

# Visa pathway guide



The following information is to assist international graduates in South Australia to explore their visa pathways to remain in South Australia. It does not constitute specific migration advice and individuals need to thoroughly explore their options before making any decision. This information is intended as a guide only and you are advised to explore the complete requirements for each visa subclass.

Visa	Stream	How long does the visa last?	Nomination required	Do I need a skills assessment?	Does a specific occupation list apply?	Further information
 <b>Temporary Graduate Visa</b> (Subclass 485)	Post Study Work Stream	2-4 years depending of last course of study	No	No	None	<a href="#">Department of Home Affairs</a>
	Graduate Work Stream	18 months	No	Yes	MLTSSL	<a href="#">Department of Home Affairs</a>
 <b>Skilled Regional (Provisional) visa</b> (subclass 489)	State nominated	4 years (pathway to permanent 887 visa)	Yes, from a state or territory government	Yes	MLTSSL or STSOL, but state or territory government restrictions may apply	<a href="#">Department of Home Affairs &amp; Immigration SA</a>
	Family nominated	4 years (pathway to permanent 887 visa)	Yes, from an eligible family member	Yes	MLTSSL	<a href="#">Department of Home Affairs</a>
 <b>Skilled Independent visa</b> (subclass 189)		Permanent residency	No, but must be invited to apply by DIBP	Yes	MLTSSL	<a href="#">Department of Home Affairs</a>
 <b>Skilled Nominated visa</b> (subclass 190)		Permanent residency	Yes, from a state or territory government	Yes	MLTSSL or STSOL, but state/territory government restrictions may apply	<a href="#">Department of Home Affairs &amp; Immigration SA</a>
 <b>Temporary Work (Skilled) visa</b> (subclass 457)		2 years (STSOL occupations) or 4 years (MLTSSL occupations)	Yes, by an employer	Only for certain trades	Combined list of eligible skilled occupations MLTSSL & STSOL	<a href="#">Department of Home Affairs</a>

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 <b>Employer Nomination Scheme</b> (subclass 186)	Temporary Residence Transition stream	Permanent	Yes, by an employer	No	None, but must have held a 457 visa for two years	<a href="#">Department of Home Affairs</a>
	Direct Entry stream	Permanent	Yes, by an employer	Yes, some exceptions apply	Combined list of eligible skilled occupations  MLTSSL & STSOL	<a href="#">Department of Home Affairs</a>
 <b>Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme visa</b> (subclass 187)	Temporary Residence Transition stream	Permanent	Yes, by an employer in regional Australia	No	Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO) skill level 1, 2 or 3 occupations	<a href="#">Department of Home Affairs</a>
	Direct Entry stream	Permanent	Yes, by an employer in regional Australia.  Requires advice from a Regional Certifying Body	No	Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO) skill level 1, 2 or 3 occupations	<a href="#">Department of Home Affairs &amp; Immigration SA</a>

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