

Staying in Australia

Or what you do after you get your contract

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Why should I care about visas?

- Visas are actually the responsibility of the future employee, not the employer
- DIBP and Melbourne University are under no obligation to assist you with your visas

What are the options?

- **Temporary Work (Skilled) visa (subclass 457)**
- **Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485)**

Temporary Work (Skilled) visa (subclass 457)

Features

This visa lets a skilled worker travel to Australia to work in their nominated occupation for their approved sponsor for up to four years.

Requirements

You might be able to get this visa if:

- you have been sponsored by an approved business
- you have the required skills to fill a position nominated by an approved business.

Temporary Work (Skilled) visa (subclass 457)

- Is the standard visa that most JMO workforce departments would advise you to get - requires nomination (not sponsorship) by an approved business
- Can last anywhere from 1 to 4 years - typically follows length of contract
- ***Absence of >90 days from nominated skilled occupation can lead to deportation***
- ***Cannot perform jobs outside of nominated occupation field - risk of forfeiting visa and deportation***
- Has a minimum salary requirement of \$53,900 p.a. - which we will fulfill easily
- Can be applied for up to 17 times

Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485)

Features

This visa is for international students who have recently graduated from an Australian educational institution.

It lets you stay in Australia temporarily after you have finished your studies.

Requirements

You might be eligible to apply for this visa if you:

- are younger than 50 years of age
- are in Australia
- hold an eligible visa
- meet the Australian study requirement
- meet the English language requirement
- have recently graduated with either an eligible qualification or with skills and qualifications that relate to an occupation on the skilled occupation list (SOL).

The Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) lets you live, study and work in Australia temporarily after you have finished your studies. Students are only able to access the Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) once as a primary applicant.

This visa has two streams:

- **Graduate Work** stream – for international students with an eligible qualification who graduate with skills and qualifications that relate to an occupation on the [Skilled Occupation List \(SOL\)](#). A visa in this stream is granted for 18 months from the date of grant.
- **Post-Study Work** stream – for international students who graduate with a higher education degree from an Australian education provider, regardless of their field of study. This stream is only available to students who applied for, and were granted, their first student visa to Australia on or after 5 November 2011. A visa in this stream can be granted for up to four years from the date the visa is granted, depending on the visa applicant's qualification.

Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485)

Is an alternate visa that actually provides some useful advantages - but the length of the visas differ according to the stream! (18 months or 4 years)

- Independent of length of contract
- Does not require nomination by your employer
- ***Absence of >90 days from nominated skilled occupation WILL NOT lead to deportation***
- ***CAN perform jobs outside of nominated occupation field - risk of forfeiting visa and deportation***
- Has NO minimum salary requirements
- Can be applied for only once as a primary applicant



Almost 1700 general practitioners arrived in Australia on government-sponsored 457 visas during the 2015-2016 financial year.

News

Thousands brought into Australia on 457 visas

She questioned why large numbers of doctors were still being brought in from overseas when this was no longer so.

"Across Australia, there has been a 150 per cent increase in medical school places since 2004," Dr Baker said.

"Unsurprisingly, this has led to a bottleneck pressure to train these junior doctors, to such an extent that there are now unemployed junior doctors in Victoria," she said.

Dr Baker also said that the 457 visa scheme had not addressed the "maldistribution" of doctors.

"There is still a shortage of doctors in some rural areas, while at the same time there is high density numbers in inner-metropolitan areas," she said.

Victoria imported 305 foreign GPs, NSW 375, and Queensland 446.



 Australian Medical Association president Dr Lorraine Baker. Picture: Janine Eastgate

How does this affect me?

Short answer - it doesn't!

- Most JMO managers contacted unanimously agree that any attempt to remove medical practitioners from the SOL will lead push-back from health services - especially those in rural areas
- Even in a doomsday scenario, removal of all medical occupations from the SOL, does not mean removal from consolidated SOL (CSOL) - ***there'll always be a workaround***

A short segue into permanent residency - Skilled Independent visa (subclass 189)

- Typically need general registration with AHPRA - this happens after you've completed your internship
- Will typically take 1.5 - 2 years on the 457 visa because of contract requirements
- May be faster on the 485 visa

Do I need a migration agent?

Short answer again - it helps, but is expensive (if the agent's any good)

If you do obtain professional help, ensure that the visas they're doing for you is something that they do lots of - many agents specialise in different portions of the labyrinth of Australian visas. Ask for a quote, and ask about their success rate!

Thank you

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Feel free to approach me and ask any q's