



Your Personal Quick Reference Guide

Employer Sponsorship → Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (Subclass 187)

The Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme or RSMS visa is a permanent employer sponsored visa which requires a job offer in a Regional Area of Australia.

Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS) → The Stages

1. RCB Certification

The Regional Certifying Body will assess that the position is genuine (RCB is also known as Regional Development Authority)

2. Nomination

During the nomination process, the business operations are reviewed in addition to the position offered to the employee.

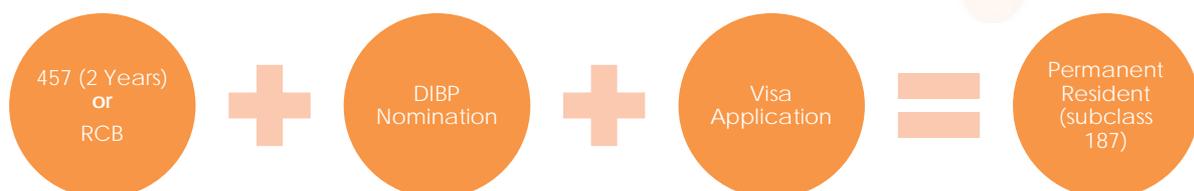
3. Visa Application

Three Application Pathways exist for this visa

Option 1: Temporary Residence Transition Stream, Applies to applicants that have held a Subclass 457 visa and been employed by an Australian organization for a minimum of 2 years. In this instance a skill assessment will not be required and the Nominee will only require an IELTS score of 5.0 in each test band (or equivalent English exam).

Option 2: Direct Entry Stream. Allows individuals to apply for Permanent Residency directly regardless of their current employment or visa status. Applicants will only be required to hold a minimum of a trade certificate or Diploma and can substitute the qualification with a formal skills assessment in their nominated occupation. Previous work experience will not be required but applicants will require an IELTS score of 6.0 in each test band (or equivalent English exam).

Option 3: Agreement Stream. This only applies if the Business (Employer) has a Labour Agreement



Where are the Regional Areas?

In order to be Granted a RSMS visa, the applicant must be working in a "Regional Area". The following are considered Regional areas:

- ✓ The whole of Western Australia
- ✓ The whole of South Australia
- ✓ The whole of Tasmania
- ✓ The whole of ACT
- ✓ The whole of Northern Territory
- ✓ New South Wales (NSW) *excluding: Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong
- ✓ Victoria – all areas excluding Melbourne Metropolitan area.
- ✓ Queensland– all areas except Brisbane and Gold Coast.

The Benefits?

- ✓ The Employer will not be required to meet the Training Benchmark requirement (which applies for the Subclass 457 and ENS visa streams)
- ✓ The applicant requires a lower skill level (majority of applicants do not require a skills assessment or have minimum work experience specified).
- ✓ A wider range of occupations apply (that the employer can nominate under) compared to the Subclass 457 and ENS visa streams)

DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

The following offers a summary of items requested, further documents may be required subject to assessment

The Applicant

Main:

- Qualification certificates (professional and educational).
- Resume (also known as CV)
- Documents to show your level of English language proficiency (IELTS, OET, PTE).
- Identity documents, passport, birth certificate, national ID card.

Main and Dependent applicants

- For all dependent applicants, where applicable copies of full birth certificates and a full marriage certificate.
- If you are living in a de facto relationship: independent evidence that you are in the relationship
- Health Examinations (this is completed post visa application), you will receive a HAP ID to allow members to apply for relevant Medical exams.
- Spouse, English language proficiency (IELTS, OET, PTE), overall score of 4.5, There are exemptions from English language proficiency for example evidence that your spouse has completed 1 year of study in Australia or payment of 2nd VAC charge, for a full list of exemptions please call HMS for further details.

The Business

- ✓ Business formation documents (ABN, ASIC)
- ✓ Financial reports (profit and loss statements, annual report for the most recently concluded financial year).
- ✓ If you are a recently established or small business: business tax returns for the most recently concluded financial year; recent business activity statements (BAS); recent bank statements.
- ✓ Organisation chart
- ✓ Employment Contract for the Nominee
- ✓ Subject to the business entity and structure, further documents will be required.

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