

Skilled Migration

For skilled migrants, the priority processing for people with an occupation on the Critical Skills List (CSL) remains a strong attraction. The current CSL: *aircraft maintenance engineer – avionics, aircraft maintenance engineer – mechanical, anaesthetist, bricklayer, cabinetmaker, carpenter, carpenter and joiner, dentist, electrician (general), electrical (special class), electronic equipment trades, emergency medicine specialist, engineer – chemical, engineer – civil, engineer – electrical, engineer – electronics, engineer – mechanical, engineer – mining, engineer – production or plant engineer, fibrous plasterer, gasfitter, general medical practitioner, medical diagnostic radiographer, metal fabricator, boilermaker, metal fitter, metal machinist, obstetrician & gynaecologist, occupational therapist, pharmacist (hospital), pharmacist (retail), physiotherapist, plumber (general), podiatrist, psychiatrist, quantity surveyor, refrigeration & air conditioning mechanic, registered mental health nurse, registered midwife, registered nurse, secondary school teacher, solid plasterer, specialist medical practitioners NEC, specialist physician, surgeon, surveyor, toolmaker, urban and regional planner, wall and floor tiler, welder, motor mechanic, speech pathologist, sonographer, ophthalmologist, paediatrician, pathologist, radiologist, accountant, computing professionals (on the Migration Occupations in Demand List).*

Changes - 1 January 2010

- **JobReady test for skilled visas from 1 January 2010**
Applicants who apply for onshore skilled visas from 1 January 2010 and nominate a trade occupation must meet the new JobReady requirement. This requirement affects students in trade courses.
- **English language requirements from 1 January 2010**
Skilled applicants who nominate a trade occupation will be required to score 6.0 on the IELTS test for each of the four components of language (reading, writing, listening, speaking).
- **Vetassess – skills assessment from 1 January 2010**
For skilled visa applicants who nominate an occupation which is assessed by the assessing authority Vetassess will require at least one year's relevant work experience or on-the-job training completed within the five years before the application for the skills assessment. The qualification must be relevant to the nominated occupation.

The recent changes to the migration law and policy, particularly those of 14 September 2009, are of benefit to 457 visa holders by the additional requirements made of employers, such as payment of market based salary, record-keeping requirements and monitoring of employment practices.

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