

MOVE TO AUSTRALIA:

The Ultimate Guide To Relocating To Australia As A Permanent Resident

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AUSTRALIA

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WHY AUSTRALIA?

Australia vs. Nigeria – Livability Index

The world's most (and least) liveable cities

The best

1. Vienna, Austria
2. Melbourne, Australia
3. Osaka, Japan
4. Calgary, Canada
5. Sydney, Australia
6. Vancouver, Canada
- = 7. Toronto, Canada
- So = 7. Tokyo, Japan
9. Copenhagen, Denmark
10. Adelaide, Australia

The worst

131. Dakar, Senegal
132. Algiers, Algeria
133. Douala, Cameroon
134. Tripoli, Libya
135. Harare, Zimbabwe
136. Port Moresby, PNG
137. Karachi, Pakistan
138. Lagos, Nigeria
139. Dhaka, Bangladesh
140. Damascus, Syria

Source: Economist Intelligence Unit

Bloomberg 

Source: <https://www.expatsnetwork.com/most-and-least-liveable-cities-2018/>

The diagram above displays the Livability Index for 2018. From the diagram, you can see that 3 cities from Australia make up the best 10 cities in the world.

This is in extreme contrast to Lagos, Nigeria, which was stated as the 3rd worst city in the world.



Royal Adelaide Hospital, Australia



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WHY AUSTRALIA?

Australia – Economic Facts and Strong Points

- Officially, the Commonwealth of Australia is a sovereign country comprising the mainland of the Australian continent, the Island of Tasmania and numerous smaller islands. It occupies the Australian Continent.
- Australia's capital is Canberra and its largest city is Sydney. It is a highly developed country, with **the world's eighth-largest immigrant population with immigrants accounting for 29% of the population.**
- Australia does not have an official language, but the national language is English (de facto) and the standard dialect – general Australian.

Australia – Economic Facts and Strong Points contd.

- Australia is a federal parliamentary constitutional monarchy and runs a democratic similar to the United Kingdom. Although, constitutional ties have ended, Queen Elizabeth II still reigns as the ceremonial Head of State of Australia.
- Since Queen Elizabeth II resides in the United Kingdom, she is represented in Australia by the Governor-General at the federal level and by the Governors at the state level, who by convention, act on the advice of her ministers.
- With Australia being the eighth-highest ranked democracy globally, the country ranks highly in quality of life, health, education, economic freedom, civil liberties and political rights, with all its major cities faring well in global comparative livability surveys.

Australia – Economic Facts and Strong Points contd.

The Countries Where Human Progress Is Slowest and Fastest

Ranked according to the United Nations' Human Development Index* 2013



* The HDI measures three dimensions of human development: longevity, education and standard of living
Source: United Nations Development Programme



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2016 Human Development Index – Highest Rankings

HDI ranking	Country	Human Development Index (HDI)	Life expectancy at birth	Expected years of schooling	Mean years of schooling	Gross national income (GNI) per capita
1	Norway	0.949	81.7	17.7	12.7	67,614
2	Australia	0.939	82.5	20.4	13.2	42,822
2	Switzerland	0.939	83.1	16.0	13.4	56,364
4	Germany	0.926	81.1	17.1	13.2	45,000
5	Singapore	0.925	83.2	15.4	11.6	78,162
5	Denmark	0.925	80.4	19.2	12.7	44,519
7	Netherlands	0.924	81.7	18.1	11.9	46,326
8	Ireland	0.923	81.1	18.6	12.3	43,798
9	Iceland	0.921	82.7	19.0	12.2	37,065
10	Canada	0.920	82.2	16.3	13.1	42,582
10	United States	0.920	79.2	16.5	13.2	53,245
12	Hong Kong, China (SAR)	0.917	84.2	15.7	11.6	54,265
13	New Zealand	0.915	82.0	19.2	12.5	32,870
14	Sweden	0.913	82.3	16.1	12.3	46,251
15	Liechtenstein	0.912	80.2	14.6	12.4	75,065
16	United Kingdom	0.909	80.8	16.3	13.3	37,931

Please, note that the countries with green bar charts are the fastest, whilst countries with the red bar charts are the slowest. As you can see from the 2 diagrams, according to the United Nation's Human Development Index(HDI) for 2013 and 2016, Australia is the 2nd fastest in terms of human progress in the world. This shows consistency in the high standards of quality of life of people living in Australia.

