

<b>Factor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Points</b>
Age, at time of invitation	18-24 (inclusive)	25 points
	25-32 (inclusive)	30 points
	33-39 (inclusive)	25 points
	40-44 (inclusive)	15 points
	45-49 (inclusive)	0 points
English language competency level, at time of invitation	Competent English - IELTS 6 / OET B	0 points
	Proficient English - IELTS 7 / OET B	10 points
	Superior English - IELTS 8 / OET A	20 points
Overseas skilled employment in nominated skilled occupation or a closely related skilled occupation, at time of invitation	At least three but less than five years (of past 10 years)	5 points
	At least five but less than eight years (of past 10 years)	10 points
	At least eight and up to 10 years (of past 10 years)	15 points
Australian skilled employment in nominated skilled occupation or a closely related skilled occupation, at time of invitation (Note that the maximum points awarded for any combination of overseas and Australian skilled employment is 20 points)	At least one but less than three years (of past 10 years)	5 points
	At least three but less than five years (of past 10 years)	10 points
	At least five but less than eight years (of past 10 years)	15 points
	At least eight and up to 10 years (of past ten years)	20 points
Educational qualifications, at time of invitation.	Doctorate from an Australian educational institution or other Doctorate of a recognised standard	20 points
	At least a Bachelor degree, including a Bachelor degree with Honours or Masters, from an Australian educational institution or other degree of a recognised standard	15 points
	Diploma completed in Australia, trade qualification completed in Australia, or qualification or award of recognised standard	10 points
Australian study qualifications, at time of invitation	One or more degrees, diplomas or trade qualifications awarded by an Australian educational institution and meet Australian Study Requirement	5 points
	Credentialed community language qualifications	5 points
	Study in regional Australia or in a low population growth metropolitan area (excluding distance education)	5 points
Other factors, at time of invitation	Partner skill qualifications	5 points
	Professional Year completion, for a period of at least 12 months in the four year period immediately before the day on which the invitation was issued	5 points
Nomination/Sponsorship, at time of invitation	Nomination by State or Territory government (visa subclass 190 only)	5 points
	Nomination by State or Territory government or sponsorship by an eligible family member, for residing and working in a specified/designated area (visa subclass 489 only)	10 points

**\*\*\*\*\*Designated Areas:**

If you are applying for a Skilled – Regional Sponsored (Provisional) visa, and you are being sponsored by an eligible relative, your sponsor must be usually a resident in one of the following designated areas:

**State or Territory Designated Areas**

Victoria	Anywhere
South Australia	Anywhere
Northern Territory	Anywhere
Tasmania	Anywhere
Australian Capital Territory	Anywhere
Queensland Postcode areas 4019-4028, 4037-4050, 4079-4100, 4114, 4118, 4124-4150, 4158-4168, 4180-4899 (anywhere except Brisbane metropolitan area)	
Western Australia	Anywhere
New South Wales Post areas 2311-2312, 2328-2333, 2336-2490, 2535-2551, 2575-2739, 2787-2898 (anywhere except Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong)	

**\*\*\*\*\*Regional Australia/low population growth metropolitan areas**

**Postcodes inclusive**

New South Wales except Sydney, Newcastle, the Central Coast and Wollongong	2311 to 2312 2328 to 2411 2420 to 2490 2536 to 2551 2575 to 2594 2618 to 2739 2787 to 2898
Queensland except the greater Brisbane area and the Gold Coast	4124 to 4125 4133 ;4211 4270 to 4272 4275 ;4280 4285 ;4287 4307 to 4499 4515 ;4517 to 4519 4522 to 4899
Victoria except Melbourne metropolitan area	3211 to 3334 3340 to 3424 3430 to 3649 3658 to 3749 3753, 3756 3758 ,3762 3764 ,3778 to 3781 3783 ,3797 3799 ,3810 to 3909 3921 to 3925 3945 to 3974 3979 ,3981 to 3996
Western Australia except Perth and surrounding areas	6041 to 6044 6083 to 6084 6121 to 6126 6200 to 6799

South Australia  
Tasmania  
Northern Territory

Entire State  
Entire State  
Entire Territory

**Note:** none of the Australian Capital Territory is included.