

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY (ACT)

NOMINATION GUIDELINES:

SKILLED NOMINATED (SUBCLASS 190) VISA

Skills Canberra

Effective from 29 November 2018

#### **ACT 190 NOMINATION**

You must be satisfied that you meet the Department of Home Affairs (Home Affairs) points test before applying for Australian Capital Territory (ACT) nomination of a Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa.

Applying for ACT 190 nomination is a two stage process:

- You must formally express an interest in applying for ACT 190 nomination by completing a
  score-based 'Canberra Matrix' where you are allocated points against demonstrated economic
  contribution or benefit and/or a genuine commitment to be part of the ACT community.
  Scores of 20 points and above will be ranked. The highest ranked candidates under the scoring
  system will then be selected and invited to apply for ACT 190 nomination.
- 2. If you are invited to apply for ACT 190 nomination, you must complete and submit the online application (and pay the service fee) within 14 days. You must attach the required documents to evidence your Matrix score. If you cannot evidence the Matrix score that the invitation was based on, the application for ACT 190 nomination will not meet the nomination criteria.

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# Stage 1

# Step 1 - Check your eligibility

#### **Canberra residents**

You must meet the following minimum criteria before you are eligible to express an interest in ACT 190 nomination:

- If you hold, or have previously held a student/temporary graduate visa within the last two years:
  - You must be resident in Canberra for at least 12 months at time of invitation.
  - If you express your interest after 1 July 2019, the minimum ACT residence criteria for student/temporary graduate visa holders will increase to two years.
- When you lodge your expression of interest, you must be working in Canberra for the last three
  months. While the employment does not have to be fulltime or permanent, you must be
  working a minimum 20 hours per week. You may also work for more than one ACT employer or
  be self-employed on an ABN. If you are employed by a NSW employer in the 'ACT Region', you
  must demonstrate that your work activity is located in the ACT.
- If you are nominating an ANZSCO Major Occupation Group 1 (Managers) or Group 2 (Professionals) occupation, you must demonstrate a 'Proficient' level of English as defined by Home Affairs.
- You must sign a Statutory Declaration committing to continuing to live and work in Canberra for at least two years from date of subclass 190 visa grant.

Note: You are not eligible for ACT 190 nomination if you or any dependents are living or working in another Australian state or territory.

#### **Overseas residents**

You must meet the following minimum criteria before you are eligible to express an interest in ACT 190 nomination:

- If you are nominating an ANZSCO Major Occupation Group 1 (Managers) or Group 2 (Professionals) occupation, you must demonstrate a 'Proficient' level of English as defined by Home Affairs.
- Your skills and at least 12 months experience in the nominated occupation must be relevant to
  the ACT economy. Experience in heavy industry, manufacturing, production, mining; shipping,
  gas and oil, head office banking and railways are not generally considered relevant industries
  given the structure of the ACT economy which is primarily knowledge-based.
- If you do not have a genuine ACT job offer in your nominated 'open' occupation, you must provide evidence of sufficient ACT employment opportunities in your nominated occupation, relevant to your skill set.
- You must sign a statutory declaration committing to living and working in Canberra for at least two years from date of permanent arrival in Australia.

 You must have access to sufficient financial assets to fund your migration and settlement in Canberra while you seek employment. You need to be realistic about employment expectations once you arrive in Canberra as it can take, on average, up to six months to secure employment. This timeframe is only indicative, as the economy and employment market can vary considerably throughout the year.

Note: You are not eligible for ACT 190 nomination if you, or any dependents, are living or have lived in another Australian state or territory within the last twelve months.

### Step 2 – Express your interest

You must formally express an interest in applying for ACT 190 nomination by completing a score-based Canberra Matrix where you are allocated points against demonstrated economic contribution or benefit and/or a genuine commitment to be part of the ACT community.

*Migration agents* acting on behalf of a client must register and create an ACT agents account. The Canberra Matrix can be accessed from the agent portal.

*Individual candidates* not using a migration agent are not required to create an account. The Canberra Matrix can be accessed at the <u>Canberra Create Your Future</u> website.

Once you submit the Canberra Matrix, you will receive an email with a summary of the Matrix score.

The Canberra Matrix cannot be updated once it is submitted. If your circumstances change and your claimed points increase/decrease, you must complete a new Canberra Matrix; noting that your submission date/time will also change.

