

# Bulletin

## Industry Divisions



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## Goulburn Valley DAMA, a skilled migration program

### GV DAMA INFORMATION SESSIONS - MARCH

Did you know the GV DAMA is a skilled migration program that is tailored to the needs of the (GV) Goulburn Valley Region?

The GV DAMA enables employers in the GV, who are unable to recruit appropriately qualified Australians, to supplement their workforce with overseas workers.

Information Sessions are being hosted by the **Greater Shepparton City Council, Campaspe Shire and Moira Shire.**

Employers in the GV region are invited to attend and speak with a guest representative from the **Department of Home Affairs (DHA)** and the **GV DAMA Coordinator.**

### [REGISTER HERE - EVENTBRITE](#)

**DATE: Wednesday 8th March 2023**

VENUE: COBRAM CIVIC CENTRE - Punt Road Cobram, 3644

TIME: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

COST: Free

**DATE: Thursday 9th March 2023**

VENUE: KYABRAM FAUNA PARK 75 Lake Road Kyabram 3620

TIME: 8.00 AM - 9.30 AM

COST: Free - Breakfast Provided

**DATE: Thursday 9th March 2023**

VENUE: GREATER SHEPPARTON CITY COUNCIL - 90 Welsford Street, 3630

TIME: 3.00 PM - 4.00 PM

COST: Free

## GV DAMA REGION



The Goulburn Valley DAMA is available to employers located in the Greater Shepparton, Campaspe and Moira Shire regions.

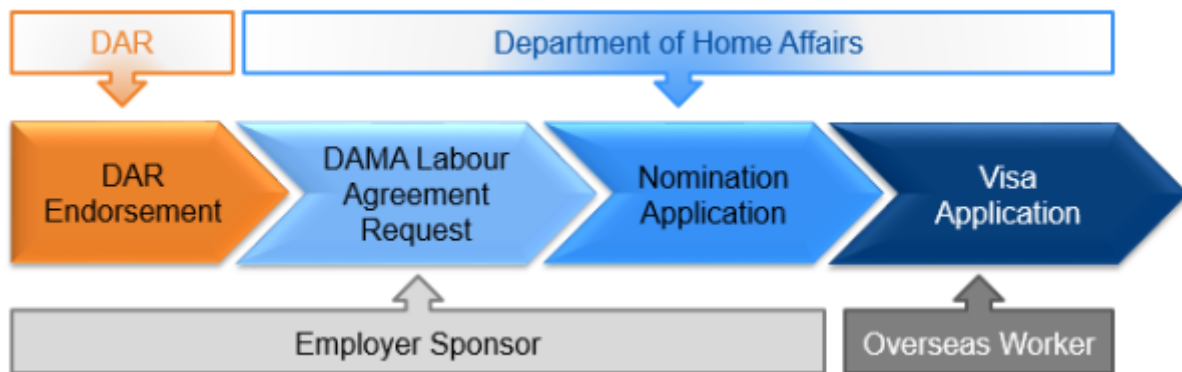


**VICTORIA'S GOULBURN VALLEY REGION.** The GV DAMA is available for eligible employers located in the Goulburn Valley (GV) [Greater Shepparton](#) City Council, [Moira Shire](#) and [Campaspe Shire](#) areas, in the heart of Victoria.

### DAMA OCCUPATIONS

There are currently 56 Approved Occupations listed that are eligible for sponsorship under the GV DAMA. Here is the [GV DAMA Occupations list](#).

## DAMA PROCESS



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**Step 1 – Seek endorsement for one or more occupations/positions**  
Employers need to be endorsed by the Designated Area Representative (DAR).

The GV DAMA DAR is Greater Shepparton City Council.

The request can be made for a single occupation/position or multiple occupations/positions.

Download [Request Endorsement Application Form](#)

**Step 2 – Request Labour Agreement (valid for 5 years)**

Once endorsed, the employer is then able to submit an online request for GV DAMA Labour Agreement through the Department of Home Affairs' Immi Account system.

