



## 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. Information listed is subject to change.

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>485</b> <b>Temporary Graduate visa</b> (subclass 485)	Post Study Work Stream	2-5 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>491</b> <b>Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa</b> (subclass 491)	State nominated	5 years (pathway to permanent 191 visa)	Yes, from a state or territory government	Yes	MLTSSL, STSOL or ROL, but state or territory government restrictions may apply	<a href="#">Department of Home Affairs</a> & <a href="#">Skilled &amp; Business Migration</a>
	Family nominated	5 years (pathway to permanent 191 visa)	Yes, from an eligible family member	Yes	MLTSSL	<a href="#">Department of Home Affairs</a>
<b>189</b> <b>Skilled Independent visa</b> (subclass 189)		Permanent residency	No, but must be invited to apply by Australian government	Yes	MLTSSL	<a href="#">Department of Home Affairs</a>
<b>190</b> <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</a> & <a href="#">Skilled &amp; Business Migration</a>
<b>482</b> <b>Temporary Skilled shortage visa</b> (subclass 482)		2 years (STSOL occupations) or 4 years (MLTSSL or regional list occupations)	Yes, by an employer	Only for certain occupations	Combined list of eligible skilled occupations MLTSSL, STSOL & ROL	<a href="#">Department of Home Affairs</a>



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<b>186</b> <b>Employer Nomination Scheme</b> (subclass 186)	Temporary Residence Transition stream	Permanent	Yes, by an employer	A skills assessment may be required	None. Usually must have held a 457 or 482 visa while working for your employer or three years	<a href="#">Department of Home Affairs</a>
	Direct Entry stream	Permanent	Yes, by an employer	Yes, some exceptions apply	MLTSSL	<a href="#">Department of Home Affairs</a>
<b>494</b> <b>Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (Provisional) visa</b> (subclass 494)	Employer Sponsored stream	5 years (pathway to permanent 191 visa)	Yes, by an employer in regional Australia.  Requires advice from a Regional Certifying Body	Some exceptions apply	Yes, MLTSSL and the ROL	<a href="#">Department of Home Affairs</a> & <a href="#">Skilled &amp; Business Migration</a>
	Labour Agreement stream	5 years (pathway to permanent 191 visa)	Yes, by an employer in regional Australia	<b>187 TRT Stream.</b>  A skills assessment may be required	MLTSSL & ROL	<a href="#">Department of Home Affairs</a>

MLTSSL – Medium and Long Term Strategic Skills Test

STSOL – Short-term Skilled Occupation List

ROL – Regional Occupation List

### For further information contact

Department of Home Affairs at [www.homeaffairs.gov.au](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au)

Skilled & Business Migration at [www.migration.sa.gov.au](http://www.migration.sa.gov.au)

For enquiries relating to visa options please submit an online enquiry through the [Skilled & Business Migration Portal](#)

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