

Employer Sponsored Visas for Teachers Simon Mason, Senior Associate 6 June 2023

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1. Why Employer Sponsored Visas?

Labour Shortages

- Skill shortage
- Regional labour shortages

Mutually beneficial

- Allows the business to support a migration pathway
- Proves viability creates a path for later migration

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Challenges

Application costs

- Skilling Australians Fund ("SAF") levy
- > Visa Application Charge
- > Retaining a Lawyer or Agent
- Secondary Applicants (it adds up)

> Timing

- Labour Market Testing ("LMT")
- > Processing Times
- > Risks
 - > Refusal
 - Loss of the Sponsored employee
 - > Changes to the program (See



Teacher - Occupations

https://immi.home affairs.gov.au/visa s/working-inaustralia/skilloccupation-list





Occupations

Short Term List

- Art Teacher (Private Tuition) 249211 Dance Teacher (Private Tuition) 249212 Music Teacher (Private Tuition) 249214
- Primary School Teacher 241213
- Private Tutors and Teachers nec 249299
- Teacher of English to Speakers of Other Languages 249311

Medium Term List

- Early Childhood (Pre-primary School) Teacher 241111 (Note: This is not a child care worker and will require a bachelors level degree) Secondary School Teacher – 241411
- Child Care Centre Manager 134111 (Also bachelors level degree)
- Special Education Teachers nec 241599 Special Needs Teacher 241511
- Teacher of the Hearing Impaired 241512
- Teacher of the Sight Impaired 241513

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EG.



- > SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS teach one or more subjects within a prescribed curriculum to secondary school students and promote students' social, emotional, intellectual and physical development.
- Indicative Skill Level: In Australia and New Zealand:
- Most occupations in this unit group have a level of skill commensurate with a bachelor degree or higher qualification. In some instances relevant experience and/or on-the-job training may be required in addition to the formal qualification (ANZSCO Skill Level 1).
- Registration or licensing is required.
- Tasks Include:
 - presenting prescribed curriculum using a range of teaching techniques and materials
 - developing students' interests, abilities and coordination by way of creative activities
 - guiding discussions and supervising work in class
 - preparing, administering and marking tests, projects and assignments to evaluate students' progress and recording the results
 - discussing individual progress and problems with students and parents, and seeking advice from Student Counsellors and senior teachers
 - maintaining discipline in classrooms and other school areas
 - participating in staff meetings, educational conferences and workshops
 - liaising with parent, community and business groups
 - maintaining class and scholastic records
 - performing extra-curricular tasks such as assisting with sport, school concerts, excursions and special interest programs
 - supervising student teachers on placement

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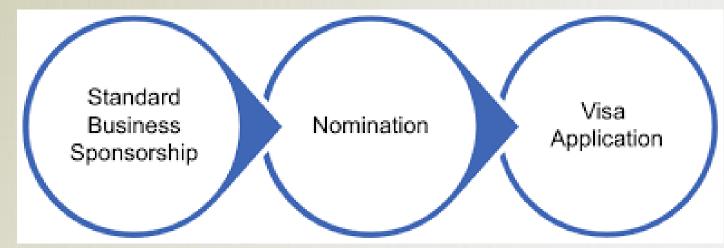
Pathways

Subclass 482 – Temporary Skills shortage

- Short term Short Term Occupation List
 - Max 2x two years
- Medium Term Medium to Long Term Skill Shortage List
 - Unlimited four-year visas
- > Subclass 494
 - > Regional Medium to Long Term Skill Shortage List
 - > Pathway to PR via Subclass 191 after residing in regional area.
- > Subclass 186
 - > Direct Entry → PR Visa
 - Direct to Apply but very onerous
 - ➤ Temporary Resident Transition (TRT) → PR Visa
 - > Must have held 482 visa for three years



The Process





Standard Business Sponsorship

- > Basically, a Drivers License for Businesses
- > Your business must be actively and lawfully operating in Australia
- There must not be any adverse information known that is relevant to your business' suitability as an approved sponsor.
- > Obligations:
 - Co-operate with inspectors
 - > Ensure equivalent terms and conditions of employment
 - > Pay travel costs to enable sponsored persons to leave Australia
 - > Pay costs incurred by the Commonwealth to locate and remove unlawful non-citizen
 - > Keep records
 - > Provide records and information to the Minister
 - > Provide information to Immigration when certain events occur
 - > Ensure sponsored employee works only in the nominated occupation



Compliance

- The Department monitors sponsor compliance with the obligations during the sponsorship period and up to five years after the sponsorship period ends. The Department may also monitor sponsored employees to ensure they comply with their visa conditions.
- Monitoring may be conducted by Immigration Inspectors, Fair Work Inspectors or Fair Work Building Industry Inspectors who have investigative powers under the *Migration Act 1958* (Cth).



Nomination (Hey, we have a position to fill)

- > Advertising
 - > Prove Market Shortage
 - > 28 days accept
 - > Highly stringent

Annual Market Salary Rate (AMSR)

- On award or no less than equivalent worker
- > Not less than \$70K
- > Genuine Position
 - Not created to fill a migration outcome
 - Makes sense in the context of the Business



Nomination-Nominee

> English

> Required proficiency

> Qualification

> See ANZCO Definition

> Experience

- > Two years full time pro rata
- > Work reference letters
- License or Registration if required
- > Full Details of Family



Subclass 482 – Visa Application

- > English
 - Required proficiency
- > Qualification
 - > See ANZCO Definition
- > Experience
 - Two years full time pro rata
 - > Work reference letters
- License or Registration if required
- Good Character Include Family
- > Identity Documents



Things to Think About

- > Is there another pathway?
- > Will the timing work?
- > Is the cost worth it?



QUESTIONS?



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