



IMMIGRATION ADVICE CENTRE

BLOG

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EMPLOYER SPONSORED PERMANENT RESIDENCE

(Employer Nomination 186 visa and Regional Sponsored Migration visa 187)

- **CHANGES TO OCCUPATION LISTS - A number of changes were made to the list of occupations, which may be nominated by employers.**
- **WORK EXPERIENCE AND AGE LIMITS – New requirements are being introduced in the months ahead**

NEW OCCUPATION LIST - Nominations for 186 direct entry visa applicants and 187 Regional Sponsored visa applicants may only be made for occupations on the Combined list of eligible skilled occupations. This list may be found from this link:

<https://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Work/Work/Skills-assessment-and-assessing-authorities/skilled-occupations-lists/combined-stsol-mltssl>

A number of occupations have caveats attached to them, which impose specific requirements for that occupation eg., Marketing Specialists require the sponsor to have an annual turnover of not less than \$1 million.

WORK EXPERIENCE – A minimum of three years' work experience will be required for 186 and 187 visa applications from March 2018

REDUCED AGE LIMITS – Applicants for the 186 visa via the direct entry pathway must be less than 45 years of age from 1 July 2017. 187 visa applicants may continue to be under 50 years of age.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE – From 1 July 2017 the requirement will be the equivalent of 6 in each band of IELTS.