

### **State nomination requirements**

The Commonwealth Department of Home Affairs has provided a limited number of visa nomination places to the Government of South Australia up until the Federal Budget is delivered on 6 October 2020.

The state's allocation of interim 491 and 190 visa nominations are intended to support South Australia's economic recovery and the public health response.

If you meet the state-nomination requirements, you are invited to lodge an Expression of Interest (EOI) through the Department of Home Affairs [SkillSelect](#) system.

If South Australia is satisfied with your EOI, you will be invited to submit an online application for state-nomination.

Please ensure your EOI is up to date before you lodge an application with the Government of South Australia.

### **Minimum nomination requirements**

1. Applicants must meet Home Affairs minimum requirements for age, English levels and Points, and
2. Applicants must nominate an occupation eligible for a 190 or 491 nomination on the [Skilled Migration Occupation List](#) and have a valid and positive Skills Assessment for that occupation, and
3. Applicants must be currently working in South Australia for at least the last 3 months in their nominated or closely related occupation, for at least 20 hours per week or 40 hours per fortnight. The work experience must be undertaken post-qualification completion and paid at the appropriate rate for the skill level.
4. The following applicants do not have to meet the work experience requirement listed above:
  - a. International graduates of South Australian education institutions who have completed a PhD or Masters by Research.

### **Preferred requirements**

In addition to the mandatory requirements listed above, applicants who meet the following conditions will have a better chance of being invited to submit an application.

5. Applicants with Proficient English overall or higher
6. Applicants with at least 90 Points in your Expression of Interest (including state-nomination points)
7. Applicants who are currently working in South Australia for at least the last 12 months in their nominated or closely related occupation and claiming Points for Australian work experience
8. Applicants who are currently living and working in outer [regional](#) South Australia
9. Applicants who meet the critical skills listed here for Commonwealth Government's Travel Exemption Requirements.

### **Important information**

South Australia's 190 and 491 visa nominations are subject to a quota. South Australia reserves the right to revise nomination eligibility criteria for these visa subclasses without notice.

The Commonwealth Department of Home Affairs has identified critical sectors to support Australia's COVID-19 public health response and economic recovery. Applicants who are nominating occupations in these sectors will be prioritised. This list of priority critical sectors may change over time.

If you meet the requirements listed above, please lodge your Expression of Interest (EOI) in SkillSelect. If you have a current EOI in SkillSelect, please ensure it is updated. All EOIs must be submission ready.

It is preferred that applicants choose 'South Australia' only as their nominating state. Applicants selecting 'ANY' state or territory or multiple states and territories (including South Australia) will be considered for nomination.

If you are living and working in outer regional South Australia, please email: [gsm.sa@sa.gov.au](mailto:gsm.sa@sa.gov.au) to advise that your EOI has been lodged. Please include your full name, EOI ID number and the postcode where you are residing and/or working.

Your EOI will be reviewed by the Government of South Australia. If you are identified as an applicant who meets the Commonwealth and State Government critical skills, we will send you an invitation to submit an application for state nomination.

If you are invited to submit an application, you will receive an email with a weblink which will enable you to log into your unique application form. You will have 10 business days to complete your state nomination application from the date you are invited to apply.

For South Australia to approve your online application and make a nomination in SkillSelect you need to meet the Department of Home Affairs criteria and South Australia's requirements. Please note:

- Your personal details in your South Australian online application must be the same as your EOI. Any discrepancies will result in nomination refusal.
- Your nominated occupation in your South Australian online application must match your nominated occupation in your EOI.
- Your South Australian online application must contain evidence of your EOI points claim, and evidence of your South Australian work experience. Please refer to the document checklist for more information. (Link)
- Missing or incorrect documentation may result in your South Australian application being refused.
- Additional documentation after submission of your South Australian application will not be accepted, unless requested.
- Any information edited in your EOI that had not been provided/included at time of submission of your South Australian application and affects your points, will not be accepted.

Your application will be assessed by South Australia within 6 to 8 weeks. Priority processing is not available, however if you have an imminent visa expiry we will make every endeavour to assess your application before your visa expiry.

South Australia reserves the right to offer a 491 provisional visa nomination for applicants otherwise eligible for a 190 visa nomination. If applying for 190 nomination, please ensure you have both visa subclasses selected in your EOI.

