



# MIGRATION INFORM

Migration Agent Registration  
Number 0214353

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## TSMIT INCOME THRESHOLD

As of the 1 July 2011, the Temporary Skilled Migration Income Threshold (TSMIT) for 457 visa is currently set at \$49,330 per annum.

For nominations lodged and approved before 1 July 2011, the old TSMIT of \$47,480 applies. If a nomination is lodged before 1 July 2011, and that nomination is yet to be decided, the new TSMIT of \$49,330 applies.

## POINTS TEST

A new points test for general skilled migration visa applications was introduced on 1 July 2011.

The new points test recognises the skills and attributes considered to be in need in Australia and are designed to select skilled migrants who will optimally contribute to Australia's economy. The allocation of points will focus on:

- better English levels
- more extensive skilled employment
- higher level qualifications obtained in Australia and overseas
- better targeted age ranges

Points will no longer be awarded for specific occupations, but all applicants must nominate an occupation on the applicable Skilled Occupation List (SOL).

The pass mark is the total amount of points needed to be eligible for skilled migration and is set at 65 points.

## PRIORITY PROCESSING

The Minister for Immigration and Citizenship has set new priority processing arrangements for certain skilled migration visas.

The priority processing arrangements are designed to ensure that the Australian economy gets the skills

it needs now in order to better address the needs of the industry by targeting skills in critical need across a number of sectors.

From 1 July 2011, processing priorities (with highest priority listed first) are:

1. Applications from people who are employer sponsored under the Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS) program or who have applied for a Skilled – Regional visa
2. Applications from people who are applying under the Employer Nominate Scheme (ENS) program
3. Applications from people who are nominated by a State or Territory government agency for an occupation specified on that agency's migration plan
4. Applications from people who have nominated an occupation on the new Skilled Occupation List (SOL)
5. All other applications are to be processed in the order in which they are received

The table below describes the processing times for the new priority processing arrangements for certain skilled migration visas.

The processing times correspond to the processing priorities described above.

Priority Processing	Processing Time
1	5 – 8 months
2	5 – 8 months
3	12 – 24 months
4	18 months
5	After finalisation of cases in groups 1-4

## MIGRATION INTAKE

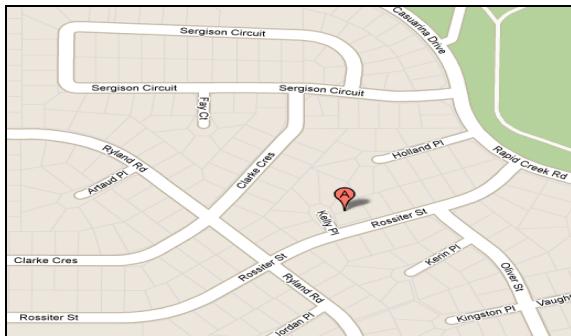
In the May 2011 budget, the Australian Government announced the migration intake for 2011 – 2012. The migration numbers are as follows:

Family Stream	
Partner	45400
Child	3450
Preferential/Other Family	1250
Parent	2000
Contributory Parent	6500
Skill Stream	
Employer Sponsored	46000
Skilled–Independent	44350
Skilled–State/Territory Sponsored	24000
Skilled–Australian Sponsored	4100
Distinguishing Talent	200
Business Skills	7200
Special Eligibility	550
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>185000</b>

## OFFICE RELOCATION

ETS Australia has relocated! Our Darwin office has relocated to a new office complex. Our new business address is:

Rossiter House  
3/29 Rossiter Street  
Rapid Creek NT 0810



## NEW WEBSITE

ETS Australia has a new website! Thanks to Eddie Sepulveda and his team at Web365, ETS Australia has updated their website. Visit our new website at: [www.etsaustralia.org](http://www.etsaustralia.org).

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## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

ETS Australia has the following positions for deployment in Australia:

Aluminium Fabricator/Installer

Auto Electrician

Auto Technician

Carpenter

Chef – Chinese

Chef – Western

Customer Service Manager

Glazier – Curtain Wall

Head/Executive Chef

Hotel Duty Manager

Metal Fabricator/Welder

Painter – House

Restaurant Manager

Sheetmetal Worker

Technician/System Engineer

Upholsterer

Vehicle Denter

Vehicle Painter

In order to be considered, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. minimum five (5) years relevant and recent experience
2. functional or better English
3. vocational qualifications or higher
4. available for immediate interview
5. detailed work history
6. under 45 years of age

Please submit a detailed resume to: [etsa\\_administration@bigpond.com](mailto:etsa_administration@bigpond.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Below is a list of future seminars and events by ETS Australia:

- ❖ JobStreet Job Fair – Friday 12 August 2011 from 9am till 7pm at SMX Convention Center, Pasay City, Manila, Philippines
- ❖ JobStreet Job Fair –Saturday 13 August 2011 from 9am till 7pm at SMX Convention Center, Pasay City, Manila, Philippines

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