

# Skilled Regional (Provisional) – subclass 491 visa

## Nomination Declaration

### DECLARATION AS TO PRIMARY APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

My Full Name is \_\_\_\_\_ (the primary applicant)

My Agent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ (the migration agent)  
(if you are using a migration agent)

Further to my application for the nomination by the Victoria government under the Skilled Regional (Provisional) subclass 491 visa I DECLARE THAT for myself as the primary applicant and for my dependents:

- all information provided in this application is true and accurate; and
  - I understand that if providing false documentation, it will not only result in the refusal of Victorian Government nomination, but is also serious misconduct; and
  - I will comply with the attached conditions and limitations which have been explained to me and I understand how these apply to myself and my dependents.
1. I consider that myself and my dependents qualify for and meet the criteria required by the Australian Government under the Skilled Regional (Provisional) subclass 491 visa and that I meet the minimum criteria required to be eligible for nomination by the Victorian Government.
  2. If myself and my dependents are granted provisional visas by the Australian Government, my dependents and I intend to live, work and study in the designated regional areas of Victoria for the period of the visa. I understand that it is a requirement of the visa that we reside in a designated regional area for the duration of the visa.
  3. I declare that I have sufficient financial resources to support myself and my dependents.
  4. I understand that whilst the State of Victoria may grant my nomination application under the Skilled Regional (Provisional) subclass 491 visa, all decisions concerning eligibility for migrant visas are the separate responsibility of the Australian Government and its Department of Home Affairs.
  5. I consent to the Victorian Government, in assessing my application:
    - disclosing my work history and/or other relevant personal information, consistently with the provisions of the *Health Records Act 2001* and *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014*, to third parties involved in this process; and
    - contacting my current and previous employers, education institutions studied at and skills assessment authorities; and
    - contacting me to seek further information if required, including requesting an interview.
  6. I consent to the Victorian Government providing information (including health information) to the Department of Home Affairs if it is requested to do so. Without limiting the circumstances in which information may be provided to the Department of Home Affairs, I understand that information may be provided for the Department of Home Affairs for various purposes including assessing visa applications, compliance with visa conditions or to conduct surveys.

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7. I also acknowledge that the Department of Home Affairs may require information about applicants, their dependants or families who have applied for the Skilled Regional (Provisional) subclass 491 visa.
  8. Whilst the application form and guidelines for the Skilled Regional (Provisional) subclass 491 visa are kept up to date by the Victorian Government, I understand that the Victorian Government and its officers are not liable for any inaccuracies or omissions in the information provided as to eligibility.
  9. I understand that the Victorian Government is not responsible for finding employment, accommodation, or providing financial or establishment assistance to me or my dependents.
  10. I understand that, if my application is successful, the Skilled Regional (Provisional) subclass 491 visa nomination will be provided with the following conditions:
    - I must continue to meet my Department of Home Affairs visa conditions whilst I am in Australia;
    - I will promptly advise and update the Victorian Government regarding any changes to my contact details for the duration of my provisional visa including but not limited to personal email address, telephone number and residential address;
    - If my application is successful, I understand that the Victorian Government may contact me in relation to my nomination at any stage during the period of my visa, and I agree to complete surveys if requested by or on behalf of the Victorian Government, including the first survey shortly after visa grant and subsequent surveys at six monthly intervals for the following three years.

## DECLARATION BY PRIMARY APPLICANT AND MIGRATION AGENT

*You and Your Agent must read through each of these limitations before checking and signing your declaration document.*

### **Limitations**

Visa nomination is only one element of obtaining a visa to Australia under the Skilled stream of the Migration Program.

