



Visa pathways for entrepreneurs

Victoria welcomes entrepreneurs who want to develop an innovative idea for a new product or start-up in Victoria and enjoy living in one of the world's most liveable cities through its flexible visa nomination program.

The Victorian Government offers visa nomination to eligible entrepreneurs through the Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional) visa (subclass 188) Entrepreneur stream to attract and grow entrepreneurial talent, skills and investment for Victoria.

The Entrepreneur visa stream requires nomination by a state or territory government. This four year provisional visa provides the first stage to becoming eligible to qualify for a permanent Business Innovation and Investment (Permanent) visa (subclass 888).

This visa could be suitable if you:

- are proposing an innovative idea that will lead to the commercialisation of a product or service, or the development of a business enterprise in Australia
- have secured at least A\$200,000 from an authorised third party funding body to facilitate the start-up of your innovation.

Authorised funding bodies are listed on the Department of Home Affairs' website at:
homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/188-

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Victorian Government visa nomination

Visa nomination is a type of support that a state or territory government can provide to applicants for different business and investor visas. Victorian visa nomination for entrepreneurs is flexible and no fees will be charged.

Victoria strongly encourages and welcomes innovation and entrepreneurship and will consider all factors particular to a case in our assessment of entrepreneur visa nomination eligibility. You must show evidence of the economic benefit to Victoria in your application. For detailed information about Victorian Government visa nomination, eligibility, complying activities and demonstrating economic benefit to Victoria within your application, visit liveinmelbourne.vic.gov.au/entrepreneurs

	Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional) visa (subclass 188) - Entrepreneur stream
Proposed activity*	Innovative idea that will lead to the commercialisation of a product or service, or to the development of a business enterprise in Australia
Assets required*	Sufficient net personal assets to settle in Victoria
Age*	Under 55
English language*	"Competent" – minimum IELTS 6 in each band
Points Test*	No requirement
Business history and background*	No requirement
Victorian visa nomination requirements	Victoria's visa nomination requirements for the Entrepreneur visa stream include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the proposed entrepreneurial activity must demonstrate a 'benefit to Victoria' the proposed entrepreneurial activity must be undertaken in Victoria OR the third party funding body must have operations in Victoria the applicant must have a genuine and realistic commitment to live in Victoria permanently and continue to contribute to Victoria through entrepreneurial activity the applicant and their dependents must have sufficient funds to settle in Victoria.
Excluded activity	Activities not eligible for Victorian visa nomination include purchasing, acquiring interest or investing in residential real estate, labour hire entities, or an existing business or franchise.
Other	The Department of Home Affairs provides a list of authorised funding bodies from which you can source financial support: homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/188-

* This is a visa requirement from the Department of Home Affairs

How to apply for your visa



STEP 1: EOI

Submit Expression of Interest through the Department of Home Affairs' SkillSelect website, select visa stream and nominate 'Victoria': skillsselect.gov.au



STEP 2: NOMINATION

Apply for Victorian Government visa nomination through the Live in Melbourne website for the visa stream applied for in SkillSelect: liveinmelbourne.vic.gov.au



STEP 3: APPLY

Once you are nominated by the Victorian Government you will be invited to lodge a visa application through the Department of Home Affairs' SkillSelect system: skillsselect.gov.au