

# Bulletin

## Industry Divisions



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### Invitation - What the Federal Government's new Migration Strategy means for automotive businesses

**UPDATE: The session scheduled on Tuesday 20 February has now been moved to Monday 26 February**

Dear member

Please join VACC for a lunchtime, online seminar with immigration experts [Samantha Panchal](#) and [Maria Hrambanis](#) from KMPG. Samantha and Maria will detail what the recent Migration Strategy means for automotive businesses interested in accessing international skilled labour.



**Samantha Panchal**  
Director - Immigration Services, KPMG



**Maria Hrambanis**  
Director - Immigration Services, KPMG

VACC will be hosting two sessions. Please register for one or both via the links below.

Please note: the session scheduled for Tuesday 20 February has now been moved to Monday 26 February. You don't need to register again if you wish to attend Monday's session. You would have received a calendar update today.

<p><b>Friday 23 February 2024</b></p> <p>12pm – 1pm</p> <p><a href="#"><b>REGISTER HERE</b></a></p>	<p><b>Monday 26 February 2024</b></p> <p>12pm – 1pm</p> <p><a href="#"><b>REGISTER HERE</b></a></p>
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We hope you will be able to join us.

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**Background:**

In December 2023, the Federal Government released its [Migration Strategy](#) in response to the Parkinson Review.

The Government is committed to reducing overall net migration, with the intention to reduce the overall Net Overseas Migration (NOM) by 180,000 over the next five years.

Three temporary visa pathways have been announced:

- Specialist Skills Pathway – for occupations above \$135,000 – 7 day visa processing time – **not eligible to tradespeople, machinery operators, drivers and labourers.**
- Core Skills Pathway – for occupations between \$70,000 - \$135,000– 21 day visa processing time - the occupation will need to be on the core skills occupation list that will be developed by Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA). **VACC is working on behalf of industry to ensure automotive occupations are represented on government’s Core Skills Pathways. VACC is also working closely with JSA on the development of the Skills Priority List.**
- Essential Skills Pathway – for occupations below \$70,000 - for the care and aged care industries.

Other key points:

- Regional visas will be prioritised first.
- Effective immediately, employers will no longer be required to advertise positions through Workforce Australia.
- The government is looking to reform the points test and develop a new Talent and Innovation Visa as it relates to permanent skilled migration.
- 20 visas have been removed from the system.

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