

General Skilled Migration points test

After 1 July 2011

	Old Points Test (120 point pass mark)		New Points Test (65 point pass mark)
Occupation			
40 point occupation	40	no occupation points	0
50 point occupation	50		0
60 point occupation	60		0
Age			
18-29	30	18-24	25
30-34	25	25-32	30
35-39	20	33-39	25
40-44	15	40-44	15
45 +	ineligible	45-49	no points
English language			
Competent English (IELTS 6)	15	Competent English (IELTS 6)	0
Proficient English (IELTS 7)	25	Proficient English (IELTS 7)	10
Superior English (IELTS 8)	25	Superior English (IELTS 8)	20
Australian Employment			
1 year in the past 2	10	1 year in the past 10 years	5
3 years in the past 4 years, depending on whether in a 60 point occupation	15 or 20	3 years in the past 10	10
		5 years in the past 10	15
		8 years in the past 10	15
Overseas Employment			
3 years in the past 4, depending on whether in a 60 point occupation	5 or 10	3 years in the past 5	5
		5 years in the past 7	10
		8 years in the past 10	20
Professional Year	10	Professional Year	5
Education			
Australian PhD	25	Australian PhD	20
Overseas PhD	0	Overseas PhD	20
Australian Bachelor + Masters/Honours	15	Australian Bachelor Degree, or Bachelor + +Masters/Honours	15
Overseas Bachelor or Masters/Honours	0	Overseas Bachelor Degree, or Bachelor + Masters/Honours	15
Australian Diploma	0	Australian Diploma	10
Australian AQF III/IV	0	Australian AQF III/IV	10
Offshore Apprenticeship	0	Offshore Apprenticeship	10
Australian Study Requirement	5	Australian Study Requirement (2 years study)	5
Community Language Skills	5	Community Language Skills (NAATI Accreditation only)	5
Regional Study	5	Regional Study	5
Partner Skills	5	Partner Skills	5
State or Territory Nomination	10	State or Territory (S176/886) Nomination No family sponsored	5
Designated Area Sponsorship	25	Designated Area Sponsorship (S487/475)	10

MAX 20

- The applicant can claim points for both overseas and Australian work experience in their nominated occupation, or a closely related occupation.
- The applicant can claim points for both a Professional Year and Australian work experience.
- The applicant who have studied in Australia to use the same period of study can claim points for both qualifications and Australian study.