

Are You a Registered Migration Agent?

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With the major overhaul of the Migration Regulations on General Skilled Migration (GSM) visas that took effect from 1 July 2010 and the policy changes of over 35 skills assessing authorities that took effect on or after that date, it has become imperative for us, as registered migration agents to spend a lot of time in research work to keep our knowledge up-to-date.

As registered migration agents, we have a social and ethical responsibility to ensure that our advice on the prospects of a client's success or failure in obtaining suitable skills assessment and on visa approval is based on the latest skills assessment policy guidelines and the most recent changes to the Migration Regulations. A written advice following face to face consultation demonstrates professionalism and is the best practice in file management.

Through this first publication, ***Time-Saving Practice Solutions (TIPS) on General Skilled Migration (GSM), CPD Activity Item No 20209 per Office of the MARA Notice No. MN40-10b of 2010***, you will no longer need to go through voluminous pages of skills assessing authority websites. We have summarised the qualification, work experience, and English skills criteria of most skills assessing authorities. We have also provided hyperlinks to the relevant DIAC webpage, ANZSCO, ASRI, accredited courses, qualifications and professional associations, Australian health registration boards, and assessment flowcharts, where available.

You can now spend more time in networking and in promoting your migration practice. This practical publication provides a quick reference table of requirements for most occupations listed in the SOL and the ENSOL, showing at a glance:

- Skills assessing authorities with links to their website;
- Registration with Boards in Australia, if required, with links to their website;
- Relevance of the Country Education Profile (CEP) in relation to overseas qualification;
- Work experience, if required;
- Registration with overseas registration boards, if required;
- Theoretical, practical or clinical examinations, if required;
- Minimum English skills required;
- Skills assessment fees.

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- to satisfy the requirements for visa approval or
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