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*A Look At Western Australia State Sponsorship*



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Dear Students

Welcome to the new subscribers of IMMIGRATION NEWS. This service is brought to you by Australian Immigration Law Services.

Please feel free to e-mail this newsletter to any of your friends.

For the last ten years the state sponsored skilled migration program has seen thousands of happy visa applicants obtain their Australian residency visas so we are going to re-visit the requirements of each state. Today we look at W.A.

## **A Look At Western Australia State Sponsorship**

With the Western Australian economy running in hyper-drive mode the region has become an attractive prospect for new migrants to settle. Many students who have studied in Sydney are packing their bags as you read this article with the hope of starting a better life out west.

The down side is that Perth housing is nearly as expensive as Sydney now but a booming economy can only mean more jobs and perhaps greater opportunities than in the eastern cities. Over the years quite a number of our clients have taken up the challenge of leaving friends and familiarity and found good stable employment.

Let's take a look at what you need if you want the state to nominate you.

Firstly, there are **two main lists of occupations** the Western Australian government desires applicants to possess skill in;

- 1) **The Priority Skills List** and,
- 2) **The Skills in Demand List**

By making these titles so similar it's a good recipe to create confusion (for those of you in the W.A government reading this).

Basically if you want to be sponsored for permanent residence using the 886 or 176 visa then your occupation must be on the Priority Skills list. There are a certain number of regional regions but in reality Metropolitan Perth is available for every single occupation on the list.

If your occupation is not lucky enough to be on the Priority List, then the Skills in Demand List is the next choice where you may be sponsored for the temporary residence 3 year visa via the 487 sub class. This list however does not cover metropolitan Perth region.

Both of these lists can be viewed on the Western Australian government web site [www.migration.wa.gov.au](http://www.migration.wa.gov.au)

On the Priority list there are a number of occupations which are not on the Skills in Demand list. The most noticeable difference is the IT professionals. Most of the specialisations in IT available to PR sponsorship but not on the TR regional sponsorship. Unfortunately W.A does not accept the Computer Professional (nec) occupation on either list which most of the recent IT graduates obtain when they finish their Australian IT qualifications.

### **Good Points**

The Western Australian government does not require many documents in order to gain a positive sponsorship approval. This is very different for example, to the South Australian approach which has a regimented documentation process such demonstrating financial evidence etc. Fortunately W.A does not put students through this ordeal.

They also get brownie points for the fastest approvals in the country and when you combine this with the minimum paperwork it becomes a true model of efficiency for any government sector. Maybe DIAC should send a few managers over there to see how it's done.

### **Bad Points**

You do need to be able to comment how much you love the area and why you want to move to W.A. You must demonstrate you have done your homework about living costs and job opportunities. This information is not hard to find however and after all aren't graduates meant to be experts in finding information?

### **Next Newsletter?**

Just recently married after finishing your course or haven't had time to get him/her a student dependent visa? Then bringing your offshore spouse over as your dependent on the 485 visa. We will discuss how this little known process is done.

Next, next? A Look At Northern Territory State Sponsorship program.

### **Still Waiting for Your 880 Visa to be processed?**

Senior DIAC management has informed us that by then end of next month they should have cleared the backlog of these skilled migration applications.

Normally the ASPC received about 3000 EGSM Onshore application a month but in August last year they received 20,000.

So those of you who lodged in August last year will still need to be patient!

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