

XIPHIAS Immigration

PROGRAMME BROCHURE

SKILLED MIGRATION | AUSTRALIA

# Subclass 190 – State Nominated PR Visa

Permanent residency via state or territory nomination — the nomination adds 5 points to your score.

| TIMELINE | POINTS THRESHOLD | JOB OFFER | FAMILY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12 months (XIPHIAS average) | 65 | Not required | Spouse, children up to age 23 |

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# At a glance

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| COUNTRY<br>**Australia** | ROUTE<br>**Skilled Migration - Points** |
| TIMELINE<br>**12 months (XIPHIAS average)** | FAMILY MEMBERS<br>**Spouse, children up to age 23** |
| LANGUAGE<br>**Competent English (IELTS 6.0 each band or equivalent)** | JOB OFFER<br>**Not required** |
| POINTS THRESHOLD<br>**65** | LAST UPDATED<br>**1 October 2026** |

## Overview

The **Skilled Nominated Visa – Subclass 190** is an **Australia skilled migration program** for **qualified professionals** seeking **permanent residency** through **state or territory nomination**. Applicants gain **extra points** and **priority invitations** under Australia's **points-tested system**, based on **age**, **English proficiency**, **skills assessment**, and **work experience**. This visa offers a **direct PR pathway** for skilled workers in **high-demand occupations**, allowing them to **live, work, and include family members** in Australia with long-term settlement and citizenship prospects.

## Why Choose Subclass 190

- State nomination adds points and boosts invitation chances
- Permanent residency with commitment to nominated state or territory
- Targets occupations on state and regional skills lists
- Include eligible family members under one PR application
- Full work, study, and Medicare rights
- Pathway to Australian citizenship after required residency

## Visa application charge

The Home Affairs visa application charge for the primary applicant is **AUD 6,140** (as displayed on 29 September 2026). Additional charges apply for each family member included in the application.

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# Sub Class 190 Skilled Immigration

Under this stream, skilled workers need to get nominated by an Australian state or territory Government to live and work in Australia as a Permanent Resident. You need to first submit your Expression of Interest through the Skill Select portal. You will then receive an invitation to apply for the visa if nominated by an Australian body.

## to be eligible under this stream you need to

- Have work experience in the same stream as your education

- Have skills assessment done proving that you have the required skills and qualification for the job
- Get a nomination by a state or territory Government Agency
- Have English competency
- Be invited by Australian Skill Select to apply for your PR

### Benefits of Australian PR

- You can live in Australia indefinitely.
- You can Work and study in Australia.
- You can enroll in Medicare, Australia's scheme for health related care and expenses
- You can sponsor eligible relatives for permanent residence.
- You can Travel to and from Australia for five years.
- You can apply for Australian citizenship, if eligible.

### What XIPHIAS Immigration will do for you

- Profile assessment
- Submission of application and documents
- Application preparation
- Guidance about the applications and documents required
- Language proficiency tests
- Help till the point of getting your PR Visa
- Post landing counseling
- Post landing Job search assistance

## When this route may not fit

- Not meeting a state's specific nomination requirements (e.g., occupation, residency, experience).
- Points below recent invitation cut-offs.
- Age >= 45 at invitation.

## Skills, language and points

ACCEPTED TESTS

**IELTS, PTE, OET, TOEFL iBT**

MINIMUM LEVEL

**Competent English (IELTS 6.0 each band or equivalent)**

**Job offer:** Requires nomination from a state or territory government — no employer offer needed.

| Points factor | Maximum | Notes |
|---|---|---|
| Age | 30 | |
| English language | 20 | |
| Skilled employment (overseas/Australia) | 20 | |

| Points factor | Maximum | Notes |
|---|---|---|
| Qualifications | 20 | |
| Other factors (Aust. study, specialist education, partner, regional, CCL) | 25 | |

### Common eligible occupations (examples)

- Software Engineer (ANZSCO 261313)
- Engineering Technologist (ANZSCO 233914)
- Registered Nurse (Critical Care) (ANZSCO 254415)
- Chef (ANZSCO 351311)

## Costs and government fees

### Programme costs

| Item | Amount | Notes |
|---|---|---|
| Visa application charge (primary applicant) | AUD 6,140 | Home Affairs VAC as displayed on 29 September 2026. Additional applicant charges apply. |

### Government fees

| Fee | Amount | Notes |
|---|---|---|
| Subclass 190 — primary applicant visa application charge | AUD 6,140 | |

## How the process works

1. **Skills Assessment**
   Get your occupation assessed by the authorized assessing authority.
2. **English Test**
   Take IELTS/PTE/OET and meet minimum Competent English.
3. **Expression of Interest (SkillSelect)**
   Submit EOI indicating 190 preference and target state nomination.
4. **State/Territory Nomination**
   Apply to a state program; if approved, you receive +5 points and an invitation.
5. **Visa Lodgement**
   Lodge Subclass 190 application within 60 days of invitation.
6. **Health, Character & Biometrics**
   Complete mandatory examinations and police checks.

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**Decision**
PR granted on approval; commit to settling in nominating state as declared.

# Document checklist

### Identity & Civil

- Passport (valid >= 6 months)
- Birth/marriage certificates or name-change evidence

### Skills & Education

- Positive skills assessment from the relevant authority
- Degree/diploma and transcripts

### Employment

- Work reference letters and contracts
- Payslips or tax records

### English & Tests

- IELTS/PTE results meeting Competent English

### Health & Character

- Medical exams by panel physician
- Police clearances for each country lived in 12+ months

# Questions clients ask

**Is state nomination mandatory for Subclass 190?**
Yes. Each state sets its own criteria based on occupations and demand.

**What is the minimum score?**
65 points including the +5 nomination bonus.

**Do I need to live in the nominating state?**
Yes. Applicants must intend to live and work in the state that nominated them.

**How long does Subclass 190 processing take?**
Home Affairs' published service standard is 4 months for 50% of applications and 16 months for 90%. XIPHIAS's own observed average, including the state nomination stage, is about 12 months.

**Can I include family members?**
Yes — partner and dependent children can apply together.

# Important notes

- Subclass 190 invitations are issued by states and territories, not in the departmental SkillSelect rounds. Home Affairs states that state and territory nominations are not affected by departmental invitation rounds, so there is no national cut-off score for 190; each state sets its own selection criteria.
- Each state runs its own occupation list, its own streams and its own additional criteria, and changes them without much notice. Check the state's own site before committing.
- State nomination adds 5 points. You still need 65 points in total including those 5.
- You must be under 45 at the time of invitation.

## Compliance

- Home Affairs published service standard: 4 months for 50% of applications, 16 months for 90%. The headline timeline on this page is XIPHIAS's own observed average from our case files, which includes the state nomination stage.
- Your occupation must be on the MLTSSL or the STSOL (ANZSCO 2013). Both were last re-issued effective 28 March 2026.
- Applications are processed in the order set by Ministerial Direction No. 122.
- Current queue positions published by Home Affairs: May 2025 for priority sectors, January 2026 for onshore applicants, February 2025 for offshore.
- Competent English is required at the time of invitation.



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NEXT STEP

# Plan your Australia application with our Dubai team

Tell us about your profile, family and timeline. We will confirm whether **Subclass 190 – State Nominated PR Visa** fits, set out the full cost in writing and manage the application with you from start to finish.


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