The Canberra Matrix will expire six months after submission if an invitation is not issued.

### Step 3A- Canberra Matrix scoring - Canberra residents

You can only select one option in the drop down menu for each category.

CANBERRA RESIDENT			
CATEGORY	OPTION	POINTS	
CURRENT ACT RESIDENCE How long have you lived in Canberra in the last five years?	More than four years	20	
	Three to four years	15	
You can have holidays interstate or overseas (up to six weeks per year) without it affecting your period of ACT	Two to three years	10	
residency.	One to two years	5	
You can also study interstate for one or two days a week without affecting your period of ACT residency. However, if you work interstate, or study more than two days a week interstate, you will not be considered an ACT resident for that period.	Less than one year	0	
Living within a 30 minute commute to Canberra is also accepted.			

CANBERRA RESIDENT		
	Superior	15
ENGLISH PROFICIENCY  What is your English proficiency level as	Proficient	10
defined by Home Affairs?	Competent English	0
	Superior/proficient	5
SPOUSE/PARTNER ENGLISH PROFICIENCY  What is your spouse/partner's English proficiency as defined by Home Affairs?	Not Applicable	0
	'Open' on the ACT Occupation List	20
NOMINATED OCCUPATION  Is your nominated occupation open or closed on the current ACT Occupation List?	'Closed' on the ACT Occupation List	0
LENGTH OF CURRENT ACT EMPLOYMENT  How long have you been working in	Employed for 12 months plus	10
Canberra in the last two years?	Employed for six to 12 months	5
You may be working in any occupation. You may work for more than one employer. While the employment does not have to be fulltime or permanent, you must be working a minimum 20 hours per week for each week that you claim towards the period of employment.	Not applicable	0
You may also self-employed on an ABN as long as the business activity is located in Canberra.		

CANBERRA RESIDENT			
ACT EMPLOYMENT TYPE	Working in 'Open' nominated	15	
What level of ACT employment are you	occupation		
currently undertaking?			
	Working in 'Open' but not	10	
You must have a tertiary qualification	nominated occupation		
relevant to your current occupation. You			
must be employed for at least three	Working in ANZSCO Skill level 1 to 3	5	
months. While the employment does not	occupation	-	
have to be fulltime or permanent, you	·		
must be working a minimum 20 hours per	Previous ACT employment in your	5	
week. You may also work for more than	nominated occupation – minimum	3	
one ACT employer as long as it is in the	one year		
same occupation and skill level.			
If you are not currently working, have you	Not applicable	0	
previously worked (minimum 20 hours per	ног аррисаріе	U	
week) for at least one continuous year in			
the last five years in your nominated			
occupation?			
SPOUSE/PARTNER EMPLOYMENT	w 1: : '6 ' : :	4.5	
	Working in an 'Open' occupation in the ACT	15	
Are they currently employed in the ACT?	the ACI		
They must be working for at least three			
months. They may work for more than one	Skill assessment relevant to current	10	
employer. While the employment does not	occupation		
have to be fulltime or permanent, they			
must be working a minimum 20 hours per	Tertiary qualification in any	5	
week.	occupation (at least three years		
If they are working in an 'open'	study)		
occupation, they must also have a tertiary			
qualification relevant to the occupation.	Currently working in any	5	
	occupation		
OR do they have a relevant skill			
assessment or tertiary qualification?	Not applicable	0	
	Doctoral degree	20	
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STUDY LEVEL AT TERTIARY INSTITUTION	Mactar's dagrae	15	
What tertiary qualification do you hold	Master's degree	15	
from an Australian or international			
educational institution?	Bachelor degree or trade certificate	10	
	Diploma qualification/s - at least	5	
	two years full time study		
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	Diploma qualification/s - at least two years full time study Not applicable	5 0	