Australia – Economic Facts and Strong Points contd.

THESE ARE THE TOP 10 COUNTRIES WITH
THE HIGHEST MINIMUM HOURLY WAGES IN THE WORLD, 2019



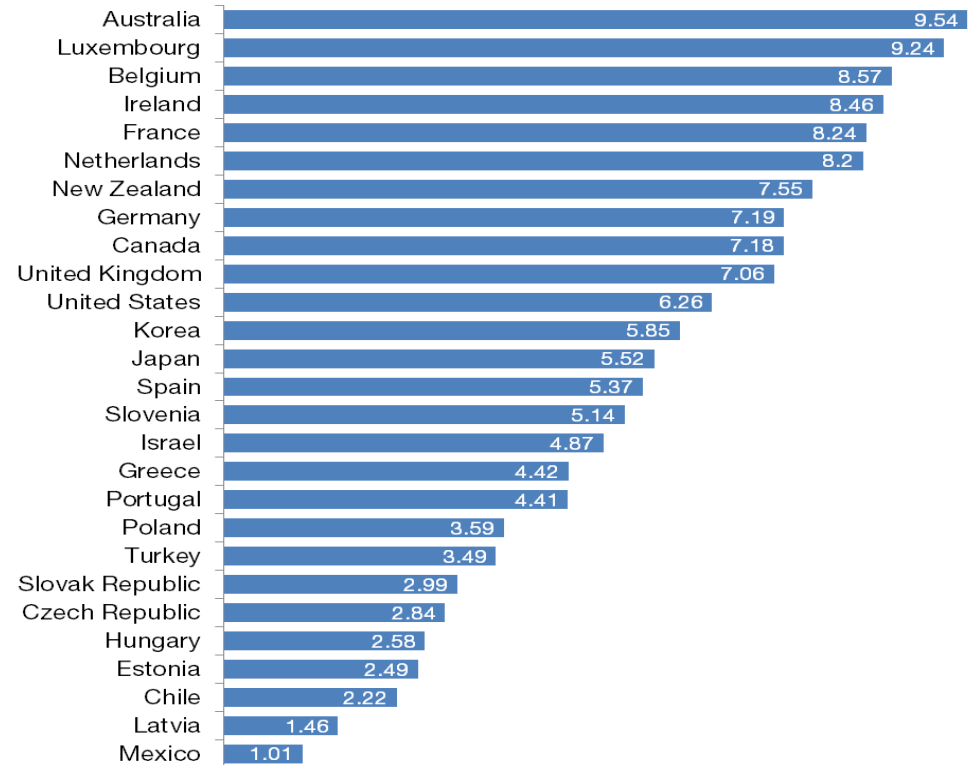
1. Australia: US\$14.14
2. Luxembourg: US\$13.14
3. New Zealand: US\$11.28
4. France: US\$11.24
5. Netherlands: US\$11.01
6. Ireland: US\$10.87
7. Belgium: US\$10.78
8. Germany: US\$10.06
9. United Kingdom: US\$9.74
10. Canada: US\$9.06
11. Japan: US\$7.61

Source: CEOWORLD magazine

The world's highest minimum wages



US dollars per hour after taxes, at purchasing power parities (2013)



The figures in the 2 diagrams above, speak for themselves. According to data from Germany's Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaftliches Institut (WSI)(the diagram on the right), which compared pay in different countries on a purchasing-power basis, Australia is the number 1 place workers should move to in order to earn the best minimum wage. It was no# 1 in 2013, it's still no# 1 in 2019.

Australia – Economic Facts and Strong Points contd.

