






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
 Temporary Graduate Visa (Subclass 485)	Post Study Work Stream	2-5 years depending of last course of study	No	No	None	Department of Home Affairs
	Graduate Work Stream	18 months	No	Yes	MLTSSL	Department of Home Affairs
 Skilled Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 489)	State nominated	4 years (pathway to permanent 887 visa)	Yes, from a state or territory government	Yes	MLTSSL, STSOL or ROL, but state or territory government restrictions may apply	Department of Home Affairs & Immigration SA
	Family nominated	4 years (pathway to permanent 887 visa)	Yes, from an eligible family member	Yes	MLTSSL	Department of Home Affairs
 Skilled Independent visa (subclass 189)		Permanent residency	No, but must be invited to apply by Australian government	Yes	MLTSSL	Department of Home Affairs
 Skilled Nominated visa (subclass 190)		Permanent residency	Yes, from a state or territory government	Yes	MLTSSL or STSOL, but state/territory government restrictions may apply	Department of Home Affairs & Immigration SA
 Temporary Skilled shortage visa (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	Department of Home Affairs

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 Employer Nomination Scheme (subclass 186)	Temporary Residence Transition stream	Permanent	Yes, by an employer	No	None, but must have held a 457 or 482 visa for two or three years	Department of Home Affairs
	Direct Entry stream	Permanent	Yes, by an employer	Yes, some exceptions apply	MLTSSL	Department of Home Affairs
 Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme visa (subclass 187)	Temporary Residence Transition stream	Permanent	Yes, by an employer in regional Australia	187 TRT Stream. A skills assessment may be required in some occupations	MLTSST & ROL	Department of Home Affairs
	Direct Entry stream	Permanent	Yes, by an employer in regional Australia. Requires advice from a Regional Certifying Body	Yes, for trade occupations	Yes, MLTSSL and the ROL	Department of Home Affairs & Immigration SA

MLTSSL – Medium and Long Term Strategic Skills Test

STSOL – Short-term Skilled Occupation List

ROL – Regional Occupation List

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