CANBERRA RESIDENT			
STUDY COMPLETED AT AN ACT TERTIARY INSTITUTION	Three academic years or more study	15	
How long did you study for in an ACT institution in the last five years?	Two academic years of study	10	
Two or more courses, including a professional year, may be counted to evidence the period of ACT study as long as	One academic year of study	5	
the courses are not concurrent.	Not applicable	0	
An academic year is a minimum 40 weeks of study.			
If you express your interest in this category on or after 1 July 2019, the points for one year study will be zero.			
PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS	Canberra resident	10	
Were you a Canberra resident on or before 29 June 2018?			
Visiting Canberra is not considered residence.	Not applicable	0	
This category ceases on 30 June 2019. If you express your interest in this category on or after 1 July 2019, the points will be zero.			
ASSETS IN CANBERRA	Minimum \$250,000 investment in	5	
Have you purchased a residential or commercial property in Canberra with a	ACT property		
Certificate of Completion issued?	Majority business ownership and minimum \$100,000 turnover	5	
Have you owned and operated a business in Canberra for the last two years?			
Have you invested in a start-up business	\$200,000 investment in a start-up ACT business	5	
that is typically technology oriented and has high growth potential?	Not applicable	0	
The assets must be in your own name and you must provide evidence of your personal investment.			

CANBERRA RESIDENT			
CLOSE FAMILY TIES  Do you have a close family member who	Australian citizen/ permanent resident spouse/partner, child	20	
has lived in Canberra for the last 12 months?	Australian citizen/ permanent resident parent, grandparent,	10	
A close family member is defined as a spouse / partner, parents, child, brother,	brother, sister	0	
sister or grandparents of the main applicant or their spouse / partner.	Not applicable	J	

# **Step 3B- Canberra Matrix scoring - Overseas applicants**

You can only select one option in the drop down menu for each category.

OVERSEAS APPLICANT			
CATEGORY	OPTION	POINTS	
PREVIOUS ACT RESIDENCE OR TIME SPENT IN THE ACT IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS?	More than four years	20	
How long did you live in Canberra?	Two to four years	15	
Have you visited Canberra and stayed for	One to two years	10	
at least seven nights?	Visited Canberra	5	
	Not applicable	0	
NOMINATED OCCUPATION	'Open' on the ACT Occupation List	20	
Is your nominated occupation open or closed on the current ACT Occupation List?	'Closed' on the ACT Occupation List	0	
ENGLISH PROFICIENCY	Superior	15	
What is your English proficiency level as defined by Home Affairs?	Proficient	10	
,	Competent English	0	

OVERSEAS APPLICANT		
SPOUSE/PARTNER ENGLISH PROFICIENCY	Superior/proficient	5
What is their English proficiency level as defined by Home Affairs?	Not Applicable	0
ACT JOB OFFER	Genuine job offer	10
Do you have a genuine ACT job offer in your 'open' nominated occupation?	Not applicable	0
The employer must be actively operating in the ACT for at least two years; with a genuine need to employ an overseas skilled worker as the position cannot be filled from the local labour market.		
RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE	Five years employment in the last eight years	10
How long have you worked in your nominated occupation?	Three years employment in the last five years	5
	Not applicable	0
SPOUSE/PARTNER EMPLOYMENT	Working in an 'Open' occupation with ACT job offer	15
Are they currently employed in an open occupation (for at least two years) and do they have a genuine job offer in that	Skill assessment relevant to current occupation	10
occupation;  OR do they have the relevant skill assessment / qualification?	Tertiary qualification in any occupation (at least three years study)	5
	Not applicable	0

OVERSEAS APPLICANT			
CTUDY LEVEL AT TERTIARY INICTITUTION	Doctoral degree	20	
STUDY LEVEL AT TERTIARY INSTITUTION  What qualification do you hold from an	Master's degree	15	
Australian or international educational institution?	Bachelor degree or trade certificate	10	
	Diploma qualification/s - at least two years full-time study	5	
	Not Applicable	0	
STUDY COMPLETED AT AN ACT TERTIARY INSTITUTION	Three academic years or more study	15	
For how long did you study at an ACT institution in the last five years?	Two academic years of study	10	
Two or more courses, including a professional year, may be counted to	One academic year of study	5	
evidence the period of ACT study as long as the courses are not concurrent. An academic year is a minimum 40 weeks of study.	Not applicable	0	
If you express your interest in this category on or after 1 July 2019, the points for one year study will be zero.			
CLOSE FAMILY TIES	Australian citizen/permanent resident spouse/partner, child	20	
Do you have a close family member who has lived in Canberra for the last 12 months?	Australian citizen/ permanent resident parent, grandparent, brother, sister	10	
A close family member is defined as a spouse / partner, parents, child, brother,	Temporary resident	5	
sister or grandparents of the main applicant or their spouse / partner.	Not applicable	0	