Ranking	Country	City	Overall Rating	Stability	Healthcare	Culture & Environment	Education	Infrastructure
1	Austria	Vienna	99.1	100	100	96.3	100	100
2	Australia	Melbourne	98.4	95	100	98.6	100	100
3	Japan	Osaka	97.7	100	100	93.5	100	96.4
4	Canada	Calgary	97.5	100	100	90.0	100	100
5	Australia	Sydney	97.4	95	100	94.4	100	100
6	Canada	Vancouver	97.3	95	100	100	100	92.9
7	Canada	Toronto	97.2	100	100	97.2	100	89.3
8	Japan	Tokyo	97.2	100	100	94.4	100	92.9
9	Denmark	Copenhagen	96.8	95	95.8	95.4	100	100
10	Australia	Adelaide	96.6	95	100	94.2	100	96.4

Source: <https://www.expatsnetwork.com/most-and-least-liveable-cities-2018/>

Australia – Economic Facts and Strong Points contd.

The ten most liveable cities

Country	City	Rank	Overall Rating (100=ideal)
Australia	Melbourne	1	97.5
Austria	Vienna	2	97.4
Canada	Vancouver	3	97.3
Canada	Toronto	4	97.2
Canada	Calgary	5	96.6
Australia	Adelaide	5	96.6
Australia	Perth	7	95.9
New Zealand	Auckland	8	95.7
Finland	Helsinki	9	95.6
Germany	Hamburg	10	95

Best cities

2015, based on liveability index*

Rank	City	Country
1	Melbourne	Australia
2	Vienna	Austria
3	Vancouver	Canada
4	Toronto	Canada
5=	Calgary	Canada
5=	Adelaide	Australia
7	Sydney	Australia
8	Perth	Australia
9	Auckland	New Zealand
10=	Helsinki	Finland
10=	Zurich	Switzerland

* Based on 30 factors spread across five areas: stability, infrastructure, education, health care and environment

Source: Economist Intelligence Unit

Economist.com

2017 Global Liveability Report. (The Economist)

From the 3 diagrams shown on the 2 previous pages, from 2015, through to 2017 and to the latest 2018, there are always a minimum of 3 cities in Australia amongst the top 10 best livable cities in the world and at least, 1 of them is consistently amongst the top 2 cities in the world.

In conclusion, Australia is considered a wealthy nation with a market-based economy that has a comparatively high gross domestic product and per capita income. Its economy is driven by the service sector and the export of commodities.



Types of Australian Visas

The following visas are available to individuals who are qualified to work or train in an eligible skilled occupation in Australia and can meet all other requirements:

1. Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS) visa (subclass 186)
2. Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS) visa (subclass 187)*
3. Skilled Independent visa (subclass 189) – Points-tested stream
4. Skilled Nominated visa (subclass 190)
5. Training visa (subclass 407)
6. Temporary Skill Shortage (TSS) visa (subclass 482)
7. Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) – Graduate Work
8. Skilled Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 489)

*** In this document, emphasis will be on meeting the visa requirements for Skilled Independent visa (subclass 189).**

This is a points tested stream. This visa lets invited workers with skills needed in Australia live and work permanently anywhere in Australia.

What is Skilled Independent Visa?

The Skilled Independent Visa (subclass 189) is a permanent residency visa that you can apply for if you are a qualified, skilled worker.

Australia has created this visa because they have a need for skilled workers in fields such as engineering, IT, construction, healthcare, teaching, programming, etc.

What Does the 189 Visa Enable You To Do?

- With a Skilled Independent visa, you will be able to move permanently to Australia, and you will be able to live, work, and study in Australia indefinitely.
- You will also be able to enroll in Australia's Medicare system.
- After about 4 years of living in Australia as a Permanent Resident, you can apply for citizenship.
- Sponsor eligible relatives for permanent residence.

What is Skilled Independent Visa?

What Does the 189 Visa Enable You To Do contd.?

- Within the first five years after you have relocated to Australia, you can travel in and out of Australia as often as you like.

However, after five years, you'll need to apply either for another visa, or citizenship, if you want to travel to and from the country.

NEXT:

How Do I Get the Skilled Independent Visa and Become an Australian Permanent Resident?

What Are the Steps I Need to Take?

How To Become an Australian Permanent Resident(PR) via Skilled Independent Visa(Subclass 189)

The application process involves submitting a detailed Expression of Interest(EOI), being invited to apply by the Australian government, and then submitting your full application with supporting documents.

Eligibility Criteria:

You must:-

- have an occupation on the relevant skilled occupation list
- have a suitable skills assessment for the occupation
- satisfy the points test by getting atleast 65 points
- be invited to apply for this visa.