Prospective applicants who meet the requirements listed above and lodge an EOI are not guaranteed to be invited to submit an application. Applying for nomination does not guarantee you will receive nomination by South Australia or be granted an Australian visa. Invitation to submit an application and nomination is determined at the discretion of the Government of South Australia and is subject to quotas and Commonwealth and State priorities.

## **Business Innovation & Investment Program**

### **2020/21 Interim BIIP State Nomination Requirements – Round 1**

The Commonwealth Department of Home Affairs has provided a limited number of visa nomination places to the Government of South Australia up until the Federal Budget is delivered on 6 October 2020.

The allocation of interim 188 and 132 visa nominations provided to the Department for Innovation and Skills is intended to support the following high-level outcome of the State's Business Innovation & Investment Program:

High quality business owners and entrepreneurs have created genuine and sustainable business opportunities in South Australia that benefits the State's economy, local businesses and the workforce.

To be considered for Round 1 you must have completed the following by Friday 4 September (11:59pm ACST):

1. Submit an [Intention to Apply](#) and complete the second step email response for additional information
  2. Lodge an Expression of Interest (EOI) through the Department of Home Affairs [SkillSelect](#) system, and provide this EOI reference in your Intention to Apply
- If you have previously submitted an Intention to Apply, you are able to submit another one if your situation has changed or you did not include an EOI reference.
  - Please ensure your EOI is up to date and contains consistent information to your Intention to Apply.

Your Intention to Apply and EOI will be considered for nomination based on the following objectives:

- Attract significant investment into the South Australian economy
- Increase employment in South Australia through the direct creation of jobs
- Drive innovation to make South Australia more productive and competitive

If you have selected the Subclass 132 Significant Business History stream or Subclass 188 Business Innovation stream, you must have previously completed a physical exploratory visit to South Australia that meets the pre-July 2020 requirements below.

#### ***Exploratory Visit***

Evidence must be provided at time of application for State nomination. Information to be collected is the date and duration of the visit, where in SA you have visited and the nature of your visit. The accepted evidence must include one of the following:

- Meeting with Immigration SA (email confirmation of meeting)
- Airline boarding passes – tickets are not accepted as they do not confirm the flight was taken

- Receipts for accommodation in SA

If the above evidence is not available other submitted evidence maybe accepted, such as emails to confirm the meeting with SA companies. Photos are not required and will not be assessed.

Your application needs to include an exploratory visit itinerary and details on the outcome from your visit. This information is being collected to help understand how your visit has benefited your understanding of business and lifestyle opportunities.

If the Department for Innovation and Skills is satisfied with your Intention to Apply and your EOI, you may be invited to submit an online application for state nomination. These will be issued from Monday 7 September to Friday 18 September. You will have 10 business days from the date notified to apply for state nomination.

For South Australia to approve your online application and make a nomination in SkillSelect you need to meet the Department of Home Affairs criteria and South Australia's requirements. Please note:

- Your personal details in your South Australian online application must be the same as your EOI. Any discrepancies will result in nomination refusal.
- Missing or incorrect documentation may result in your South Australian application being refused.
- Additional documentation after submission of your South Australian application will not be accepted, unless requested.

Your application will be assessed by the Department for Innovation and Skills within an indicative 4-week period. Priority processing is not available.

If you are not invited to submit a state nomination application in Round 1, your Intention to Apply will remain eligible for any subsequent rounds, which is subject to the confirmation of future program settings, expected to be announced in the Federal Budget on 6 October 2020. Thereafter, further information will be announced regarding the application process or subsequent Rounds for the remainder of the 2020/21 program year. Please do not contact the Department for Innovation and Skills regarding the status of your Intention to Apply unless you have been requested to provide further information.

Prospective applicants who meet the requirements listed above and lodge an EOI are not guaranteed to be invited to submit an application. Applying for nomination does not guarantee you will receive nomination by South Australia or be granted an Australian visa. Invitation to submit an application and nomination is granted at the discretion of South Australia and is subject to quotas and Commonwealth and State priorities.

If you are granted an Australian visa, the business proposal you put forward during this interim period will be scrutinised at the subsequent Subclass 132 Review stage and Subclass 888 stage, where the Government of South Australia has a direct role.

Please refer to the [Terms and Conditions](#) for more information.