

Bulletin

Industry Divisions



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Dear member

The Federal Government has released its [Migration Strategy](#) in response to the Parkinson Review.

A key point made in the strategy relates to reducing the overall net migration, stating their intention to reduce the overall Net Overseas Migration (NOM) by 180,000 over the next five years.

As part of the strategy, the Federal Government has announced three temporary visa pathways:

- 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.
- Permanent skilled migration. The government is looking to reform the points test and develop a new Talent and Innovation Visa.
- 20 visas have been removed from the system.

In order to assist members interested in pursuing international labour, and provide more detail related to the changes contained in the Migration Strategy, VACC will be delivering a series of online seminars with migration experts in the early part of 2024.

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