How To Become an Australian Permanent Resident(PR) via Skilled Independent Visa(Subclass 189)

Amongst other criteria, with respect to age, to be invited to apply:

- You must be aged under 45 when you are invited to apply for the visa.
- You can still apply for the visa if you turn 45 after you have been invited to apply.
- If you turn 45 after you submit your EOI but before you get your invitation to apply, you will not be invited to apply.

How To Become an Australian Permanent Resident(PR)

- STAGE 1 -

Step 1: Find out your skill-based points using the Points calculator.

Step 2: Check for and identify your occupation in the skilled occupation list.

Step 3: Once you find your occupation in the list above, you'll also see the name of your Assessing Authority (e.g ACS, VETASSESS...etc.).

Step 4: Go to the website of your assessing authority and find out the relevant documents required for assessing your credentials.

Step 5: Get your required credentials/documents assessed by the assessing authority, by uploading the documents and paying the required assessment fee.

Once you've successfully completed this, you'll be issued a **Certificate of Successful Assessment** by the Assessing Authority. Depending on the assessing authority for your occupation, it could take 2-8weeks.

-STAGE 2-

Step 6: Log on to the SkillSelect and fill out your Expression of Interest. Complete all your details. Upload all necessary documents including the Certificates of Successful Assessment.

***Please, note that** completing your details in SkillSelect will require a test of English (Usually IELTS or PTE).

Step 7: Once you complete your details, you will be given a score by SkillSelect.

Based on your score, availability of skilled people needed and other criteria set out by the Australian Immigration Authority, you will be selected from the pool for **Invitation to Apply for Permanent Residence.**

- STAGE 3 -

Step 8: Apply for Australian PR.

Now, Let's Get More Detailed About Each of the Steps to Become an Australian Permanent Resident As Listed Above

- STAGE 1 -

STEP 1

Find out your skill-based points using the Points calculator.

Have an idea of what your skill-based score will be by using either:

1. The Points Table detailed in the following pages of this guide. Alternatively, you can also check the points table here:-

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-independent-189/points-table>

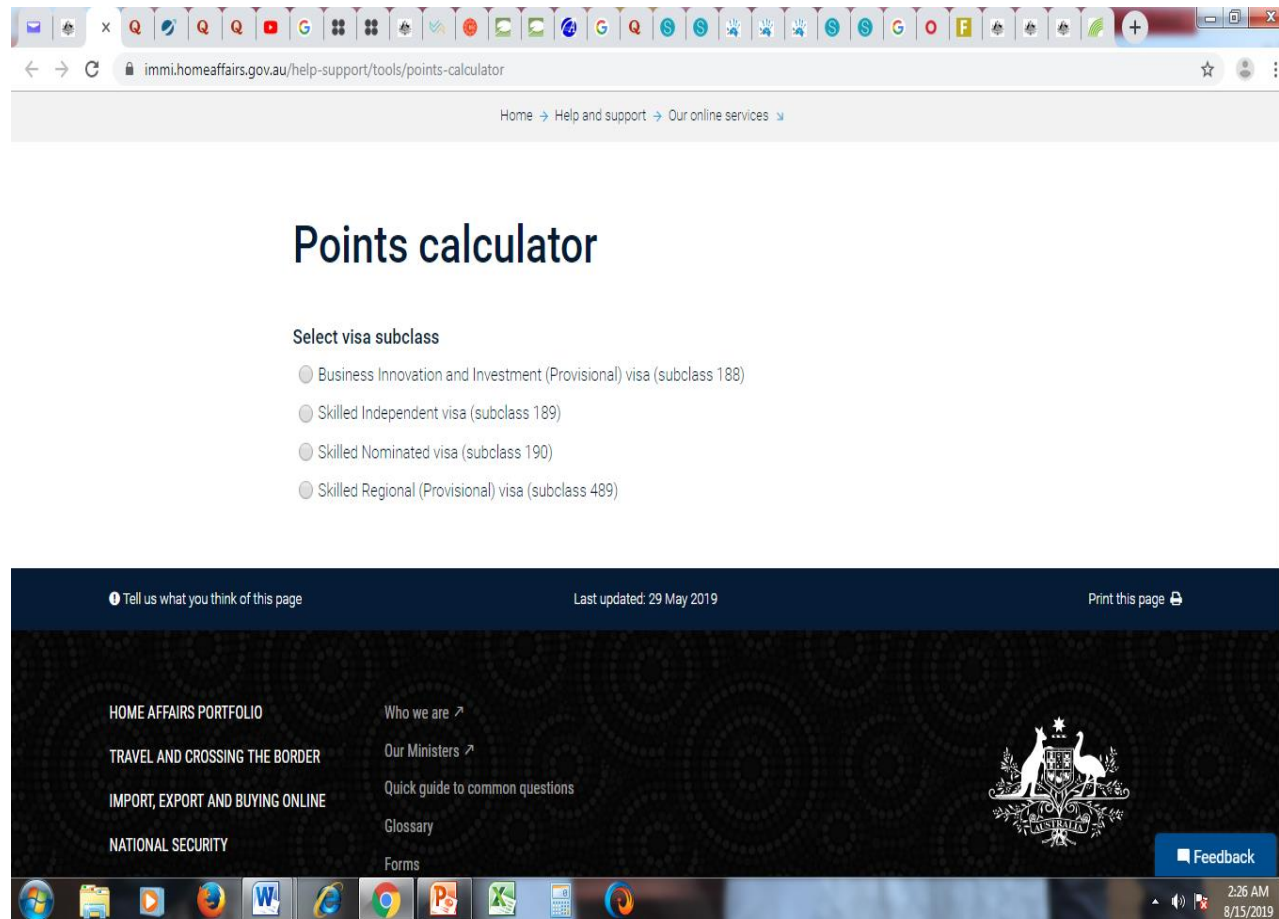
2. The Points calculator. This can be found here:-

