

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: skilled in an occupation required in regional NSW.

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 the Stream 1 Combined 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. Skilled in an occupation required 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
- be currently residing in an Australian state or territory