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# YOUR PATHWAY TO PERMANENT RESIDENCY IN AUSTRALIA

We have put these simple tips together to help you navigate the pathway to Permanent Residency in Australia.

We process almost 2000 visas a year for people offshore and onshore. Our expert team of Registered MARA Agents are here to help deal with applications quickly and efficiently.

We hope you find the below information helpful. Please get in touch today if you need assistance.

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# OUR TOP TIPS TO SUCCESSFULLY MIGRATE TO AUSTRALIA

189/190 – This visa is the main pathway to permanent residency with the 190 requiring state sponsorship.

## 1 UNDERSTAND THE LINGO.

You will see lots of acronyms thrown about online regarding Australian visas. The main ones to understand for skilled permanent residency are **GSM: General Skilled Migration**, **EOI: Expression of Interest** and **ITA: Invitation to Apply**.

## 2 POINTS

The 189/190 is a points based permanent residency visa and you will need a minimum of 65 points to qualify for the pool. Make sure you can claim the points that you are planning to.

## 3 OCCUPATION CRITERIA

To be eligible to apply, your occupation will need to feature on the following list: [Australia Government Home Affairs - Skilled Occupation List](#).

## 4 2 YEAR COMMITMENT

With State Sponsorship you will need to commit to living and working in your nominated state for 2 years.

## 5 SKILLS ASSESSMENTS

Some occupations have multiple options. Making sure you undertake the right one can ensure that you can move forward with your visa application.

## 6 HEALTH & CHARACTER

You and your immediate family will need to meet Visa Health and Character requirements – even if your immediate family is not migrating with you.

## 7 GET ADVICE

It is important to discuss migration and seek advice from family and friends who have gone through the process. Their experience of the Do's and Don'ts can be invaluable.

## 8 BUDGET

Being aware of the cost of living in Australia and budgeting accordingly can help you settle into your new life smoothly.

## 9 HEALTHCARE

As a permanent resident you'll have Public Cover giving you access to some of the best healthcare facilities in the world. It is worth taking the time to become familiar with what you are entitled to.

## 10 EDUCATION

Australian permanent residents have access to world class colleges and universities. There is a wide range of education options available to you and your family, as a permanent resident at free or subsidised rates.

## 11 RELOCATION

Moving your life can be a daunting process. We can help you manage your relocation by putting you in touch with our expert relocation partners (including for pets).

## 12 ENGAGE AN AGENT

Speak to a Registered Migration Agent to get expert advice on your eligibility and to avoid unnecessary hurdles, time wasting or disappointment.

# RISKS & COMMON MISTAKES

- 1 Overestimating the points that you can claim. If you receive an invitation to apply based on over inflated points in your EOI your permanent residence application is likely to be refused.
- 2 Not understanding the minimum points your occupation will require to be selected from the pool. Lots of people mistakenly think they only need the minimum 65 points to be selected.
- 3 Many DIYers find that navigating the Skills Assessment process is a headache in itself – normally after a negative outcome. If nothing else, you should have an experienced Registered Migration Agent assist you with your skills assessment application.
- 4 Not correctly identifying your nominated occupation – the same job can be called something else in different countries and sometimes you might think you are going down the right path when you should be on another.
- 5 Not budgeting for the move. Some applications during the visa process will require you to evidence funds to initially support you and your family when you arrive in Australia.
- 6 Not being committed to the process. Stopping and starting can be tiresome and costly. In some cases, items you have obtained for the move may expire requiring you to redo them and incur further costs.
- 7 Not being open and honest with yourself about your health. Lots of people like to dismiss conditions but they might become an issue as part of a visa process if you haven't properly planned to address them. We advise you deal with this at the beginning of your process.
- 8 Many have the odd blimp on their police records and don't think it will affect their visa process. That's not the case for Australia and making sure that you have planned to address this is vital. If this is you, contact us, we can help.
- 9 The Australian Permanent Residency process looks not only at you but also at your immediate family (even if not migrating) so it's important to have everyone and their eligibility assessed to ensure you don't inadvertently start down the wrong path, or worse end up with a refusal.

There are residency pathways for people to move to Australia but there are potential pitfalls too. If you are concerned please contact us and we can help guide you through the process.

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