



Migrant Skills Incentives

Incentive 1 - Faster Migrant Skills Assessments

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Are you an onshore migrant who has applied for a skills assessment and have not yet received an outcome? Your application may be eligible for fast-tracking.

To assist with Australia's economic recovery from the impact of COVID-19 and to fill skills shortages, the Australian Government has introduced **Incentive 1 - Faster Migrant Skills Assessments** for onshore migrants awaiting a skills assessment outcome for a priority occupation.

This incentive offers fast-tracked skills assessments to onshore migrants who have already submitted and paid for an application in a priority occupation and are awaiting an outcome. This will provide greater opportunities for onshore migrants to join the workforce and address skills shortages.

Am I eligible?

You may be eligible for the **Incentive 1 - Faster Migrant Skills Assessments** if you:

- were residing in Australia at the time you submitted and paid for your skills assessment application,
- applied for a skills assessment on or before 28 February 2022,
- applied for a skills assessment in a priority occupation, and
- have not received the outcome of your skills assessment application.

How can I apply?

You do not need to apply for this incentive. If you are eligible, your Assessing Authority will automatically fast-track your skills assessment.

How much does it cost?

If you are eligible for this incentive, the Assessing Authority you applied to will automatically fast-track your skills assessment outcome at no additional cost to you.

What else do I need to know?

- The incentive commences on 28 February 2022 and finishes on 17 June 2022.
- If you receive a suitable outcome from your fast-tracked skills assessment, in 6 and 12 months, you may be asked to complete a short survey about your employment outcomes. The department will use this information to inform future migrant skills assessment policy.
- Assessing Authorities will complete your skills assessment in around 15 business days from the time it receives all necessary documentation.

- The Assessing Authorities undertaking these assessments have been funded specifically to complete the fast-tracking process so that their normal standards of service for ineligible occupations are not affected.

How can I find out more?

Contact the relevant [Assessing Authority](#) for your occupation and visit the [Migrant Skills Incentives web page](#).