

SKILLED WORK REGIONAL (PROVISIONAL) SUBCLASS 491 VISA NOMINATION CRITERIA

Applicants must meet all the nomination criteria in one of the three following streams to be eligible for NSW nomination:

- Stream 1: living and working in regional NSW
- Stream 2: recently completed study in regional NSW, or
- Stream 3: living and working outside of NSW.

Applicants who do not meet the criteria in one of these three streams may be refused unless otherwise agreed in writing with NSW Treasury.

'Closely related occupations' are defined as those having the same ANZSCO unit group, i.e. sharing the same first four digits.

'[Designated regional areas](#)' are determined by the Department of Home Affairs. Please see their website for a list of regional NSW postcodes.

1. Living and working in regional NSW

To be eligible for NSW nomination, the applicant must:

- hold a valid skills assessment for an occupation that appears on your nominated regions occupation list
- have been living in a designated regional area in NSW for at least the previous 12 months and
- have been working in their nominated occupation, or a closely related occupation, in a designated regional area in NSW, for at least the previous 12 months.

2. Recently completed study in regional NSW

To be eligible for NSW nomination, the applicant must:

- hold a valid skills assessment for an occupation that appears on your nominated regions occupation list
- have completed study or education with an education provider, where:
 - the study was completed within the previous 24 months,
 - the education provider is located in a designated regional area in NSW
 - the study meets the Australian study requirement (as determined by Department of Home Affairs), and
 - the qualification obtained from this study has been assessed as closely related to the Applicant's nominated occupation by the relevant assessing authority, and
- have lived in a designated regional area in NSW while completing their study.

3. Living and working outside of a designated regional postcode of NSW

To be eligible for NSW nomination, the applicant must meet all of the relevant criteria for at least one of the following categories:

Stream 3a: Job offer in regional NSW

- hold a valid skills assessment for an occupation that appears on your nominated regions occupation list
- have an offer for ongoing employment that is:
 - in the applicant's nominated occupation, or a closely related occupation; and
 - for a minimum term of 12 months and 35 hours of work per week.
- have an offer for ongoing employment from an employer that is:
 - located in a designated regional area in NSW; and
 - registered in Australia.

Stream3b: At least five years skilled employment experience (offshore Applicants)

If the applicant resides outside of Australia, the applicant must:

- hold a valid skills assessment for an occupation that appears on your nominated regions occupation list
and
- have at least five years of skilled employment in such nominated occupation, or a closely related occupation.

Stream 3c: Family ties in regional NSW

To be eligible for NSW nomination, the applicant must:

- hold a valid skills assessment for an occupation that appears on your nominated regions occupation list; and
- have an immediate family member in a designated regional area in NSW who satisfies all of the criteria below:
 - a grandfather, grandmother, father, mother, brother or sister of the applicant (including by virtue of a step or adoptive relationship)
 - at least 18 years of age
 - either an Australian Permanent Resident, an Australian Citizen or a NSW nominated provisional visa holder (489 or 491)
 - currently residing in a designated regional area in NSW, and
 - has been residing in a designated regional area in NSW for at least the previous 24 months
 - and must ensure that such family member has completed a statutory declaration to confirm that they satisfy each of the above chain migration requirements.