

Points table for Skilled Independent Visa (Subclass 189)

Age

Age	Points
at least 18 but less than 25 years	25
at least 25 but less than 33 years	30
at least 33 but less than 40 years	25
at least 40 but less than 45 years	15

English language skills

English	Points
Competent English	0
Proficient English	10
Superior English	20

[English language skills](#)

Skilled employment experience

Overseas skilled employment – (outside Australia)

Number of years	Points
Less than 3 years	0
At least 3 but less than 5 years	5
At least 5 but less than 8 years	10
At least 8 years	15

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Australian skilled employment – (in Australia)

Number of years	Points
Less than 1 year	0
At least 1 but less than 3 years	5
At least 3 but less than 5 years	10
At least 5 but less than 8 years	15
At least 8 years	20

Educational qualifications

Requirement	Points
A Doctorate from an Australian educational institution or a Doctorate from another educational institution, that is of a recognised standard.	20
At least a Bachelor degree from an Australian educational institution or at least a Bachelor qualification, from another educational institution, that is of a recognised standard.	15
A diploma or trade qualification from an Australian educational institution.	10
Attained a qualification or award recognised by the relevant assessing authority for your nominated skilled occupation as being suitable for that occupation	10

Specialist education qualification

Requirement	Points
A Masters degree by research or a Doctorate degree from an Australian educational institution that included at least 2 academic years study in a relevant field.	10

Australian study requirement

Requirement	Points
Meet the Australian study requirement	5

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Professional Year in Australia

Requirement	Points
Completion of a Professional Year in Australia	5

Credentialed community language

Requirement	Points
Hold a recognised qualification in a credentialed community language	5

Study in regional Australia

Requirement	Points
You must have at least 1 degree, diploma or trade qualification from an Australian educational institution that satisfies the Australian study requirement obtained while living and studying in an eligible area of regional Australia	5

Partner skills

Requirement	Points
<p>Your spouse or de facto partner must also be an applicant for this visa and meet age, English and skill criteria</p> <p>For you to be eligible for the award of these points your partner must be an applicant for the same visa subclass and must not be an Australian permanent resident or an Australian citizen. Additionally, you will need to provide evidence that when you were invited to apply for this visa that they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">were under 45 years oldhad competent Englishhad nominated a skilled occupation that is on the same skilled occupation list as your nominated skilled occupation	10

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> had a suitable skills assessment from the relevant assessing authority for their nominated skilled occupation, and the assessment wasn't for a Subclass 485 visa. 	
<p>Your spouse or de facto partner must also be an applicant for this visa and has competent English</p> <p>For you to be eligible for the award of these points your partner must be an applicant for the same visa subclass and must not be an Australian permanent resident or an Australian citizen.</p>	5
You are single or your partner is an Australian citizen or permanent resident	10

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