



Migrant Skills Incentives

Migrant Skills Assessments and Assessing Authorities

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The Australian Government has announced incentives to improve the participation of onshore migrants in the workforce. Information is available at [Migrant Skills Incentives web page](#).

What is a migrant skills assessment?

In Australia, there may be registration, licensing, professional membership or other industry requirements that must be met before you can start working in certain occupations.

For these occupations, prospective skilled migrants must undergo an assessment of their skills, qualifications and work experience to ensure they meet the occupational standards needed for employment in Australia.

Skills assessments are carried out by relevant [Assessing Authorities](#).

What is an Assessing Authority?

Australian Government-approved Assessing Authorities set the assessment standards for occupations against which an applicant's skills, qualifications and work experience are assessed. Most occupations have their own Assessing Authority, and each will have its own assessment process, timeframes and fees.

How do I find the Assessing Authority for my occupation?

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

How much does a migrant skills assessment cost?

Fees for migrant skills assessments are set by the Assessing Authority and vary for different occupations. However, you may be eligible for a free, fast tracked skills assessment under the [Migrant Skills Incentives](#) program, if your skills and/or qualifications are included in the priority occupation lists for the incentives.

How can I apply or find out more?

If you would like to know more about the Migrant Skills Incentives, or check your eligibility, you should contact the Assessing Authority responsible for your occupation and visit the [Migrant Skills Incentives web page](#). Even if you don't have all your documentation, you may still be eligible.

Anything else I should know?

A suitable skills assessment outcome may help you with applying to employers in your industry; however, it does not guarantee you a job in Australia. In all occupations, the employer decides who they employ.