



## 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.

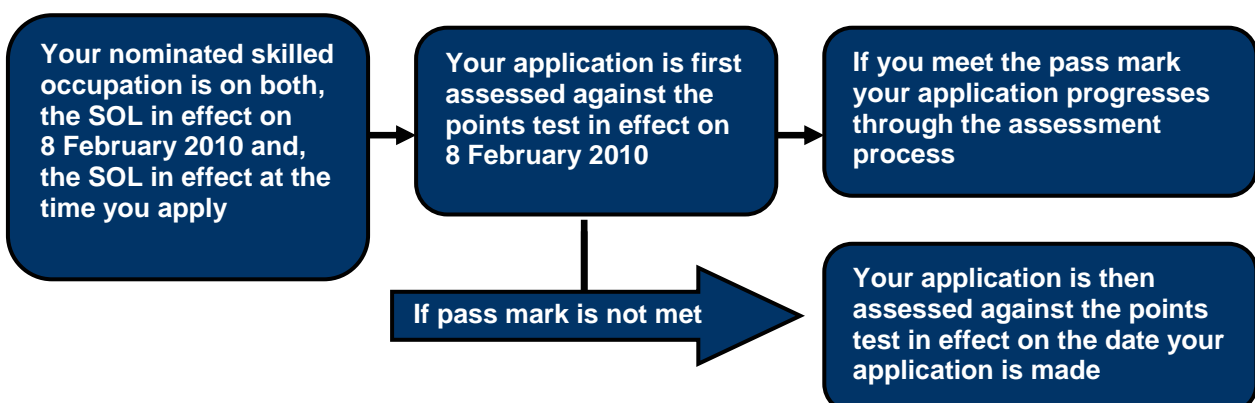
See: [www.immi.gov.au/skilled/sol](http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/sol)

#### 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?

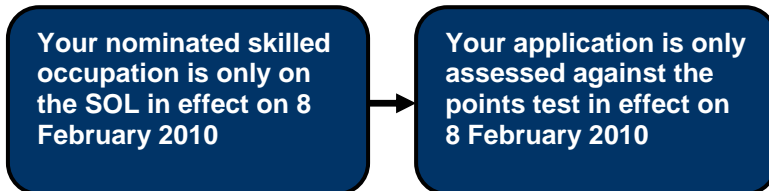
If your nominated occupation is included on both SOLs, then your application will be assessed as follows:

- 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.



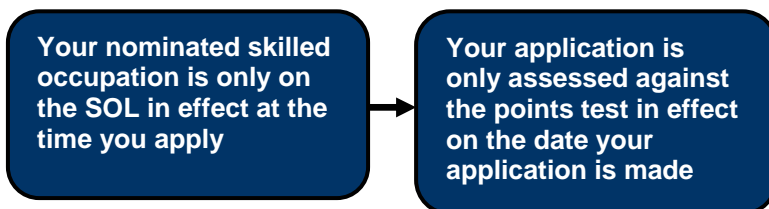
**2) My nominated skilled occupation only appears on the SOL in effect on 8 February 2010 – which points test applies to my application?**

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](http://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](http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/general-skilled-migration/visa-options.htm)