

# BUSINESS VISAS FOR AUSTRALIA



## The visa pathway explained



There are a number of visa options for people seeking to undertake a business visit, own or manage a business in Australia, or invest in Australia.

For further information, please refer to the following visa categories on the Department of Home Affairs website: Business visitor visa (Electronic Travel Authority) and Business Innovation and Investment visas.

Business visas are recognised as the most complex visas to apply for, which is why we are here to help you successfully submit an application. If you have plans of establishing a business in Australia, investing in a company or migrating to Australia as a business owner or investor, it is vital you receive the correct immigration advice. For many, applying for a business visa may be the only option to residency in Australia. International Business & Introduction Brokers ([www.inbib.com](http://www.inbib.com)) provide guidelines and industry knowledge to ensure that your visa application has the best possible chance of being approved. Points table for Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional) visa (subclass 188)

### PASS MARK 65 POINTS

Points criteria are assessed at the time of invitation. You will only be awarded one set of points under each factor. For example, if you have an English language ability of Proficient, you will be awarded 10 points for Proficient English and not points for both Proficient English and Vocational English. >>

Factor	Description
<b>Age</b>	18–24 years 20
	25–32 years 30
	33–39 years 25
	40–44 years 20
	45–54 years 15
55 and older	
<b>English language ability</b>	Vocational English Proficient English 25–32 years
<b>Educational qualifications</b>	Trade certificate, diploma or bachelor degree by an Australian education institute; or a bachelor qualification recognised by an educational institution of a recognised standard
	A Bachelor degree in business, science or technology by an Australian institution; or a bachelor qualification in business, science or technology by an educational institution of a recognised standard
<b>Financial assets</b>	Net business and personal assets of you, your partner or you and your partner combined in each of the preceding 2 fiscal years immediately before the time of invitation of at least:
	Not less than AUD1,250,000
	Not less than AUD1,750,000
	Not less than AUD2,250,000
<b>Business turnover</b>	If you are invited to apply for the visa on or after 1 July 2021, you had an ownership interest in one or more main businesses that had an annual turnover in at least 2 of the 4 fiscal years immediately before the time of invitation to apply for the visa:
	Not less than AUD750,000
	Not less than AUD1,250,000
	Not less than AUD1,750,000
<b>Business Innovation stream only Business experience</b>	Not less than 4 years within the preceding 5 years
	Not less than 7 years within the preceding 8 years
<b>Investor stream only Investor experience</b>	If you are invited to apply for the visa on or after 1 July 2021, immediately before the time of invitation to apply for the visa you held eligible investments of at least AUD250,000 held for:
	Not less than 4 years Not less than 7 years
<b>Business innovation qualifications</b>	Patents or designs registered not less than 1 year before that time and used in the day to day activities of the main business
	Trademarks registered not less than 1 year before that time and used in the day to day activities of the main business
	An ownership in and day to day participation in the management of one or more main business operated under a formal joint venture agreement/s entered into no less than 1 year before the time
	An ownership interest in a main business/s that derives no less than 50% of its annual turnover from export trade
	An ownership interest in a main business/s not more than 5 years before:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ had an average annualised growth in turnover that was greater than 20% per annum over 3 continuous fiscal years; and</li> <li>■ in at least one of the 3 fiscal years employed 10 or more employees for a total number of hours that was at least the total number of hours that would have been worked by 10 full-time employees</li> </ul>
<b>Special endorsement</b>	An ownership interest in a main business/s that received:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ a grant from a government body in your home country of at least AUD10,000 for the purposes of early phase start up of a business, product commercialisation, business development or business expansion</li> <li>■ venture capital funding of at least AUD100,000 not more than 4 years before the time of the invitation for the purposes of early phase start up of a business, product commercialisation, business development or business expansion</li> </ul>
<b>Special endorsement</b>	The nominating State or Territory government agency has determined that your proposed business is of unique and important benefit to the State or Territory where the nominating government agency is located.



**1. Population**

■ At the end of June 2018, almost 1.2 million people who were born in the United Kingdom were living in Australia, 1.7 per cent more than at 30 June 2008. This makes it the largest migrant community in Australia, equivalent to 16.2 per cent of Australia’s overseas-born population and 4.8 per cent of Australia’s total population.

**2. For Australia’s United Kingdom-born migrants:**

- Their median age of 56.7 years was 19.4 years above that of the general population.
- Males outnumbered females—50.8 per cent compared with 49.2 per cent.

**3. Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Migration Australia (catalogue**

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**4. Permanent migration**

Australia’s permanent Migration Program incorporates economic and family migration and is the main pathway to permanent residence. It includes the Skill stream, Family stream and Special Eligibility visas. The only other way to obtain permanent residence is on humanitarian grounds.

**5. Skill stream visas**

The Skill stream is designed for workers with the skills, qualifications and entrepreneurship most needed in the Australian economy. The Skill stream comprises four components; namely: Points Tested Skilled Migration; Employer Sponsored; Business Innovation and Investment; and Distinguished Talent. 🇦🇺




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