

SCHEDULE 6D - GENERAL POINTS TEST FOR GENERAL SKILLED MIGRATION VISAS

Part 6D.1 Age qualifications

Item	At the time of invitation to apply for the visa, the applicant's age was ...	Number of points
6D11	not less than 18 and under 25	25
6D12	not less than 25 and under 33	30
6D13	not less than 33 and under 40	25
6D14	not less than 40 and under 45	15

Part 6D.2 English language qualifications

Item	At the time of invitation to apply for the visa, the applicant had ...	Number of points
6D21	superior English	20
6D22	proficient English	10

Part 6D.3 Overseas employment experience qualifications

Item	At the time of invitation to apply for the visa, the applicant ...	Number of points
6D31	had been employed outside Australia in: (a) the applicant's nominated skilled occupation; or	5

	(b) a closely related skilled occupation ; for a period totalling at least 36 months in the 10 years immediately before that time	
6D32	had been employed outside Australia in: (a) the applicant's nominated skilled occupation ; or (b) a closely related skilled occupation ; for a period totalling at least 60 months in the 10 years immediately before that time	10
6D33	had been employed outside Australia in: (a) the applicant's nominated skilled occupation ; or (b) a closely related skilled occupation ; for a period totalling at least 96 months in the 10 years immediately before that time	15

Part 6D.4 Australian employment experience qualifications

Item	At the time of invitation to apply for the visa, the applicant ...	Number of points
6D41	had been employed in Australia in: (a) the applicant's nominated skilled occupation ; or (b) a closely related skilled occupation ; for a period totalling at least 12 months in the 10 years immediately before that time	5
6D42	had been employed in Australia in: (a) the applicant's nominated skilled occupation ; or (b) a closely related skilled occupation ; for a period totalling at least 36 months in the 10 years immediately before that time	10

6D43	had been employed in Australia in: (a) the applicant's nominated skilled occupation ; or (b) a closely related skilled occupation ; for a period totalling at least 60 months in the 10 years immediately before that time	15
6D44	had been employed in Australia in: (a) the applicant's nominated skilled occupation ; or (b) a closely related skilled occupation ; for a period totalling at least 96 months in the 10 years immediately before that time	20

Part 6D.5 Aggregating points for employment experience qualifications

(1) If an applicant has a qualification mentioned in Part 6D.3 and a qualification mentioned in Part 6D.4, and the combined number of points that would be awarded under those Parts for the qualifications is more than 20 points:

- (a) the Minister must give the applicant 20 points under this Part for the qualifications; and
- (b) no points are given under Part 6D.3 or 6D.4.

(2) The prescribed number of points for the combination of qualifications is 20.

Part 6D.6 Australian professional year qualifications

Item	At the time of invitation to apply for the visa, the applicant had completed ...	Number of points
6D61	a professional year in Australia in: (a) the applicant's nominated skilled occupation ; or (b) a closely related skilled occupation ; for a period totalling at least 12 months in the 48 months immediately before that time	5

Part 6D.7 Educational qualifications

Item	At the time of invitation to apply for the visa, the applicant had ...	Number of points
6D71	met the requirements for: (a) the award of a doctorate by an Australian educational institution; or (b) the award of a doctorate, by another educational institution, that is of a recognised standard	20
6D72	met the requirements for: (a) the award of at least a bachelor degree by an Australian educational institution; or (b) the award of at least a bachelor qualification, by another educational institution, that is of a recognised standard	15
6D73	met the requirements for the award of a diploma by an Australian educational institution	10
6D74	met the requirements for the award of a trade qualification by an Australian educational institution	10
6D75	attained a qualification or award recognised by the relevant assessing authority for the applicant's nominated skilled occupation as being suitable for the occupation	10

Part 6D.7A Specialist educational qualifications

Item	At the time of invitation to apply for the visa, the applicant had ...	Number of points
6D7A1	the applicant met the requirements for the award of a specialist educational qualification	10

Part 6D.8 Australian study qualifications

Item	At the time of invitation to apply for the visa ...	Number of points
6D81	the applicant met the Australian study requirement	5

Part 6D.9 Credentialed community language qualifications

Item	At the time of invitation to apply for the visa, the applicant had ...	Number of points
6D91	<p>a qualification in a particular language:</p> <p>(a) awarded or accredited by a body specified by the Minister in an instrument in writing for this item; and</p> <p>(b) at a standard for the language specified in the instrument</p>	5

Part 6D.10 Study in designated regional area qualification

Item	At the time of invitation to apply for the visa ...	Number of points
6D101	<p>each of the following applied:</p> <p>(a) the applicant met the Australian study requirement;</p> <p>(b) the location of the campus or campuses at which that study was undertaken is in a designated regional area;</p> <p>(c) while the applicant undertook the course of study the applicant lived in a designated regional area;</p> <p>(d) none of the study undertaken constituted distance education.</p>	5

Part 6D.11 Partner qualifications

Item	Qualification	Number of points
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6D111	<p>The spouse or de facto partner of the applicant (the <i>primary applicant</i>):</p> <p>(a) is an applicant for the same subclass of visa as the primary applicant; and</p> <p>(b) is not an Australian permanent resident or an Australian citizen; and</p> <p>(c) was under 45 at the time the invitation to apply for the visa was issued to the primary applicant; and</p> <p>(d) at the time of invitation to apply for the visa, nominated a skilled occupation, being an occupation specified by the Minister under paragraph 1.15I(1)(a) at that time; and</p> <p>(e) at the time of invitation to apply for the visa, had been assessed by the relevant assessing authority for the nominated skilled occupation as having suitable skills for the occupation and the assessment was not for a Subclass 485 (Temporary Graduate) visa; and</p> <p>(f) at the time of invitation to apply for the visa, had competent English</p>	10
6D112	<p>Either:</p> <p>(a) the applicant does not have a spouse or de facto partner; or</p> <p>(b) the applicant has a spouse or de facto partner who is an Australian permanent resident or an Australian citizen</p>	10
6D113	<p>The spouse or de facto partner of the applicant (the <i>primary applicant</i>):</p> <p>(a) is an applicant for the same subclass of visa as the primary applicant; and</p> <p>(b) is not an Australian permanent resident or an Australian citizen; and</p> <p>(c) at the time of invitation to apply for the visa, had competent English</p>	5

Part 6D.12 State or Territory nomination qualifications

Item	Qualification	Number of points
6D121	<p>The applicant has been invited to apply for a Subclass 190 (Skilled — Nominated) visa, and the nominating State or Territory government agency has not withdrawn the nomination</p>	5

Part 6D.13 Designated regional area nomination or sponsorship qualifications

Item	Qualification	Number of points
6D131	<p>The applicant has been invited to apply for a Subclass 489 (Skilled – Regional) (Provisional) visa or a Subclass 491 (Skilled Work Regional (Provisional)) visa, and:</p> <p>(a) the nominating State or Territory government agency has not withdrawn the nomination; or</p> <p>(b) if the applicant is sponsored by a family member, the Minister has accepted the sponsorship</p>	