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/tools/points-calculator>

* **Aim to score 65 or above to increase your chances**

* **Going through the table as a first step will help you to better understand how to fill the points calculator.**

To use the Points Calculator, visit the website on the previous page. You would see this page, check screenshot below:



Select the relevant visa subclass i.e. Skilled Independent visa (subclass 189) and the Points calculator would appear. Fill it.

Please, note that;

In filling your Points calculator you will need to know your score in any of the required tests of English (Usually IELTS or PTE).

Note: For the sake of this guide, I would refer to IELTS.

If you have not already done this, visit the British Council website. They organise IELTS. Study for the tests, book online and write them. You can do this simultaneously as you are putting together the other credentials and requirements for the Australian PR.

How to Know Your Skill Level for English Language

To be able to correctly determine your level of English Language, check here:-

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/english-language>

- STAGE 1 -

STEP 2:

One of the eligibility criteria is that you must have an occupation in the skills list. Check the

Skilled Occupation list at

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/working-in-australia/skill-occupation-list>

- STAGE 1 -

STEP 3:

Once you find your occupation in the list, you'll also see the name of your Assessing Authority (e.g. ACS, VETASSESS etc.)

***Note: Assessing bodies verify your level of education in your occupation and ensure your qualifications meet with Australian standards.**

Step 3: Check the name of your assessing authority at:-

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/working-in-australia/skill-occupation-list>

You can also get more details by going through the list in the following pages:

A partial list of assessing authorities is listed below. Please see the Skills Occupation List for the assessing body matching your skill set:

- AACA - Architects Accreditation Council of Australia: This council assesses Architects.
- AASW - Australian Association of Social Workers: This authority assesses Social Workers.
- ACS - Australian Computer Society: This authority assesses computer professionals like Programmers, System Designers, System Managers etc. Refer to the SOL for more occupations.

- ACOPRA - Australian Council of Physiotherapy Regulating Authorities, Inc.: This authority assesses Physiotherapists.
- ADC - Australian Dental Council: This authority assesses Dentists and Dental Specialists.
- AIM - Australian Institute of Management: This authority assesses Managers and Administrators. Refer to the SOL for a complete list.
- AIMS - Australian Institute of Medical Scientists: The institute assesses the qualifications of overseas trained medical scientists.
- AIQS - Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors: This authority assesses Quantity Surveyors.
- AIR - Australian Institute of Radiography: This authority assesses Radiographers.
- AIWCW - Australian Institute of Welfare and Community Workers: This authority assesses Welfare Workers.

