

# Migration Nomination Opportunities in South Australia



## South Australia Make it your business to move

Whether you are a skilled or business migrant, there has never been a better time to move to South Australia. In the capital city Adelaide you and your family may be able to afford a bigger house with a smaller mortgage, and benefit from affordable education in quality schools and a choice of universities.

South Australia is uniquely positioned to take advantage of high growth opportunities. Unemployment is low and with the economy steady, there are job vacancies in a variety of industries.

People moving to Adelaide arrive in one of the most liveable cities in the world. It offers a Mediterranean climate with beautiful beaches, year-round festivals and sport, world-class wineries, cafés and restaurants.

So, if you want to live in a place that's progressing but still has a relaxed, friendly lifestyle – then South Australia is the place for you.

## Immigration South Australia

The Government of South Australia, through its key agency Immigration South Australia, coordinates and drives the State's international migration programs. The government values the contribution that business people make to our economy through increased exports, investment and job creation. Skilled people are warmly welcomed to meet the state's skills needs.

Nominations for eligible business and skilled migrants are available from Immigration South Australia to facilitate visa grants from the Australian Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP). Following is an overview of the nominations on offer through Immigration SA for business and skilled migrants.

[www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)

## Services

A range of services are available to business, skilled and employer-sponsored visa holders, depending on the nature of the visa. For more information about how Immigration SA can help you with nomination and eligibility for services, visit

[www.migration.sa.gov.au](http://www.migration.sa.gov.au)

## Business migration

### Business Innovation and Investment streams (Provisional) Visa subclass 188:

This provisional visa allows business people who have had an overall successful business career or investment activity to: establish a new or improve an existing business in South Australia; or make a designated investment in South Australia for four years. The provisional visa is a pathway to permanent residency. In order to gain permanent residency the relevant permanent 888 visa stream must be applied for onshore once all requirements are met.

### Business Innovation and Investment Streams (Permanent) Visa subclass 888:

This is the second stage permanent visa that is available to be applied for by holders of the relevant qualifying provisional 188 visa. To be eligible, the applicant must have owned and operated a business or have made a designated investment in South Australia and met both Immigration SA and DIBP criteria.

### Business Talent – Significant Business History and Venture Capital Entrepreneur streams (Permanent) Visa subclass 132:

Highly successful business owner applicants or innovators who have gained a minimum AUD\$1m in Australian Venture Capital Limited Association (AVCAL) member funding, can apply for this permanent residency visa to establish a business in South Australia that will provide significant on-going benefits to the South Australian Economy. State nomination and DIBP criteria must be met for both to be eligible to apply.

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Please note: The government of South Australia, through Immigration SA, only processes state nominations for the above mentioned visas. All South Australian nomination criteria for the Business Innovation and Investment Program visas are located on the website at [www.migration.sa.gov.au](http://www.migration.sa.gov.au) For visa applications and to lodge an EOI a separate application needs to be submitted to DIBP [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)

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## General skilled migration

### Skilled – Nominated

#### (Permanent) Visa subclass 190:

This skilled visa allows the Government of South Australia, through Immigration SA, to nominate suitably qualified candidates to live and work in South Australia permanently. State nomination of this visa subclass is worth five points towards meeting the DIBP points test.

### Skilled – Regional

#### (Provisional) Visa subclass 489:

This is a 'regional' skilled nominated visa allows the Government of South Australia, through Immigration SA, to nominate suitably qualified candidates to live and work in South Australia for 4 years. However, if applicants live in South Australia for two years and work full time for 12 months of that 2 year period, they may be eligible to apply for permanent residency.

State nomination of this visa subclass is worth 10 points towards meeting the DIBP points test.

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\*The entire State of South Australia is defined as 'regional' and Adelaide is the only mainland State capital included in this definition.

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Nomination criteria for permanent and provisional visas include:

- A positive skills assessment for an occupation on South Australia's State Nominated Occupation Lists.
- Recent work experience in a skilled occupation or eligible for a work experience waiver as a recent South Australian international graduate
- An appropriate English language test result\* which meets Immigration SA's requirement for your nominated occupation.

\*Passport holders and citizens of the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Ireland and New Zealand are not required to provide an English language test result.

One of the requirements for successful nomination is that applicants must commit to living in South Australia for at least two years from arrival and demonstrate sufficient funds to sustain themselves and their family while they are seeking employment. Migrants are responsible for finding employment themselves once they arrive in South Australia.

## Employer sponsored

### Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme

#### (Permanent) Visa subclass 187:

This visa is designed to help South Australian employers fill skilled, full-time vacancies that they cannot fill from the local labour market. Under this scheme, employers may nominate workers from overseas or temporary residents already in

Australia by lodging an application with DIBP. For employers nominating an applicant under the Direct Entry pathway of the Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme, they must also lodge an application with the Regional Certifying Body (Immigration SA) for advice.

## SkillSelect

For business and skilled migrants seeking nomination from the South Australian Government, they must first submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) via the DIBP SkillSelect website.

[www.immi.gov.au/skills/skillselect](http://www.immi.gov.au/skills/skillselect)

For General Skilled Migration applications:

How to apply:

- Lodge an expression of interest in SkillSelect, choose South Australia as your preferred state and select either 190 –Skilled Nominated visa or the 489 – Skilled Regional (Provisional) visa.
- If selected, you will receive an invitation from Immigration South Australia within two business days to apply for state nomination.
- Use the details in your email to login and lodge your state nomination application. If you haven't received an invitation, or don't want to wait for your details to be populated you can create an Immigration SA account and apply online.
- If you are approved for state nomination, you'll receive an email from the DIBP inviting you to apply for your visa.
- Lodge your visa application with DIBP.

For applicants seeking employer sponsorship, they can lodge an EOI via the DIBP SkillSelect website and indicate their interest in employer sponsorship. The Expression of Interest is free.

## Find out more – South Australia welcomes you

### State Government resources and information

South Australian Government

[www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au)

### Industry and business information

Department of State Development

[www.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au](http://www.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au)

### Holiday information

South Australian Tourism Commission

[www.southaustralia.com](http://www.southaustralia.com)

### Skilled and business migration information

Immigration South Australia

[www.migration.sa.gov.au](http://www.migration.sa.gov.au)

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