OVERSEAS APPLICANT		
ASSETS IN CANBERRA  Have you purchased a residential or commercial property in Canberra with a Certificate of Completion issued?	Minimum \$250,000 investment in ACT residential or commercial property	5
Have you owned and operated a business in Canberra for the last two years?	Majority ownership and minimum \$100,000 turnover	5
The assets must be in your own name and you must provide evidence of your personal investment	Not applicable	0

### Step 4- Ranking, selection and invitation

Candidates with a Matrix score of 20 points and above will be ranked. The highest ranked candidates under the Matrix scoring system will then be selected and invited to apply for ACT 190 nomination. The timing of invitations issued may vary according to the economic priorities of the ACT Government, but as a guide, the ranking and issue of invitations will be conducted on a monthly basis.

The number of monthly issued invitations will be calculated on a pro rata basis against the annual Department of Home Affairs allocation. The cut off for selection will depend on the number and quality of applications received.

Each month, the selection process will be repeated and a new round of invitations will be issued. If there are more candidates with the same Matrix score than the number of invitation places available, selection may be based on the date and time of the Matrix submission.

Invitations may not be issued to candidates when the number of invitations previously issued for a particular occupation significantly exceeds demand in the current financial year. The ACT Government may cap the number of particular occupations nominated at any time.

Candidates may also be selected and invited if their nomination is deemed to be of significant benefit to the Territory.

#### Requests for ranking information

Invitations are not guaranteed. The ACT Government will not respond to requests for information on where you are ranked or estimate when or if you will receive an invitation.

Candidates will not be prioritised or issued invitations on the basis of personal circumstances, for example: visas expiring or the loss of points caused by change in circumstances.

# Stage two

# Step 5 - Applying for ACT 190 nomination

If you are selected to apply for ACT 190 nomination, you will receive an invitation email with a 'one time' web link to the online application. An invitation does not mean that ACT 190 nomination will be approved.

You must complete the application for ACT 190 nomination and provide the required documents to evidence the Matrix score that the invitation was based on.

The application for ACT 190 nomination must be submitted (with service fee payment confirmed) within 14 days of date of invitation. If the application is not submitted within 14 days, the invitation will automatically expire and cannot be reactivated.

Once payment of the service fee is confirmed by email (within three working days) the application will be lodged and queued for processing.

### Step 6 - Document checklist

The following supporting documents must be attached to the online application. You may also attach additional documents if you feel they provide further evidence of the points claimed in the Canberra Matrix. Once the application is lodged, additional documents will not be accepted or requested by the case officer.

Remember the documents must be current at date of Invitation.

### **SkillSelect Expression of Interest (EOI):**

 A copy of the SkillSelect EOI record of response which shows the personal, education, English and employment details submitted. The ACT <u>MUST</u> be selected as your preferred location on the EOI.

# ACT residence (if applicable):

- Bank statements for claimed period of ACT residence (until date of invitation). The statements must include your transaction history including regular shopping activity, bill payments, rent payments and salary payments.
- ACT Drivers licence or Proof of Identity card.
- Evidence of any 7 day visit to Canberra, including date of arrival, accommodation receipts and flight itinerary (overseas applicants only).

# Spouse/partner (if applicable):

- Passport bio-data page.
- Evidence of relationship marriage certificate, civil partnership/union registration, or VEVO secondary applicant status for yourself or spouse/partner. *Please note:* When completing the online application, you must declare that the relationship is genuine and meets the Home Affairs' requirements relating to spouse / partner relationships. The ACT Government will inform Home Affairs if concerns are held that the relationship is not genuine.

- ACT residence (if applicable) ACT Drivers licence of Proof of Identity card
- Current skill assessment or academic transcript (if applicable)
- English test result ((if applicable)

# **English:**

- Either a valid passport issued by the United Kingdom; Canada; New Zealand; United States of America; or Republic of Ireland; OR
- A current English language test result accepted by Home Affairs (also required if you are claiming points for 'proficient' or 'superior' English).

### **Nominated Occupation**

• Current skill assessment in the nominated occupation

### **Employment/employability**

#### For Canberra residents:

- Employment contract or statement of service.
- Payslips or pay advice for the claimed period of ACT employment.
- PAYG payment summary statement/s (if available).
- For self employed only: ABN, description of ACT business activity, and Pay As You Go (PAYG) taxation instalment receipts.