- AMC - Australian Medical Council: This authority assesses Medical profess
- AMSA - Australian Maritime Safety Authority: This authority assess Seafarers.
- ANMC - Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council: This authority assesses Registered Nurses, Midwives, Mental Health and Developmental Disability Nurses.
- APC - Australian Podiatry Council: This authority assesses Podiatrists.
- APEC - Australian Pharmacy Examining Council: This authority assesses Pharmacists.
- APS - Australian Psychological Society: This authority assesses Psychologists.
- ASCPA - Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants: Along with the CPAA and ICAA, this authority assesses Accountants.
- CASA - Civil Aviation Authority: This authority assesses Pilots.
- CPAA - Certified Practising Accountants of Australia: This authority assesses Accounting professionals and external Auditors.

- DAA - Dieticians Association of Australia: This authority assesses Dieticians.
- ICAA - Institute of Chartered Accountants of Australia: Along with the CPAA and ICAA, this authority assesses Accountants.
- IEA - Institution of Engineers, Australia: This authority assesses Professional Engineers.
- ISA - Institution of Surveyors, Australia: This authority assesses Surveyors.
- NAATI - National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters: This authority assesses Translators and Interpreters.
- Teaching Australia - Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership: This authority assesses Teachers.
- OCANZ - Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand: This authority assesses Optometrists.

- SLAA - State Legal Admission Authority: This authority assesses Barristers and Solicitors.
- SPAA - Speech Pathology Association of Australia: This authority assesses Speech Pathologists.
- TRA - Trades Recognition Australia: This authority assesses all Trades. Refer to the SOL for further details.
- VETASSESS - Vocational Education and Training Assessment Services: This Authority assesses a variety of Managers, Professionals and Associate Professionals.
- ***Please, note that, this is by no means an exhaustive list.**

- STAGE 1 -

STEP 4

Go to the website of your Assessing Authority and find out the relevant documents required for assessing your credentials.

- STAGE 1 -

STEP 5

Get your credentials/documents assessed by the assessing authority.

To get your documents/credentials assessed, you would have to:

- upload them on the website of the Assessing Authority
- pay the required assessment fee.

After you've successfully completed this and you've been successfully assessed, you'll be issued a **Certificate of Successful Assessment** by the Assessing Authority. Depending on the assessing authority for your occupation, it could take between 2-8 weeks.

- STAGE 2 -

STEP 6

Once you've successfully completed step 5, log on to the SkillSelect and make your Expression of Interest(EOI). Complete all your details. Upload all necessary documents including the **Certificate of Successful Assessment**.

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/working-in-australia/skillselect>

- STAGE 2 -

Please, note that,

Completing your details in SkillSelect will require a test of English (Usually **IELTS** or PTE).

Note: For the sake of this guide, I would refer to IELTS.

If you have not already done this, visit the British Council website. They organise IELTS. Study for the tests, book online and write them. You can do this simultaneously as you are putting together the other credentials and requirements for the Australian PR.

- STAGE 2 -

STEP 7

Once you complete your details, you will immediately be given a score by SkillSelect.

Based on score, number of skilled workers needed and other criteria set out by the Australian Immigration Authority, a selection would be made from the pool for **Invitation to Apply for Permanent Residence**.

***You know you are successful, when you are selected and invited to apply.**

- STAGE 3 -

STEP 8

**THE APPLICATION PROCESS –
Apply for Permanent Residence.**

- STAGE 3 -

Once you have been INVITED TO APPLY by email, it is now time to apply.

In the email, there'll be instructions to follow e.g. Pay application fees, login again into SkillSelect, where you'll have to upload various required documents based on criteria such as: Personal & Family Details, Education, Employment, Medicals, etc.

At this point, you would be required to do your medicals. With regards to medicals:

- they'll give the options of the verified hospitals to use to do your medicals. You'll have to pick one.
- your medical report must come with good results, otherwise, they'll request for more information, which might require you to do more tests.

- STAGE 3 -

You'll also be required to submit:

- a police report(the police are already familiar with the process and know what is required once you tell them it is for Australia).
- personal and family details such as: birth certificate of every member of your family, if married and/or your dependents.
- You might also be required to submit copies of some of the documents you had initially submitted. You would be informed of all the details and documents required.

