

MIGRATION OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND (MODL)

Professionals	ASCO code
Accountant	2211-11
Anaesthetist	2312-11
Chemical Engineer	2129-17
Civil Engineer	2124-11
Computing Professional – specialising in CISSP	2231-79
Computing Professional – specialising in E-commerce Security (non-programming)	2231-79
Computing Professional – specialising in Network Security	2231-79
Computing Professional – specialising in SAP	2231-79
Computing Professional – specialising in SIEBEL	2231-79
Dental Specialist	2381-13
Dentist	2381-11
Dermatologist	2312-13
Emergency Medicine Specialist	2312-15
General Medical Practitioner	2311-11
Hospital Pharmacist	2382-11
Medical Diagnostic Radiographer	2391-11
Mining Engineer	2127-11
Nuclear Medicine Technologist	2391-15
Obstetrician and Gynaecologist	2312-17
Occupational Therapist	2383-11
Ophthalmologist	2312-19
Paediatrician	2312-21
Pathologist	2312-23
Petroleum Engineer	2127-13
Physiotherapist	2385-11
Podiatrist	2388-11
Psychiatrist	2312-27
Radiation Therapist	2391-13
Radiologist	2312-29
Registered Mental Health Nurse	2325-11
Registered Midwife	2324-11
Registered Nurse	2323-11
Retail Pharmacist	2382-15
Specialist Medical Practitioners (not elsewhere classified)	2312-79
Specialist Physician	2312-25
Speech Pathologist	2386-11
Sonographer	2391-17
Surgeon	2312-31

Associate Professionals	ASCO Code
Chef (excluding Commis Chef)	3322-11(part)

Trades Persons	ASCO codes
Automotive Electrician	4212-11
Bricklayer	4414-11
Cabinetmaker	4922-11
Carpenter and Joiner	4411-11
Cook	4513-11
Electrical Powerline Tradesperson	4313-11
Electrician (Special Class)	4311-13
Electronic Equipment Tradesperson	4315-11
Fibrous Plasterer	4412-11
Fitter	4112-11
Furniture Upholsterer	4942-11
General Electrician	4311-11
General Electronic Instrument-Tradesperson	4314-11
General Plumber	4431-11
Hairdresser	4931-11
Metal Fabricator (Boilermaker)	4122-11
Metal Machinist (First Class)	4112-13
Motor Mechanic	4211-11
Panel Beater	4213-11
Pastry Cook	4512-13
Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Mechanic	4312-11
Solid Plasterer	4415-11
Sheetmetal Worker (First Class)	4124-11
Toolmaker	4113-11
Vehicle Painter	4214-11
Welder (First Class)	4122-15

* **Important:** If you nominate one of the above specialist computing occupations, you will only be awarded MODL points if your skills assessment from the relevant the Australian Computer Society (ACS) states you have met the criteria to be recognised in one of the above specialisations.

The ACS has advised that assessments provided to successful applicants will state the ASCO Code for Computer Professional nec with the specialisation in brackets -- for example, 2231-79 (SAP). In addition, the assessment will have the following statement: "Based on the provided certified documentation, it is my opinion that the applicant has 12 months experience in (name of specialisation, for example, SAP)".

If you have a skills assessment which only states the ASCO Code for "Computer Professional nec 2231-79", you are not eligible to be awarded MODL points. A new assessment will be required if you wish to claim points for having an occupation on the MODL.

How often does the MODL change?

The MODL is reviewed twice a year to take into consideration existing and emerging skills shortages. This does not mean the list is changed twice a year. Changes only occur if there has been a significant change in labour market trends.

As the MODL may change from time to time, you are advised to check the current MODL at the time you are lodging your visa application. You should also be aware that your occupation must be on the MODL at the time your application is assessed in order to be awarded 'occupation in demand/ job offer' points on the General Skilled Migration points test.

How are occupation points awarded on the points test?

If your nominated occupation is on MODL at the time your application is assessed, you will be eligible for 'occupation in demand' points on the points test.

You will receive extra points if, in addition to your nominated occupation being on the MODL at the time your visa application is assessed, you have a job offer from a suitable Australian employer.

What is a 'suitable Australian employer'?

A 'suitable Australian employer' is an employer that has employed at least 10 people on a full-time basis for the previous two financial years.

If you intend to claim points for 'occupation in demand/job offer' you are required to submit documentary evidence that your proposed employer meets these requirements. This evidence should include:

- a letter of offer from your prospective employer on official letterhead of the company which states the full address of the company and any telephone, fax numbers, e-mail and website addresses
- the name and position of the person authorised to sign the employment reference typed or stamped below that person's signature – a reference with an illegible signature will not be accepted
- details of the position you are being offered, the main five duties to be undertaken, and the salary level
- details of the organisation making the job offer, including the number of people it has employed on a full-time basis for the previous two years

The department will make any necessary checks to ensure that the information provided is correct.

Priority processing

The Migration Act 1958 contains powers by which the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs can consider and finalise migration visa applications in an order of priority he/she considers appropriate.

Under this power, the Minister has identified a number of General Skilled Migration visas that are both a priority for employers generally across Australia and, more specifically, for regional and low population growth metropolitan areas. The Minister has issued a directive to give priority processing to these applications. As part of these arrangements, if your nominated occupation is on the MODL, your General Skilled Migration visa application will receive priority processing