

## Immigration to Australia

### 7 important facts that you should know about immigration to Australia

- from 1 July 2011, there is a new system for applying for permanent residence in Australia under the General Skilled Migration Scheme (GSM).
- Permanent residency can be obtained **by Australian education or work experience** in desired occupations
- When applying for permanent residence you gain points for certain criteria, and the minimum threshold is 65 points
- You must be less than 50 years of age
- study in Australia provides extra points
- Applicants generally must have a **high level of English**
- If you graduated from a certain professional bachelor and masters study from the Technical University in Kosice you may be eligible to apply for 1.5 year visa to stay in Australia

We recommend to come and study English and to try life in Australia before you apply for permanent residence. This would assist you in gaining the high level of English that you require to apply. Tara, PWP Migration

### Qualify for immigration to Australia?

- Eligibility for Permanent Residency can be claimed on the basis of:
  - 12 out of the last 24 months work in an occupation on the SOL, OR
  - Minimum 2 years of study in Australia in an occupation on the SOL
- Points are gained for recognition of education and work (see table below "point system of immigration / emigration to Australia")
- After reaching **a minimum of 65 points** can apply for permanent residence
- Depending on your occupation and visa type, processing times can vary from 1 month – 3 years (approximately).  
Permanent residency can allow you to work, live in Australia unrestrictedly , to gain access to the Australian health, etc.  
Australian citizenship (that is, gaining an Australian passport and nationality) can be obtained after living in Australia for 4 years (including 1 year as a permanent resident).

The GSM scheme is divided into the following visa categories:

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| Subclass 885 Skilled Independent        | Subclass 175 Skilled Independent          |
| Subclass 886 Skilled Sponsored          | Subclass 176 Skilled Sponsored            |
| Subclass 487 Skilled Regional Sponsored | Subclass 475 Skilled - Regional Sponsored |

### Other options – State sponsorship

If you do not have an occupation on the permanent residency occupation list SOL - Skilled Occupation List Schedule 1, you may be eligible to apply for a permanent or temporary residency visa through state/territory sponsorship. You must have an occupation on the attached list: SOL - Skilled Occupation List Schedule 1 and 2

Permanent residence (permanent residency) is issued for 5 years. After living in Australia for 4 years, the holder may apply for Australian citizenship and to obtain an Australian passport. Tara, PWP Migration

## Should I use the services of a Migration Agent?

We recommend that you use the services of a Migration agent when applying for a visa to Australia. G8M8 Great Mate refers our clients to the Migration Agents: PWP Migration Services for migration advice. Anyone interested in a free consultation for migration advice from PWP Migration Services please obtain **the first consultation** registration form from G8M8 Great Mate .

## How much will emigrate to Australia cost?

The process of applying for migration to Australia can be divided into two charges: fees associated with visa applications and the services of a Migration Agent. Prices vary according to the type of visa you apply for. **The service fee can start from AU \$ 1650.**