

ACT Occupation List

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The ACT Occupation List identifies the skills that are currently in demand in Canberra (for migration purposes). The ACT Occupation List is used to determine the eligibility for ACT support of the following programs:

• Skilled Visas: ACT nomination of a Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa.

• Employer Nomination: Regional Certifying Body support of an Employer Nomination under the Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme.

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ACT Nomination - Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa

Do you have the skills we need in Canberra? If the type of work you do is in demand it will be identified on the ACT Occupation List. The occupations identified do not relate to a specific job vacancy, nor represent a guarantee of a job in a specific occupation. Your success finding employment will depend on the employer requirements, relevant skills and experience and level of English ability. As a new resident you may not be eligible to apply for some Federal Government positions where citizenship or security clearance is required.

If you are living overseas, you can apply for ACT nomination of a Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa if the status of your nominated occupation is shown as 'open' on the ACT Occupation List and you meet the nomination criteria as shown in the guidelines. If you have close ties to Canberra, you can nominate any occupation on the 'Combined Occupation List', even if it is closed. You must still demonstrate that you meet the nomination criteria.

If you are a Canberra resident, and you are working in a skilled occupation, you may be eligible to apply for ACT nomination if you meet the criteria. You can nominate any occupation on the 'Combined Occupation List'.

Before you apply for ACT nomination, you must read the 'Guidelines for applying for ACT nomination' and make sure that you meet the nomination criteria. You must also meet the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa criteria before you can apply for ACT nomination.

Employer Nomination - Applying for RCB support

Employers seeking to apply to the Regional Certifying Body (RCB) for support of an Employer nomination must demonstrate that the position cannot be filled from the local labour market.

If the nominated occupation is listed as 'open' on the current ACT Occupation list, the application for RCB support is deemed to meet this criteria.

If the nominated occupation is listed as 'closed', or is not listed at all on the ACT Occupation List, the application will not meet not meet the criteria. You should refer to the RCB guidelines for other pathways to demonstrate that the position cannot be filled from the local labour market.

Before you apply for RCB support, you must read the 'Guidelines for applying for RCB Support' and make sure that you meet the RCB criteria.