

On 11 March 2019, the government announced a number of changes to the skilled occupations lists.

The Medium and Long-term Strategic Skills List (**MLTSSL**), Short-term Skilled Occupation List (**STSOL**) and Regional Occupation List (**ROL**) have been amended, and these changes affect the subclasses 482 (**TSS**), 186, 187, 189, 190, 407 and 485. The changes are detailed below. It is important to note that the occupation lists are not uniform to all visas – each visa has its own applicable occupation list.

New Occupations List for Subclass 482 Temporary Skill Shortage (TSS) Visa

The lists applicable to the TSS visa are the STSOL, MLTSSL and ROL. The occupations on the STSOL do not provide a pathway to permanent residency.

- No new occupations have been added to the STSOL
- 27 occupations were removed from the STSOL
- Six of the occupations removed from the STSOL were moved to the MLTSSL (marked with * below)
- Eight new occupations have been added to the MLTSSL:
 - Artistic Director*
 - Art Administrator or Manager*
 - Dancer or Choreographer*
 - Footballer* (with a minimum salary of AU\$120,000)
 - Music Director*
 - Pressure Welder
 - Telecommunications Network Planner
 - Tennis Coach*
- 16 of the occupations removed from the STSOL were moved to the ROL:
 - Aquaculture Farmer
 - Cotton Grower
 - Fruit or Nut Grower
 - Grain, Oilseed or Pasture Grower (Aus)/Field Crop Grower (NZ)
 - Mixed Crop Farmer
 - Sugar Cane Grower
 - Crop Farmers (nec)
 - Beef Cattle Farmer
 - Dairy Cattle Farmer
 - Mixed Livestock Farmer
 - Pig Farmer
 - Sheep Farmer
 - Livestock Farmers (nec)
 - Mixed Crop and Livestock Farmer
 - Dentist
 - Anaesthetist

Several caveats have also been updated, including the annual salary for a Recruitment Consultant from AU\$90,000 to AU\$80,000.

New Occupations List for Subclass 186 and Subclass 187 (Permanent) Visas

The only applicable occupations list that applies to the Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS) subclass 186 is the MLTSSL.

Eight occupations were added to the subclass 186 MLTSSL:

- Artistic Director
- Art Administrator or Manager
- Dancer or Choreographer
- Footballer (with a minimum salary of AU\$120,000)
- Music Director
- Pressure Welder
- Telecommunications Network Planner
- Tennis Coach

The Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS) subclass 187 has two occupation lists – MLTSSL and ROL. The above eight occupations were moved from the ROL to the MLTSSL.

New Occupations List for Subclasses 189, 190, 489 and 485

There are separate MLTSSL, STSOL and ROL occupation lists that specifically apply only to the Skilled Independent visa subclass 189, Skilled Nominated visa subclass 190, Skilled Regional (Provisional) visa subclass 489 and Temporary Graduate visa subclass 485.

38 occupations have been added to the MLTSSL:

- Arts Administrator or Manager*
- Artistic Director*
- Dancer or Choreographer*
- Music Director*
- Tennis Coach*
- Footballer*
- Environmental Manager
- Musician (instrumental)
- Statistician
- Economist
- Mining Engineer (excluding petroleum)
- Petroleum Engineer
- Engineering Professional (nec)
- Chemist
- Food Technologist
- Environmental Consultant
- Environmental Research Scientist
- Environmental Scientist (nec)
- Geophysicist
- Hydrogeologist
- Life Scientist (General)
- Biochemist
- Biotechnologist
- Botanist

- Marine Biologist
- Microbiologist
- Zoologist
- Life Scientist (nec)
- Conservator
- Metallurgist
- Meteorologist
- Natural and Physical Science Professionals (nec)
- University Lecturer
- Multimedia Specialist
- Software and Applications Programmers (nec)
- Horse Trainer
- Audiologist
- Speech Pathologist

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18 occupations were added to the ROL:

- Aquaculture Farmer
- Cotton Grower
- Fruit or Nut Grower
- Grain, Oilseed or Pasture Grower (Aus)/Field Crop Grower (NZ)
- Mixed Crop Farmer
- Sugar Cane Grower
- Crop Farmers (nec)
- Beef Cattle Farmer
- Dairy Cattle Farmer
- Mixed Livestock Farmer
- Deer Farmer
- Goat Farmer
- Pig Farmer
- Sheep Farmer
- Livestock Farmers (nec)
- Mixed Crop and Livestock Farmer
- Dentist
- Anaesthetist

The number of eligible occupations per visa subclass is as follows:

Subclasses	Number of Eligible Occupations as at 11 March 2019
ENS visa (subclass 186)	216 skilled occupations
RSMS visa (subclass 187)	673 skilled occupations
Skilled Independent, Skilled Regional (Provisional) Family nominated and Temporary Graduate visas (subclasses 189, 489 and 485)	212 skilled occupations
Skilled Regional (Provisional) State or Territory nominated visa (subclass 489)	504 skilled occupations
Skilled Nominated visa (subclass 190)	427 skilled occupations
TSS visa (subclass 482)	508 skilled occupations
Training visa (subclass 407)	509 skilled occupations

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