

## **Steps for Skilled Visa process.**

### **Step 1: Complete Skills Assessment**

- Different occupations have different accrediting bodies, usually the relevant professional association for your profession or trade. Once an accrediting body has determined that your qualifications and work experience are equivalent to Australian qualifications and work experience for your occupation, you will be issued with a letter of accreditation.
- Your assigned MARA agent will complete this on your behalf, unless special requirements are needed to be completed by the applicant (yourself)

### **Step 2: Evidence of English Language**

- Once required, you will be sent study preparation material and provided support for the process, you will be instructed on when to study and apply.
- The results will be submitted by the assigned MARA agent on your behalf.

### **Step 3: Lodge an Expression of Interest under Skill Select**

- On being accredited you must formally express an interest in applying for the visa through Skill Select.
- This will be submitted by your assigned MARA agent on your behalf.

### **Step 4: State Nomination Application**

- When applying for a state nominated visa the next step in the process is to apply for the nomination of a state government. The requirements of each state government are different as are the application procedures.
- This will be submitted by your assigned MARA agent on your behalf.

### **Step 5: Visa Application**

- The fifth step is to apply for your visa.
- The visa application is made online and must include certified copies of your professional and work experience documents, certified translations, and other formal documents.
- You will be instructed on which documents are required.

### **Step 6: Medical Exams and Police Certificates**

- To enter Australia, you and your dependents must comply with strict health and character requirements.
- After you make the visa application you will need to have a medical examination with a local doctor registered with the Australian Embassy. All members of the family must have the exam including in some cases those who are not migrating.
- The Department of Immigration will also request that you provide it with a police certificate for each country where you have lived for 12 months over the last ten years. This certificate is obtained from the local police in those countries. [Medical examination and police certificates are paid separately by the applicant].