Please note. The ACT will not condone the employment of intending migrants where the terms and conditions of employment do not comply with Australian legislation. In addition, Skills Canberra must be satisfied that you are working in a genuine position. If concerns are held that the position is not genuine, or there is evidence of significant churn of employees working in the same position for the same employer, the claim for employment points will not be accepted.

#### For overseas applicants:

 Evidence of a genuine job offer by an ACT registered employer in the nominated 'open' occupation. The employer must demonstrate that there is a genuine need to employ a person from overseas as the position cannot be filled from the local labour market.

OR

- Evidence of ACT employment research (within 6 weeks of date of invitation):
  - Five recent advertisements for ACT positions in your nominated occupation that are relevant to your skill set and recent experience. You must provide a screen shot of the full advertisement (saved as a .pdf); and

Employment statement explaining how your qualifications, knowledge
and experience relate to and meet the requirements for <u>each</u> of the job
advertisements. Positions within the Australian federal government will
NOT be accepted as evidence of employability.

### Work experience:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV) or Resume which clearly states personal details, educational qualifications and work experience.
- Employment reference / statement of service for the claimed period of employment.

### Partner/spouse employability:

- Employment contract / statement of service and payslips; or
- Skill assessment relevant to current occupation; or
- Evidence of tertiary qualification

### Tertiary qualification (if applicable):

 Academic Transcript - record of your enrolment history, including results received, courses attempted, and awards conferred.

# Close family (if applicable):

- Evidence of the familial relationship between you and the ACT family member.
- From your Canberra relative; evidence of 12 months ACT residence and Australian citizenship or residency.

### ACT assets (if applicable):

- Rates notice, purchase contract and evidence of minimum \$250,000 investment in ACT residential or commercial property; or
- Evidence of ACT business ownership including ABN, ASIC Business Name Summary, Business Activity Statements (BAS) and financial statements for the last two years.
- Evidence of \$200,000 investment in a 'start up' business, and description of ACT business activity.

### **Commitment statement:**

• In no more than two pages, explain <u>in your own words</u> why you want to live in Canberra for at least two years from visa grant / permanent arrival.

#### **Financial capacity:**

- For Canberra residents while you are not required to provide evidence of your financial capacity, you must declare your assets available for settlement.
- For overseas applicants signed and witnessed 'Declaration of Financial Capacity' at Attachment B.

#### **Personal Information:**

- Current passport bio-data page.
- Current Visa Entitlement Verification Online (VEVO). For bridging visa holders, attach
  a copy of the visa grant notification for the last substantive visa held (Canberra
  residents only)

### **Declaration of Nomination Obligations:**

 Attach the signed and witnessed declaration that you acknowledge and accept ACT 190 nomination obligations at Attachment A.

### Service fee: A\$300

A **non-refundable** service fee is charged for processing applications for ACT 190 nomination. The service fee is an administration charge only and does not guarantee the approval of a nomination. The service fee of \$300 may be paid by one of the following options:

- Credit Card 'pay now' or 'pay later'.
  - Select 'pay now' on the online application.
  - Select 'pay later' and access <u>'Pay an ACT Government Account'</u>
- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) pay later
  - Westpac Bank City Walk, Canberra, 2600
     Account name: 'EDD Operating Account'

BSB: 032-777

Account Number: 000145

Reference: Application reference number

 Email the EFT receipt and a copy of the 'payment pending' email to: migrationservices@act.gov.au

Please note your bank may charge a transaction fee for processing the EFT. This charge must be paid by the applicant and is in addition to the service fee.

#### Attaching documents to the application

Supporting documents must be attached in one of the following supported formats to be accepted (MS word, Excel, JPG, GIF, TIF, Acrobat PDF).

#### Maximum file size for each document is 10 Megabytes (10 MB).

Only one document can be attached per field. Documents already uploaded will be overwritten by trying to attach a second document in the same field. If you wish to attach additional supporting documents against a criteria, please use the 'Additional Supporting Documents' screen.

### Step 7 - Assessing the application

All applications are processed in submission date order. Most applications will be normally processed within 45 working days. For the current processing date click here.