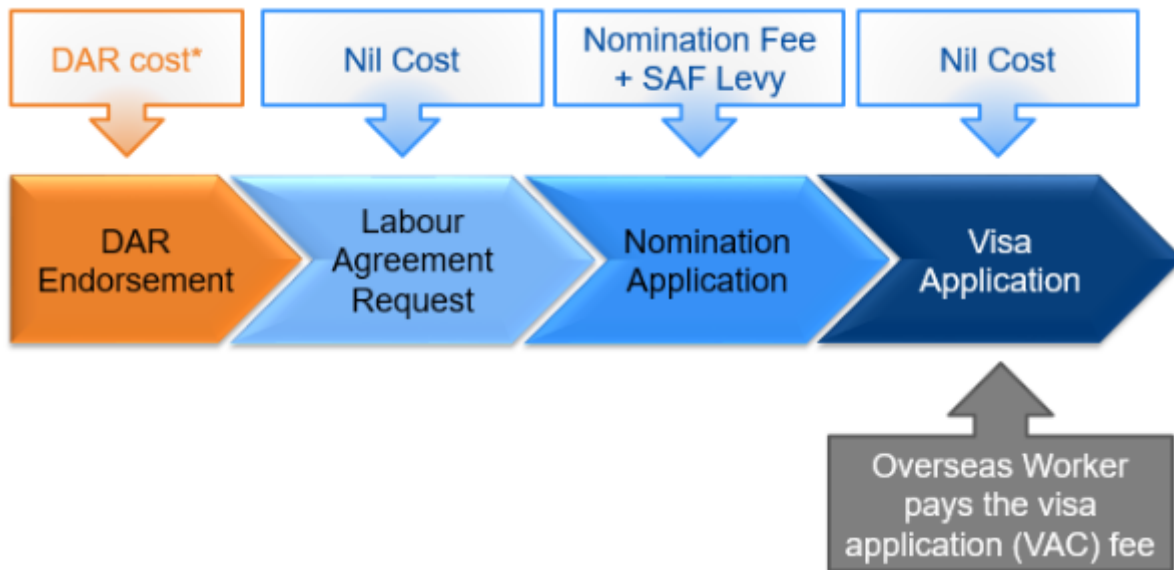
**Step 3 – Nominate individual overseas worker/s**

Employers can then nominate the overseas worker/s up to the occupations/position number limits specified in their labour agreement, with access to the GV DAMA concessions covered by the agreement.

**Step 4 – Overseas worker/s apply for visa**

Once a nomination is approved the overseas worker can apply for their visa.

## INDICATIVE COSTS



## NOMINATE THE WORKER

Once you have identified the overseas worker/s to be recruited and they have satisfied the Skills Assessment Test, the business then submits the Nomination Application/s to the Australian Government via an Immi Account.

### Nominations are completed online

1. Log in or create an Immi Account <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online>
2. Upload / Attach documents to Immi Account.
3. Pay the Nomination Application Fee and Skilling Australians Fund (SAF) levy. The application will not be processed until you pay the fee.

If the Department of Home Affairs approves the nomination, you will receive a letter containing your Nomination Approval Number. If your application is not approved you will be advised why. The Department of Home Affairs will also inform you of your rights to have the decision reviewed and any applicable time limits.

## **VISA**

Individual DAMA labour agreements are between the Australian Government and the endorsed employers/businesses operating within the relevant designated region. The DAMA labour agreements:

Once the Nomination is approved the overseas worker can then apply for a visa.

- are generally in effect for five years, and
- use the subclass 482 Temporary Skills Shortage (TSS), subclass 494 Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (Provisional), and subclass 186 Employer Nominated Scheme (ENS) visa programs.

A Nominee can apply for the subclass 482 Temporary Skills Shortage (TSS) and subclass 494 Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (SESR) (Provisional 494 Visa). After being employed for 3 years the worker is then eligible to apply for the subclass 186 Employer Nominated Scheme (ENS) visa.

## **GV DAMA COORDINATOR**

Tina Pellegrino, the GV DAMA Coordinator is here to help you navigate the process.

Contact Tina to understand your eligibility for the program, and for support through the application process.

For more information regarding the DAMA, please feel free to make contact with Tina:

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