



Australian Government

Department of Home Affairs

State/Territory sponsorship: Business Skills class

Form
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Important – Please read this information carefully before you complete your application. Once you have completed your application we strongly advise that you keep a copy for your records.

A sponsorship from a state or territory business development agency authorised for the purpose of sponsorship under the Business Skills class is required for all of the following Business Skills visa subclasses:

- **Business Skills (Residence)** — State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (subclass 892), State/Territory Sponsored Investor (893).

Sponsorship for a Business Skills (Residence) visa

Part A of this form must be completed, signed and stamped by your state/territory sponsoring agency, and then lodged with your completed application form with the Department of Home Affairs (the Department) within the validity date of your sponsorship.

Note: If you have relocated from the state/territory that sponsored your Business Skills (Provisional) visa and are seeking sponsorship from an alternate state/territory government for your Business Skills (Residence) visa you are requested to formally seek release from your original sponsor by completing Part B of this form.

Please check the validity date at Question 27, Part A of this form and if the validity date will expire prior to you lodging your application then your state/territory sponsoring agency will require you to seek a new sponsorship from them.

This sponsorship will cover all members of the applicant's family unit included in the application. State or territory business development agencies must notify the processing post or regional office if this sponsorship is withdrawn.

Important information about privacy

Your personal information is protected by law, including the *Privacy Act 1988*. Important information about the collection, use and disclosure (to other agencies and third parties, including overseas entities) of your personal information, including sensitive information, is contained in form 1442i *Privacy notice*.

Form 1442i is available from the Department's website www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms/ You should ensure that you read and understand form 1442i before completing this form.

Home page **www.homeaffairs.gov.au**

General enquiry line Telephone **131 881** during business hours in Australia to speak to an operator (recorded information available outside these hours). If you are outside Australia, please contact your nearest Australian mission.

Please keep this information page for your reference

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Please open this form using Adobe Acrobat Reader.
Either type (in English) in the fields provided or print this form
and complete it (in English) using a pen and BLOCK LETTERS.

Tick where applicable

Part A Your details

1 Subclass applied for
892
893

2 Full name
Family name

Given names

3 Name in your own language or script (if applicable)

4 Sex Male Female Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified

5 Date of birth

6 What is/are your main language(s)?

7 Residential address

Postcode

8 Address to which this form should be returned
(If the same as your residential address, write 'AS ABOVE')

Postcode

9 Current marital status
Never married
Widowed
Divorced **Go to Question 15**
Separated
Engaged Date of intended marriage
Married
In a de facto relationship Date relationship began

Details of spouse

You must complete this section EVEN if your spouse is not accompanying you

10 Spouse's full name (as shown in passport or travel document)
Family name

Given names

11 Name in own language or script (if applicable)

12 Other names your spouse is, or has been, known by
(including name at birth, previous married names, aliases)

13 Sex Male Female Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified

14 Date of birth

Other details

- 15** Do you agree to state/territory business development agencies communicating with you by fax, email or other electronic means?

No

Yes ► Give details

Fax number

Email address

- 16** In which country is your current business located?

- 17** Which industry is your current business involved in?

- 18** Which industry is, or will, your Australian business be involved in?

- 19** In which state/territory is, or will your Australian business and/or investment activity be located?

Australian Capital Territory

New South Wales

Northern Territory

Queensland

South Australia

Tasmania

Victoria

Western Australia

- 20** Is your Business Skills (Provisional) sponsor the same as your Business Skills (Residence) sponsor?

No ► **Go to Part B**

Yes

Declaration

WARNING: Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

- 21** I declare that:

- the information I have supplied is complete, correct and up-to-date in every detail.
- I have read the information contained in form 1442i *Privacy notice*.
- I understand the Department may collect, use and disclose my personal information (including biometric information and other sensitive information) as outlined in form 1442i *Privacy notice*.

Signature of applicant

Day Month Year

Date

Signature of spouse

Day Month Year

Date

We strongly advise that you keep a copy of your application and all attachments for your records.

State/Territory business development agency to complete

22 Name of sponsoring state/territory business development agency

23 This sponsorship is only valid for:

- | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Australian Capital Territory | <input type="checkbox"/> | South Australia | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| New South Wales | <input type="checkbox"/> | Tasmania | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Northern Territory | <input type="checkbox"/> | Victoria | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Queensland | <input type="checkbox"/> | Western Australia | <input type="checkbox"/> |

24 Name of applicant for a state/territory Sponsored Business Skills class visa

25 *If the applicant is applying for a subclass 892 visa:*

Have you determined that there are exceptional circumstances and decided to waive 2 or more of the employees, net business and personal assets and net assets in business requirements as specified under regulation 892.212 of the *Migration Regulations 1994*?

No

Yes **Go to Question 27**

26 *If the applicant is applying for a subclass 892 visa, and their principal business and usual place of residence are located in the same regional area of Australia:*

Have you determined that there are exceptional circumstances and decided to waive the turnover requirement as specified under regulation 892.213 of the *Migration Regulations 1994*?

No

Yes

Note: A 'turnover' waiver cannot be exercised if a waiver has already been exercised in relation to business requirements at Question 25.

27 Declaration

Subject to the Department's assessment of identity, health, character and other relevant requirements, the applicant has been assessed and counselled by this agency and I am satisfied that, if approved for the grant of a visa under Business Skills subclass 892 or 893 the applicant is likely to contribute to the objectives of the Business Skills class.

This agency undertakes to provide advice and assistance within normal programs and take reasonable steps to monitor business progress.

Signature of authorising officer

(State/territory business development agency)

Date Day Month Year

Authorising officer's name

This sponsorship is valid for visa applications lodged before Day Month Year

This sponsorship form and your completed application form must be lodged with the Department within the validity date of your sponsorship noted above.

Agency stamp or seal

Part B

To be completed if you have relocated from the state/territory of your Business Skills (Provisional) sponsorship and are now seeking Business Skills (Residence) sponsorship from an alternate state/territory sponsoring agency.

- 28** Name as it appeared on the original Business Skills (Provisional) sponsorship application

Family name

Given names

- 29** Subclass of visa that you hold

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- 30** State/territory in which you currently reside:

Australian Capital Territory

New South Wales

Northern Territory

Queensland

South Australia

Tasmania

Victoria

Western Australia

- 31** Reasons for your relocation to another state/territory during the validity of your Business Skills (Provisional) visa

If insufficient space, attach additional details

Original Business Skills (Provisional) visa sponsor to complete

- 32** Name of Business Skills (Provisional) visa sponsoring state/territory business development agency

- 33** Are you satisfied that there are reasonable circumstances surrounding the relocation of this applicant to an alternate state/territory during the validity of their Business Skills (Provisional) visa?

No Provide details

Yes

If insufficient space, attach additional details

- 34** Signature of authorising officer

(State/territory business development agency)

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Date

Day	Month	Year

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Agency stamp or seal

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