The assessment of the application for ACT 190 nomination will be based solely on the supporting documents provided at the time of application. Additional documents in support of the application will not be accepted once the application is submitted.

The case officer will not request further information to clarify confusion or any inconsistencies in the application. If the application is incomplete, or it does not clearly evidence the Canberra Matrix score at time of invitation, the application will be refused.

### Step 8 – Offer of ACT 190 nomination

**Approval:** If the application for ACT 190 nomination is approved, your *SkillSelect* EOI will be confirmed and Home Affairs will simultaneously issue the visa invitation. The offer of ACT 190 nomination is valid for 60 days from date of approval.

Only one ACT 190 nomination place is offered per approved application. The ACT will not re-confirm a new *SkillSelect* EOI if you have made an error and as a result are unable to apply for the 190 visa,

**Refusal:** If the application for ACT 190 nomination is refused, you will be informed of the reasons why the supporting documentation was deemed not to have substantiated your application or Matrix score. You may request a reconsideration of the refusal decision if you can demonstrate that the supporting documents attached at time of application met the eligibility criteria or Matrix score. A request for reconsideration must be in writing. The review officer's reconsideration will be based solely on the original supporting documents. Additional documentation will not be accepted.

### Step 9 – Applying for the subclass 190 visa

Once the visa invitation is issued by Home affairs, you must lodge the visa application within 60 days. If the visa application is not lodged within 60 days the offer of ACT 190 nomination will expire. This time period will not be extended.

Please note, if your application for a subclass 190 visa is refused by Home Affairs, the ACT Government will not, under any circumstances, appeal to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal on your behalf.

#### Step 10 – Live in Canberra

As part of your application for ACT 190 nomination, you sign a declaration agreeing that ACT 190 nomination is exclusive to the ACT and is NOT transferable to any other state or territory in Australia. The ACT Government expects you to meet your obligations to live in Canberra for at least two years from the date of visa grant / permanent arrival in Australia. The ACT Government will inform Home Affairs if you do not make a genuine effort to meet your obligations to live in Canberra.

#### Notification of Home Affairs Visa Decision

You must inform the ACT Skilled Migration team when your visa is granted, by email and attach a copy of the visa grant notification.

If you are overseas, you must inform the team of your expected arrival date in Canberra.

Email: welcometocanberra@act.gov.au

### Step 11 – Welcome to Canberra Settlement Service

The ACT Skilled Migration team provides a free settlement service to help ACT nominated migrants moving from overseas to settle in Canberra. The Welcome to Canberra team will:

- Provide information and advice while you are waiting for your visa, and, if you have questions about living in Canberra, refer you to the relevant websites.
- Meet with you (by appointment only) when you arrive in Canberra and give you some initial settlement information and advice. You may request a meeting by emailing welcometocanberra@act.gov.au and giving at least four weeks' notice.
- Will also follow up with a phone call or email 6 weeks after you have arrived in Canberra.

For more information about the Canberra Settlement Service, contact the Welcome to Canberra team by email: welcometocanberra@act.gov.au

#### **Monitoring Program**

As part of your signed nomination obligations you have agreed to:

- Live and work in Canberra for a minimum period of two years from visa grant / permanent arrival in Australia.
- Complete settlement surveys at 6, 12, 18 and 24 months after arrival.
- Tell us about any change to your contact details in Canberra for two years after arrival in order to receive the settlement surveys.

#### **Disclaimer**

The ACT Government and its employees are not liable for any inaccuracies or omissions in the information provided to the applicant in the context of their application for ACT 190 nomination.

The ACT Government is not responsible for finding employment, accommodation or providing financial incentive or assistance to ACT nominated visa holders or other skilled migrants.

The Australian Migration Programme does not guarantee a migration outcome for any temporary resident / international student in Australia. Neither is ACT 190 nomination guaranteed for ACT residents who may be eligible for nomination if the demand for ACT 190 nomination exceeds the Home Affairs allocation of nomination places.

These guidelines must be read in conjunction with the information on the <u>Canberra Create Your Future</u> website. These guidelines are subject to change without notice at any time.

### **Contact us**

The ACT Skilled Migration Program is managed by Skills Canberra within the ACT Government's Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate.

