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## AUSTRALIA'S NEW REGIONAL SKILLED VISAS

As part of the Government's focus on regional skilled migration, two new visas will commence on 16 November 2019. The changes will:

- Introduce a three year stay in a regional area before becoming eligible to apply for permanent residence;
- Provide access to priority visa processing;
- And allow visa holders to live and work in regional areas under a more broad list of occupations

### SUBCLASS 494 EMPLOYER SPONSORED REGIONAL PROVISIONAL VISA

Requires Sponsorship, Nomination and a Visa – similar to the Temporary Skills Shortage (TSS) Subclass 482 Visa program.

Provides a 5 year visa period with a pathway to Permanent Residence after 3 years of regional work.

673 occupations are eligible for the Subclass 494 Visa (over 450 more occupations than non-regional skilled visas).

Available under two streams:

- Employer-sponsored
- Labour agreement

### SUBCLASS 491 SKILLED WORK REGIONAL PROVISIONAL VISA

Points-tested Independent Skilled Visa (Non employer-sponsored).

Provides a 5 year visa period with a pathway to Permanent Residence after 3 years of regional work.

504 occupations are eligible for the Subclass 491 Visa (77 more than non-regional skilled visas).

Applicants must be under 45 years of age with competent English.

For advice on your business' regional sponsorship options or whether you are eligible for a regional skilled visa, simply contact Interstaff's Registered Migration Agents on **08 9221 3388** or **visaseinterstaff.com**