

Skilled Visas for Australia - Nurses

Type of visa	Visa duration	SkillSelect expression of interest (EOI) required	Sponsorship required	Required to work in regional Australia	Points tested visa	Registration required – AHPRA*	Skills Assessment required – ANMAC*	Work experience	Additional information
Subclass 457 Business (Long Stay)	From one day up to 4 years	Optional	Yes, by an employer	No	No	Yes	No	Have skills and experience to match position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant must be nominated for a nursing occupation featured on relevant legislative instrument – Consolidated Skilled Occupation List (CSOL) No age limit
Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS) Subclass 186 Direct Entry Stream	Permanent	Optional	Yes, by an employer	No	No	Yes	Yes	3 years relevant work experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant must be nominated for a nursing occupation featured on relevant legislative instrument – Consolidated Skilled Occupation List (CSOL) Must be under 50 Have at least competent English
ENS Subclass 186 Temporary Residence Transition Stream (TRT)	Permanent	Optional	Yes, by an employer	No	No	Yes	No	2 years of sponsorship and employment with your 457 sponsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nursing position being nominated for permanent residence is consistent with the position the person held while on their subclass 457 visa Must be under 50 Have at least vocational English
Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS) Subclass 187 Direct Entry Stream	Permanent	Optional	Yes, by an employer	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant must be nominated for a nursing occupation with the qualifications as listed in ANZSCO Must be under 50 Have at least competent English
RSMS Subclass 187 TRT Stream	Permanent	Optional	Yes, by an employer	Yes	No	Yes	No	2 years of sponsorship and employment with your 457 sponsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nursing position being nominated for permanent residence is consistent with the position the person held while on their subclass 457 visa Must be under 50 Have at least vocational English
Skilled – Independent Subclass 189	Permanent	Mandatory	No	No	Yes, this is a points tested visa	No	Yes	Points awarded as parts of points test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be invited to apply Nominated nursing occupation must be on the applicable Skilled Occupation List (SOL) Must be under 50 Have at least competent English
Skilled – Nominated Subclass 190	Permanent	Mandatory	Yes, applicant must be nominated by a state/territory government	No	Yes, this is a points tested visa	No	Yes	Points awarded as parts of points test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be invited to apply Nominated nursing occupation must be on the applicable Skilled Occupation List (SOL) Must be under 50 Have at least competent English
Skilled – Regional Sponsored (provisional) Subclass 489	Four years	Mandatory	Yes, applicant must be nominated by a state/territory government or by an eligible relative	Yes, an applicant must live, work and study in a specified regional area	Yes, this is a points tested visa	No	Yes	Points awarded as parts of points test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be invited to apply Nominated nursing occupation must be on the applicable Skilled Occupation List (SOL) Must be under 50 Have at least competent English

This information is to be used for comparison only and does not represent an exhaustive list of visas or their requirements. For more information go to www.immi.gov.au

Which booklet can give me more visa information?

Booklet 9 – Temporary Business (Long Stay) (subclass 457) visa
Booklet 5 – Employer Sponsored Migration
Booklet 6 – General Skilled Migration (Independent Migration)

The booklets available online – www.immi.gov.au/allforms/booklets/booklets.htm

***AHPRA – Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency**

The AHPRA supports the 10 National Health Practitioner Boards that are responsible for regulating the 10 health professions. The primary role of the Boards is to protect the public and they set standards and policies that all registered health practitioners must meet. Nurses and midwives must be registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, and meet the Board's registration standards, in order to practise in Australia.

For the Employer Sponsored visa programs you must provide evidence of registration as a nurse in order to be granted an employer sponsored visa. In some instances, a skills assessment will also be required (please see below for further information).

For more information on applying for registration to work as a nurse in Australia, please see -

<http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/>

***ANMAC – Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council**

The International section of the ANMAC is an assessing authority for the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC). The ANMAC conducts an assessment of registered nurses and midwives who intend to migrate to Australia under the Independent Migration category and for some employer sponsored visas (ENS, Direct Entry Stream).

The ANMAC has been authorised by DIAC to undertake these assessments. Through this process the ANMAC determines whether nurses and midwives are suitable for migration or whether they may need to undertake further education in order to be eligible for migration in the stated skill category.

For more information relating on how to obtain a skills assessment, please see –

http://www.anmac.org.au/migration_skills_assessment