



## Australia needs overseas workers in key sectors.

Our multicultural communities already know Australia's a great place to live. Now is a great moment for anyone wanting to enter Australia's skilled migration program to start a new life in Australia.

So, if you or someone you know is keen to make the move to living and working in Australia, it's time to spread the word.

More skilled migrants bring benefits for everyone. That's why the Australian Government has added extra places to its 2022-23 skilled migration program to help fill roles where there are not enough Australians. The number of permanent visas for 2022-23 has increased from 160,000 to 195,000 places. Of these, 142,400 are for skilled visas.

With a skilled visa, workers can access exciting opportunities, permanent residency and a pathway to Australian citizenship. Australia, of course, benefits from the skills and expertise of people from all over the world – something that's never been more important. It really is a win-win situation.

A 12-month international advertising campaign is currently underway to attract overseas skilled workers in occupations with skills shortages, and to promote Australia as a destination of choice for skilled migrants. Workers are being sought across healthcare, education, infrastructure and ICT sectors.

"Increasing the number of skilled migration visas is an opportunity for those overseas seeking a new life and for hard working businesses and industries in Australia," Department of Home Affairs Associate Secretary Immigration Stephanie Foster PSM said.

"We want you to tell your colleagues, friends and family overseas who have the skills that Australia needs that now is the time for apply for an Australian skilled visa. We

want talented people from overseas to come and take advantage of the fantastic career opportunities that are here and to come and enjoy the famous Australian lifestyle,” she said.

“Australia is a proud multicultural nation and for those of us who migrated here to seek a better future, Australia did not disappoint.” Mohammad Al-Khafaji, Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia (FECCA) CEO said.

“This program is an exciting opportunity to have your loved ones who are overseas join you here and further build on Australia’s multicultural success story,” he said.

Expressions of interest can be submitted for free through the Home Affairs [SkillSelect](#) website.

For more information on skilled visa eligibility and opportunities, visit [smartmoveaustralia.gov.au](http://smartmoveaustralia.gov.au)