



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is Australia's General Skilled Migration (GSM) program?

A: This migration program is for those who wish to settle in Australia whose occupation is in high demand in the Australian labor market.

Q: I am interested. How do I know if I'm eligible?

A: You can email your updated resume to marketing@ozpacificgroup.com.au. Please include your full birthdate, academic qualifications, employment history with at least 5 duties and responsibilities for each work experience. Alternatively, you can complete the online form here: <https://www.ozpacificgroup.com.au/talk-to-us>.

Our Registered Migration Agent will pre- assess your qualifications and check if your occupation is on the Skilled Occupations List.

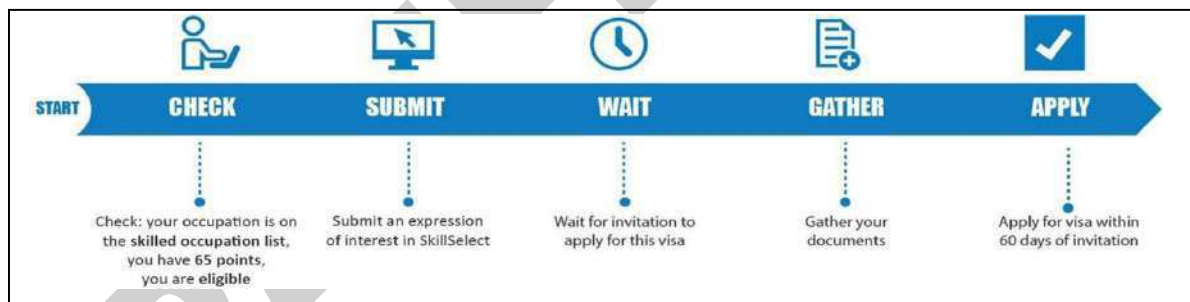
Q: What is the Skilled Occupations List?

A: This combined list summarizes the occupations that are currently needed to fill skill shortages and are acceptable for immigration to Australia.

Q: What is the application process for a GSM visa?

A: The application process involves the following steps:

1. Check your eligibility. This includes your age, academic qualification, work experience, valid English Test, and suitable skills assessment.
2. Submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) in SkillSelect.
3. You will be ranked against other intending applicants and might be invited to apply for the visa.
4. Once you have received the invitation via SkillSelect, gather your documents as required.
5. You must apply for the skilled visa within 60 days of invitation.



Source: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/>

Q: What is Skills Assessment and who is the assessing authority?

A: A **skills assessment** is issued by a relevant **skills assessing authority**. This organization evaluates whether an applicant's skills meet the standards required for a specific occupation. A valid and suitable skills assessment is mandatory for a GSM visa. Each assessing authority has its own assessment procedures, time frames and charges.

Q: What is an expression of interest (EOI) and SkillSelect?

A: An EOI is a way for skilled workers or business people from overseas to express their intent to apply for a visa to migrate to Australia. Your EOI must be completed online using SkillSelect: <https://skillselect.gov.au/SKILLSELECT/ExpressionOfInterest/PreReg/Start>

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Q: Is there an age limit for a GSM visa?

A: Applicants must be at least 18 years old and under 45 at the time they receive the invitation to apply. The acceptable age is assessed on a case-by-case basis, and our Registered Migration Agent will provide further details during the assessment.

Q: What is the required IELTS score?

A: You must have a valid IELTS (or other acceptable English tests) with at least an overall score of 6.0 (or equivalent) to prove that you have competent English.

Q: Is this a points-tested visa? What is the acceptable score?

A: Yes, a GSM visa is a points-tested visa. You must have a minimum score of 65 points.

Q: How much will the visa processing cost?

A: Our Registered Migration Agent offers a comprehensive assessment suited for your occupation with the specific steps and requirements for AU\$220. This fee is deductible from our professional fees should you decide to proceed.

Our professional fees range from AU\$2,200.00 to AU\$4,400.00, depending on the occupation, scope of work, and other factors. The whole application, including the Skills Assessment and visa fees, may cost between AU\$8,000 and AU\$12,000. Turn to page 3 for the Budget Estimate.

Q: Is the payment in full or instalment basis?

A: The fees will be paid in stages. Fees are non-refundable and non-transferable, unless a task for a specific stage is not completed. We will provide you with a budget guide outlining the payment schedules.

Q: What will happen if I'm deemed ineligible for the GSM visa after the processing has been initiated?

A: We can pre-assess and assist you with other visa applications like Student Visa, if you're eligible.

Q: Do you have a high grant rate with GSM visas?

A: Oz Pacific Group has maintained a 100% visa grant rate for skilled visas, with no refusals. We do not lodge any visa application unless we are certain about the prospect of success.

Q: How long is the GSM processing?

A: Upon visa lodgment, the estimated processing time for 90% of the applications is from 4 to 20 months. However, this timeframe is not fixed and may vary based on global visa processing times from the Department of Home Affairs. Actual processing times may be faster or slower than the global estimated timeframe.

Q: Will I have a guaranteed job in Australia once I receive the skilled visa?

A: Unfortunately, no. Our role is to guide and assist you with your visa application. By law, we are not allowed to source an Australian employer for you.

Disclaimer: This FAQ is intended to provide general information. Visa applications are subject to specific requirements and conditions. Please consult with our experts for advice tailored to your personal circumstances.

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Budget Estimate

Appendix A

Immigration Fees		Payable (After receiving an invitation)
Subclass 491	Fees	
Immigration Fees - Primary Applicant	\$4,770.00	
Immigration Fees - Additional Applicant 18+	\$2,385.00	
Immigration Fees - Additional Applicant U18	\$1,190.00	
Mandatory Surcharge	1.40%	
Nomination Application	Depends on the relevant authority	
Subclass 190	Fees	
Immigration Fees - Primary Applicant	\$4,770.00	
Immigration Fees - Additional Applicant 18+	\$2,385.00	
Immigration Fees - Additional Applicant U18	\$1,190.00	
Mandatory Surcharge	1.40%	
Nomination Application	Depends on the relevant authority	
Subclass 189	Fees	
Immigration Fees - Primary Applicant	\$4,765.00	
Immigration Fees - Additional Applicant 18+	\$2,385.00	
Immigration Fees - Additional Applicant U18	\$1,195.00	
Mandatory Surcharge	1.40%	
Professional Fees		
Initial Consultation	\$220.00	
Creation & Management of Expression of Interest	\$350.00	Payable prior the Skills Assessment Application process
Preparation + Management + Lodgement of Visa Application	\$2,800.00	Payable (After receiving an invitation)
Preparation + Management + Lodgement of State Nomination (If Applicable)	\$880.00	Payable (After receiving an invitation)

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