



Migrant Skills Incentives

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To assist with Australia's economic recovery from the impact of COVID-19 and to fill skills shortages, the Australian Government is introducing three incentives to maximise the contribution of Australia's onshore migrant workforce where there is a strong demand for skilled labour.

Australia's economic recovery has resulted in strong demand for skilled labour. Skilled migrants are an important source of talent for Australia.

To provide greater opportunities for onshore migrants to join the workforce and address skills shortages, the Australian Government is introducing three [Migrant Skills Incentives](#).

The incentives aim to assist Australia's economic recovery and will benefit around 9,500 onshore migrants who will be able to access fast-tracked skills assessments, free employability assessments and advice and access to further training to improve their employment prospects. This will help Australian businesses and industries address workforce pressures.

The Faster Migrant Skills Assessments and Skills Assessment Opportunities for Migrants incentives will commence on 28 February 2022. The Employability Assessments incentive will commence in the middle of 2022.

Incentive	Overview
Incentive 1 - Faster Migrant Skills Assessments	This incentive offers fast-tracked skills assessments for onshore migrants who have already submitted and paid for an application in a priority occupation and are awaiting an outcome.
Incentive 2 - Skills Assessment Opportunities for Migrants	This incentive offers onshore migrants who reside in Australia on a permanent family, partner, humanitarian or refugee visa with a free, fast-tracked skills assessment. This incentive is available to migrants who have never undergone a skills assessment and who have skills and/or qualifications directly relevant to a priority occupation.
Incentive 3 - Employability Assessments	This incentive offers onshore migrants, who have previously received a suitable skills assessment outcome in a priority occupation, a free employability assessment and access to subsidised training to gain the specific skills required in the Australian job market.

More Information

If you would like more information on how to apply for the incentives and the eligibility conditions, contact your occupation's [Assessing Authority](#) and visit the [Migrant Skills Incentives web page](#).