



Information for Applicants Eligible for Transitional Arrangements

The following information is for applicants who are eligible for transitional arrangements when applying for a points tested skilled migration visa after 1 July 2011.

Transitional arrangements for students and former student visa holders were announced on 8 February 2010, the day on which the Australian Government announced a number of skilled migration reforms. These transitional arrangements are in place until 31 December 2012.

You are eligible for transitional arrangements in relation to points tested skilled migration if:

- on 8 February 2010 you held a Skilled - Graduate (Subclass 485) visa; or
- on or before 8 February 2010 you made a valid application for a Skilled - Graduate (Subclass 485) visa and the visa application has not been finally determined.

Eligible applicants can apply for the following visas using the Skilled Occupation List (SOL) in effect on 8 February 2010:

- Subclass 885 Skilled - Independent
- Subclass 886 Skilled - Sponsored
- Subclass 487 Skilled Regional - Sponsored

How will the changes to the points test affect my application?

If you are a transitional applicant, you may still have access to the points test in effect on 8 February 2010, depending on which SOL your nominated occupation appears. You will first need to check whether your nominated skilled occupation appears on the SOL in effect on 8 February 2010.

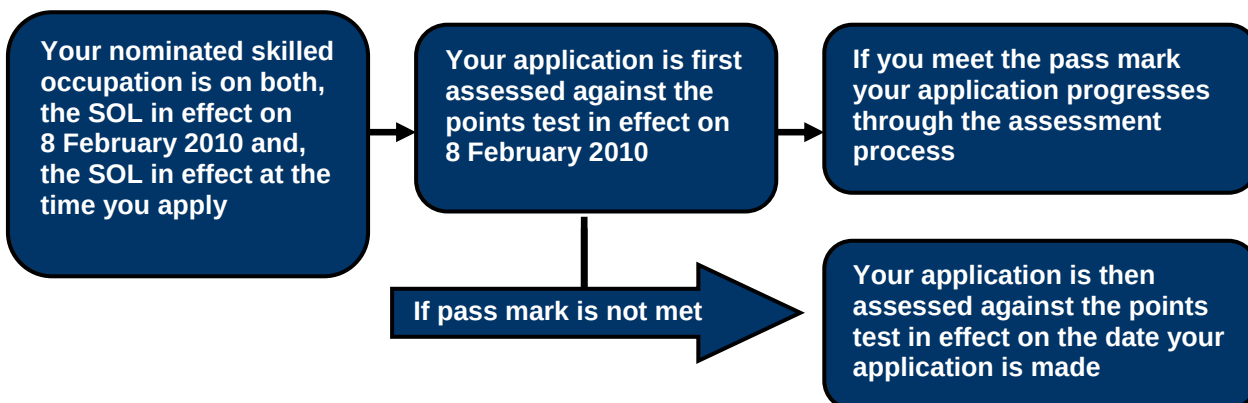
See: www.immi.gov.au/skilled/sol

There are three scenarios:

1) If my nominated skilled occupation appears on both the SOL in effect on 8 February 2010 and the SOL in effect on the date I apply – which points test applies to my application?

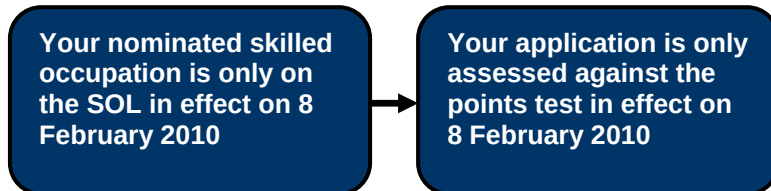
If your nominated occupation is included on both SOLs, then your application will be assessed as follows:

- Your application will first be assessed under the points test in effect on 8 February 2010.
- If you do not meet the pass mark for the points test in effect on 8 February 2010 your application will then be assessed under the points test in effect on the date your application is made.



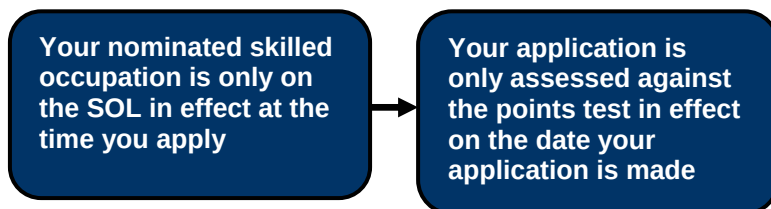
2) My nominated skilled occupation only appears on the SOL in effect on 8 February 2010 – which points test applies to my application?

If your nominated skilled occupation is only on the SOL that was in effect on 8 February 2010, your application will be assessed under the points test that was in effect on 8 February 2010.



3) I am ready to lodge my application and my nominated skilled occupation appears only on the SOL in effect when I apply – which points test applies to my application?

Your application will be assessed under the points test in effect on the date you apply.



Points test self assessment

If you meet the threshold requirements, you can claim points under a range of different factors, and you must meet the pass mark to be eligible for grant of a points tested visa. The department has published a fact sheet about the 1 July 2011 Points Test.

See: www.immi.gov.au/skilled/general-skilled-migration/pdf/points-test.pdf

Further information about the points test, including information to assist those eligible for transitional arrangements will be available from 1 July 2011.

See: www.immi.gov.au/skilled/general-skilled-migration/visa-options.htm