The Victorian Government treat all applications for visa nomination on their merits. In acknowledging the limitations of visa nomination, the primary applicant or agent acting on their behalf acknowledges that:

- The Australian Government, not the States or Territories, has sole responsibility for granting visas to enter or stay in Australia.
- Visa nomination of an applicant by the Victorian Government does not constitute the granting of a visa to enter or stay in Australia.
- Approval of visa nomination by the Victorian Government does not in any way imply that a visa application will be approved by the Australian Government.
- Australian Government visa conditions include a condition that following arrival Skilled Regional (Provisional) subclass 491 visa holders are required to reside in a designated regional area for a specified time.
- Australian Government, not the States or Territories has sole responsibility for providing unemployment benefits. No unemployment benefits are available to skilled migrants until they have been a permanent resident of Australia for two years.
- Generally, no medical or health care benefits are available to temporary residents of Australia.

### **Primary Applicant Declaration**

*This section must be completed, even where the primary applicant is using a migration agent.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_

have read and understood the limitations and declaration above.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **Migration Agent Declaration**

I, \_\_\_\_\_

acting on behalf of my client (the Primary Applicant) \_\_\_\_\_  
declare that I have informed the primary applicant of the limitations and they are declaring as true and correct as listed above, I believe that the applicant understands these limitations and the declaration.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please print and fill in this Declaration and attach it to your online application for nomination to the Victorian Government under the Skilled Regional (Provisional) subclass 491 visa.*

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### **Privacy Statement**

The Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR) is committed to protecting personal information provided by you in accordance with the principles of the Victorian privacy laws. The information you provide will be used to manage the terms and conditions of your application, provide you with information about any changes to approval terms and conditions or fees, provide reminders for renewal, obtain your feedback and provide other information. The information you provide may be made available to departmental staff, contractors or another government organisation for the purpose of administering or enforcing the *Migration Act 1958* (Cth) or another relevant Act. DJPR employees and contractors are required to protect and handle your personal information in accordance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic). For more information on how DJPR handles your personal information go to [www.djpr.vic.gov.au/privacy](http://www.djpr.vic.gov.au/privacy) You may contact us to request access to your personal information, or for other concerns regarding the privacy of your personal information, by emailing the Department's Privacy Unit at [privacy@ecodev.vic.gov.au](mailto:privacy@ecodev.vic.gov.au)

## Opting for Employer Contact

My Full Name is \_\_\_\_\_ (the primary applicant)

The Skilled and Business Migration Program consults with a range of industry representatives recognising skills needs in Victoria and identifying applicants who have high prospects of employment in their field.

From time to time, employers or recruitment agencies request to be put in touch with visa nominated applicants with specific skill sets for the purpose of filling job vacancies in Victoria.

To indicate if you would like to be contacted by employers or recruitment agencies, please complete this form and attach it to your online application for Victorian Government nomination.

If you indicate that you would like to be contacted, your CV/resume and contact details will be made available to employers or recruitment agencies on request.

*Note: only applicants who are successful with their visa nomination application will have their details forwarded to employers or recruitment agencies.*

- I would like to be contacted by employers/recruiters regarding possible employment opportunities in Victoria.
- I do NOT wish to be contacted by employers/recruiters regarding possible employment opportunities in Victoria.

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Additional Information

Some employers and recruitment agencies may wish to discuss the option of temporary employer sponsorship (Temporary Skill Shortage – subclass 482 visa) with you, depending on how quickly a position would need to be filled. An offer of visa nomination by the Victorian Government will not be affected if you wish to accept an employment offer and be sponsored by an employer on a temporary business visa. Please contact the Department of Home Affairs for further information on alternative visas.

**IMPORTANT: The Victorian Government's Skilled and Business Migration Program does not endorse or promote any employers or recruitment agencies and is not able to provide any advice or assistance about the employer sponsorship process. It is solely your responsibility if you wish to accept an offer of employment and/or an offer for temporary employer sponsorship from an employer.**

If you would like to know more about temporary employer sponsorship, including your rights and responsibilities, refer to the Department of Home Affairs website:  
<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-skill-shortage-482#>

If you have further questions about this form, contact the Skilled and Business Migration Program.



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