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Queensland Government sponsorship » *Skilled visas*

Queensland's thriving economy and diverse industry base means there are many exciting employment opportunities. Throughout Queensland jobs are available in a wide range of industries including health, construction, mining, manufacturing and professional services.

For an exciting and rewarding career, make the smart choice and move to Queensland.

A great place to live

Queenslanders enjoy a lifestyle that is the envy of many – a high quality of life, near perfect weather, open spaces, outdoor cafés, all-year-round sports and fantastic weekend getaways.

Migrate to Queensland and enjoy:

- a low cost of living
- access to world-class education institutions and health facilities
- reliable public transport
- recreation facilities
- a high degree of personal safety.

In Queensland you can live in a metropolitan, regional or rural community. More than half of Queensland's population lives outside its capital city Brisbane. Wherever you choose to live you will have access to world-class infrastructure and services including schools and health facilities.

Migrate to Queensland, Australia

To migrate you must obtain a visa from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC). State/territory government sponsorship is a requirement for some visa categories.

State/territory sponsored business visas

The Queensland Government values the contribution that skilled people make to the State's economic growth and development, and provides sponsorship to eligible applicants for skilled visas.

A skilled visa is for people who have skills in particular occupations required in Australia. Requirements include being over 18 and under 45 years of age, English language ability and recent skilled work experience.



Queensland the Smart State





Skilled - Regional Sponsored (Subclass 475) visa

This visa allows people with an eligible skill to live and work in regional Queensland. It is a provisional visa for up to three years and provides a pathway to permanent residency.

Once you can demonstrate to DIAC that you have lived in regional Queensland for two years and worked in regional Queensland in a full-time position for at least one year, you can apply for permanent residency. Permanent residency visa options for Skilled Regional Sponsored visa holders are:

- Skilled Regional (Subclass 887)
- Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (Subclass 857)
This visa requires sponsorship from an approved business sponsor.

Skilled - Sponsored (Subclass 176) visa

This visa allows people to live and work in Queensland and is a permanent residency visa. You must have a skill that is in critical shortage in Queensland. To view a list of these skills visit www.workliveplay.qld.gov.au

How to apply

There are two stages in the application process for a state/territory sponsored skilled visa.

The Queensland Government and DIAC have separate criteria for each stage. The Queensland Government expects that skilled migrants who apply for State sponsorship will meet DIAC criteria, available at www.immi.gov.au

Stage 1 - Apply to the Queensland Government for sponsorship

For sponsorship you will need to demonstrate you meet the following criteria:

- have had a positive skill assessment for an occupation listed on the relevant Queensland eligible skill list
- have sufficient funds to settle in Queensland.

Please visit www.workliveplay.qld.gov.au for information on the four-step process for applying for sponsorship.

Please note that there is no charge for lodging a sponsorship application and that state/territory sponsorship does not guarantee visa approval.

Stage 2 - Apply to DIAC for a visa

To apply for a visa forward your skilled visa application in full, including your signed sponsorship form, to DIAC for assessment.

If you are living in Queensland on a Queensland Government sponsored Skilled Regional Sponsored visa and are applying for permanent residency, you do not need to apply for sponsorship. You apply directly to DIAC and need to demonstrate that you have met the conditions of your sponsorship and visa.

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