For more information contact:

Team leader, ACT Skilled Migration Program,

Mail: GPO Box 158, Canberra ACT 2601

International callers: +61 2 6207 5111 (International call rates apply)

Australian callers: 13 22 81

Email: migrationservices@act.gov.au

# Nomination Obligations to the Australian Capital Territory (ACT)

I (name)	///
of (address)	
do solemnly and sincerely declare that:	

- The information contained in my application for Australian Capital Territory (ACT) nomination of my Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa is true and accurate.
- I acknowledge that ACT 190 nomination is exclusive to the ACT and is NOT transferable to any other State or Territory in Australia.
- I will live and work in the ACT for at least two years following my visa grant / permanent arrival.
- My spouse / partner relationship (*if applicable*) is genuine and will meet the Home Affairs' requirements relating to spouse / partner relationships.
- I understand that the ACT will monitor my settlement in Canberra for two years from date of permanent arrival and I agree to comply with the ongoing monitoring program.
- I understand that the ACT Government will inform Home Affairs if I do not make a genuine effort to meet my obligation to live in Canberra for at least two years from date of visa grant / permanent arrival.
- I have access to sufficient financial resources to support myself (and any dependents) while securing employment in Canberra if my visa application is successful.
- If overseas, I have researched relevant employment opportunities in Canberra and am satisfied that there are sufficient employment opportunities in my nominated occupation in Canberra.
- I am aware that Australian labour market conditions may vary significantly as the employment market fluctuates at different times of the year; and from year to year.
- I understand that I need to be realistic about employment expectations as it can take, on average, three months to secure employment.
- I understand that I will compete for employment vacancies with all people in the labour market as part of a normal selection process.
- I understand that the ACT Government is not responsible for finding employment, accommodation or providing a financial incentive to ACT nominated skilled migrants.
- I understand that the ACT Government reserves the right to withdraw the ACT 190 nomination if, at any time until the visa is granted, they are satisfied that:
  - My commitment to permanently living in Canberra is not ongoing and genuine. For example, moving interstate for work or study before the visa is granted.
  - I have provided false information or statements in my application for nomination;
  - o I have lost contact with ACT Skilled Migration team and am not contactable by email.
- I will inform the ACT Skilled Migration team when the visa application is decided by Home Affairs and, if approved, my expected arrival date in Canberra if travelling from overseas.
- I understand that the ACT Government or employees of the ACT Government are not liable for any inaccuracies or omissions in the information provided to the applicant in the context of their application for ACT 190 nomination.

The information you provide with your application is collected by Skills Canberra, Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development, a Directorate of the ACT Government and will be used to assess your application for an ACT 190 nomination of a Skilled Nominated (Subclass 190) Visa. For details on the collection of personal information please refer to the <u>Canberra.Create Your Future</u> privacy notice\_Information you provide in the settlement surveys will be used to monitor your settlement if you are a successful applicant. Depersonalised settlement information may be used to compile statistical reports for ACT Government internal reporting and may be published in media releases. Any information submitted by you in and/or with your application and in the settlement surveys which contains personal information will be stored, used and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of the <u>Information Privacy Act 2014</u>.

Signature of applicant:	Date://
Name of Witness	
Signature of witness:	Date//

# FINANCIAL DECLARATION (overseas applicants only)

To be completed by the principal applicant for ACT 190 nomination. Assets of a spouse / partner may be included if they are migrating with principal applicant.

Full name of Applicant				
Date of Birth				
Full name of Spouse/Partner				
Date of Birth				
Assets listed must be in name(s) inserted considered.	d above only.	Assets ir	ı another person's naı	me will not be
Item	Name/s of a holder	sset	Amount in local currency	Amount in Australian Dollars
Cash/Bank Savings				
Net value of Property/Properties				
Net value of other investments and Maturity Date (if applicable)				
Other Assets (provide details).				
Total				
<ul> <li>I/we ATTEST that I/we have access Australia and settlement in Can</li> <li>I/we confirm that this is the net v</li> </ul> Signature (principal applicant):	berra while se	curing er	mployment. ed by me/us.	· · · ·
Signature (spouse / partner of principal				2 /
Witnessed and signed by a Notary Public the Peace, migration agent, any Governic other official authorised to attest the au and accuracy of information in this prof	ment or Ithenticity	Seal/St applica	amp of Bank or Notar ible):	y Public <i>(if</i>
(Signature of official)				



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