It is also at this point that payment for the visa application fee will be required. The amount for this is usually stated on the website.

***Please, note that, application policies change frequently. So, ensure, you cross-check all details herein from the Australian Immigration website to confirm any changes or not.**

BONUS CHAPTERS

As you would already have expected, the process of relocating to Australia as a permanent resident would cost you some money.

As at the time of writing, below are some of the items you would need to pay for and their corresponding fees:

1. IELTS(If you haven't already done it, then, you have to register to do it or PTE):
As IELTS costs N75,000 and PTE costs N65,000.
2. Visa Application: Single costs about N1.2m and family between N2m – N2.2m(depending on size of your family).
3. Police Report: Between N5k – N15k (depending on the size of your family).
4. Medical Check-up: N50k – N200k (depending on the size of your family).

*Please, note that all fees quoted above are susceptible to change anytime without notice . This is just to give you an idea, of range as you would get the exact fees when you are applying real-time.

How To Position Yourself on Social Media to Increase Your Chances

Australian PR is a points-based program, however, they sometimes do a random check on any applicant. Since, nobody knows who they can randomly pick to verify details on, you need to:

1. Be aware of inconsistent public records and social media profiles: You should be aware that the Department may search through public records and social media profiles to randomly verify your documents. Note that they can draw legitimate reasons for some inconsistencies, but anticipating them and pre-emptively explaining potential concerns is the best approach.
2. Note that they may also ask and verify educational records with the original institutions.
3. Present yourself as a well-behaved skilled professional on all your social media handles. Don't be the one who posts negative or obscene stuffs i.e. wild lifestyle, naked girls, threats to life etc. If you have been doing it wrong till now, my advise is to immediately intentionally start cleaning up your social media profiles on all of your active social-media platforms.

Australia is looking for people that would come and add value to their country. Portray yourself as one, just incase, you are randomly reviewed on social media.

Steps to Take to Settle-in Quickly Once You Arrive Australia As a Permanent Resident

Upon Arrival;

1. Get a mobile SIM card (I recommend Lebara)
2. Apply for TFN(Tax File No#)
3. Open a bank account (also, opening a dorm account with Commonwealth Bank is usually quite seamless for Nigerians)
4. Go to 'Centerlink' and 'Medicare' for registration. (With centerlink claims, you can get paid things like family tax benefit, family rebate and child care assistance, if eligible).
5. Get a travel card.
6. Start searching for a job(the next 2 pages would tell you how to strategically go about this).

Steps to Take to Settle-in Quickly Once You Arrive Australia As a Permanent Resident contd.

In order to increase your chances of getting a well-paying job shortly after you arrive Australia, you should consider doing the following:

1. Update your CV/Resume.
2. Position yourself favourably on Social Media: Update your LinkedIn profile and make it very appealing to potential recruiters. You can also search for Australian recruiters on LinkedIn.
3. Google the top recruiters for your skill area. Call them up and insist they give you an appointment for a chat with them.

Engage them in a conversation and they'll tell you the permanent and contracting roles they have available and you check your suitability and keep following-up working with them as your recruitment partners till they help get you a satisfactory well-paying job.

Steps to Take to Settle-in Quickly Once You Arrive Australia As a Permanent Resident *contd.*

4. Google universal job boards that also host Australian jobs. Someone I know got her job through indeed.com. You can visit them at au.indeed.com. Another well-known job board is seek.com.au.

Below is a list of a few other recruitment agencies (*Google for website url*):

- Michael Page
- Adecco
- Hays
- U & U Recruitment
- Sharp & Carter
- People Recruitment
- Hoban
- Smaart Recruitment
- Hudson
- Randstad
- Strategy one(blue collar)
- Ozstaff(blue collar)

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, understand that the process of getting your Australian PR is pretty straight-forward. Just ensure you follow the steps laid out in this material.

In addition to information from the Australian Department of Home Affairs website, and as detailed in the attached interview transcript and you would soon be smiling as a successful Australian Permanent Resident.

If you need further support or you have questions, feel free to reach out to me via email, call or whatsapp based using the details provided in the 3 months consulting report.

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