Age	Not less than 18 and under 25	25
	Not less than 25 and under 33	30
	Not less than 33 and under 40	25
	Not less than 40 and under 45	15
	Not less than 18 and under 25	25
English language ability The test must be undertaken no more than 36 months before invitation to apply for the visa.	Proficient English	10
	Superior English	20



Factor	Description	Current Points
Skilled employment A maximum of 20 points can be awarded for any combination of skilled employment in and outside Australia.	Outside Australia: employed in nominated skilled occupation or a closely related skilled occupation	
	For period totalling at least 36 months in the 10 years immediately before invitation	5
	For period totalling at least 60 months in the 10 years immediately before invitation	10
	For period totalling at least 96 months in the 10 years immediately before invitation	15
	In Australia: employed in nominated skilled occupation or a closely related skilled occupation	
	For period totalling at least 12 months in the 10 years immediately before invitation	5
	For period totalling at least 36 months in the 10 years immediately before invitation	10
	For period totalling at least 60 months in the 10 years immediately before invitation	15
	For period totalling at least 96 months in the 10 years immediately before invitation	20



Factor	Description	Current Points
Qualifications Met the requirements for...	Doctorate from an Australian educational institution or other doctorate of a recognised standard	20
	At least a bachelor degree from an Australian educational institution or other degree of a recognised standard	15
	Diploma or trade qualification completed in Australia	10
	An award or qualification recognised by the assessing authority in the assessment of the skilled occupation	10
Australian study requirement	At least one degree, diploma or trade qualification from an Australian educational institution that meets the Australian study requirement	5
Specialist Educational Qualification	A Masters degree by research or a Doctorate degree from an Australian educational institution that included at least two academic years in a relevant STEM field.	10



Factor	Description	Current Points
Other factors	Accredited in a community language	5
	Study in regional Australia or a low population growth metropolitan area (excluding distance education)	5
	Partner skill and English qualifications	10
	Partner with competent English but not eligible for Partner skill qualifications points	5
	Single applicants (no partner)	10
	Professional year in Australia for at least 12 months in the four years before the day applicants are invited to apply	5



Employer Sponsored Visas (482, 186)

482

- ☐ Have at least 1 year of full-time work experience in your nominated occupation or a related field
- ☐ Nominated by an employer in a skilled occupation
- ☐ No age limit, no points test
- ☐ Visa can be valid from 1-4 years
- ☐ Must only work in your nominated occupation



Employer Sponsored Visas (482, 186)

186 – Direct Entry

- ☐ Nominated by an employer in a skilled occupation
- ☐ Successful skills assessment result
- ☐ Competent English
- ☐ No points test
- ☐ Have worked at least 3 years full-time in your nominated occupation (working with any employer, in or outside of Australia)
- ☐ Age limit of 45 years of age

186 – Temporary Residence Transition

- ☐ Nominated by an employer in a skilled occupation
- ☐ Competent English
- ☐ No points test
- ☐ Have worked at least 2 years in Australia on a 482 visa
- ☐ Age limit of 45 years of age. But there are exemptions
 - ☐ Fairwork High Income Threshold exemption



National Innovation Visa

- ☐ Have an internationally recognised record of exceptional and outstanding achievement in one of the following areas:
 - a profession
 - a sport
 - the arts
 - academia and research

- ☐ Have a nominator with a national reputation in your area of talent who is:
 - an Australian citizen,
 - an Australian permanent resident, or
 - an Australian organisation





Global Talent Visa - Process

□ By Invitation

○ Priority ranking

Priority one	Exceptional candidates from any sector who are global experts and recipients of international 'top of field' level awards.
Priority two	Candidates from any sector nominated on the approved Form 1000 by an expert Australian Commonwealth, State or Territory Government agency.
Priority three	Candidates with exceptional and outstanding achievements in a Tier One sector: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Critical Technologies• Health Industries• Renewables and low emission technologies
Priority four	Candidates with exceptional and outstanding achievements in a Tier Two sector: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agri-food and AgTech• Defence Capabilities and Space• Education• Financial Services and FinTech• Infrastructure and Transport• Resources

○ Priority Sectors

Tier One Priority Sectors	
Critical technologies	Details
Renewables and low emission technologies	Details
Health Industries	Details
Tier Two Priority Sectors	
Agri-food and AgTech	Details
Education	Details
Defence Capabilities and Space	Details
Financial Services and FinTech	Details
Infrastructure and Transport	Details
Resources	Details





Global Talent Visa - Process

☐ Direct Application





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