



# Skills Assessment Opportunities for Migrants

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### 1. What are Migrant Skills Incentives?

The Australian Government is supporting stronger economic growth through policies that increase workforce participation and address critical skills shortages.

The Government is introducing three Migrant Skills Incentives that will deliver faster, cheaper skills assessments and improve the employability of migrants who are in Australia and ready to work. This will enable onshore migrants who have unrecognised or under-recognised skills to join the workforce and contribute to Australia's economic recovery.

### 2. What is the Skills Assessment Opportunities for Migrants Incentive?

The Australian Government is offering **Incentive 2 - Skills Assessment Opportunities for Migrants** to migrants who are residing in Australia and are on a permanent family, partner, refugee or humanitarian visa. The incentive offers a free, fast-tracked skills assessment for migrants with unrecognised skills in priority occupations. Applicants who receive a suitable outcome in their assessment can use this to improve their employment options in their nominated occupation, through improved employer confidence that the applicant has the skills necessary for working in an Australian workplace.

### 3. Who is eligible for Skills Assessment Opportunities for Migrants?

You may be eligible if you:

- can apply for a skills assessment in a priority occupation on or after 28 February 2022,
- have not previously undergone a skills assessment for the nominated occupation,
- are residing in Australia at the time you submit your skills assessment application, and
- are in Australia on a permanent family, partner, humanitarian or refugee visa that was granted on or after 1 January 2019.

### 4. What are the timeframes for the Skills Assessment Opportunities for Migrants Incentive?

The Skills Assessment Opportunities for Migrants incentive starts on 28 February 2022 and finishes in June 2023.

## 5. What is an Assessing Authority?

Assessing Authorities are organisations that you would apply to if you are eligible for [Incentive 2 - Skills Assessment Opportunities for Migrants](#). They are Australian Government-approved organisations responsible for setting the skills assessment standards for nominated occupations. Most occupations have their own [Assessing Authority](#) and each will have its own assessment process, timeframes and fees.

The [Assessing Authority](#) will check that your skills, qualifications and work experience meet the standards required to work in an occupation in Australia.

## 6. How can I find my Assessing Authority?

A list of all Assessing Authorities for each occupation can be found on the [Department of Home Affairs website](#).

## 7. What occupations are eligible for the Skills Assessment Opportunities for Migrants incentive?

To be eligible for the Skills Assessment Opportunities for Migrants incentive, your skills, experience and/or qualifications must be in a priority occupation. Priority occupations are those that are in shortage and have strong future demand.

## 8. What is 'fast-tracked'?

Fast-tracked means that after you submit your application for a skills assessment, the Assessing Authority will provide you with an outcome in around 15 business days.

## 9. I previously received a not suitable skills assessment outcome for my nominated occupation. Can I apply?

No, you will not be able to apply for the Skills Assessment Opportunities for Migrants incentive if you have already had a skills assessment for your nominated occupation.

However, if you have undertaken additional training since your first skills assessment or you have developed the necessary skills and experience for a different priority occupation, you are able to reapply for a skills assessment. Reapplying for an assessment will not be part of the Migrant Skills Incentives and will be subject to the Assessing Authority's standard assessment process, timeframes, and fees. You will need to contact the relevant [Assessing Authority](#) for your occupation.

## 10. Where can I find more information?

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