AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY (ACT)

NOMINATION:
STREAMLINED PHD NOMINATION

Skilled Regional (provisional) subclass 491 visa.
Skilled Nominated (permanent) subclass 190 visa.

Skills Canberra
Effective 1 January 2020
ACT Streamlined PhD nomination

The Australian Capital Territory (ACT) offers Territory nomination under the following skilled migration streams:

- Skilled Regional (provisional) subclass 491 visa.
- Skilled Nominated (permanent) subclass 190 visa.

Before applying for ACT nomination you must complete the Department of Home Affairs (Home Affairs) SKILLSELECT and meet the Home Affairs points test (currently 65 points).

Applying for ACT streamlined PhD nomination is a two stage process:

1. You must express an interest in applying for ACT nomination by registering your contact details on the Canberra Matrix. You must select either ACT 491 nomination or ACT 190 nomination. You are not required to score Matrix points.

2. You will receive an invitation email with a web link to the online application for ACT nomination within seven working days. You must complete and submit the online application within 14 days.

Your nominated occupation does not have to be in demand in Canberra. You may nominate any occupation on the relevant Department of Home Affairs List of Eligible Skilled Occupations as long as you have the mandatory skill assessment.

Step 1 - Check your eligibility

Canberra residents - You are eligible to apply for ACT streamlined PhD nomination if you have:

- Lived in Canberra for at least 12 months at time of invitation.
- Completed a PhD at an ACT university.

Interstate resident - If you are living in another state or territory, you are eligible to apply for ACT streamlined PhD nomination if you were awarded a PhD from an ACT university within the last two years.

Overseas applicant - If you are living overseas, you are eligible to apply for ACT streamlined PhD nomination if you were awarded a PhD from an ACT university within the last two years.

Step 2 - Expressing an interest

You may express your interest in ACT nomination by completing the online Canberra Matrix. You are not required to claim Matrix points.

Migration agents acting on behalf of a client must register and create an ACT agents account. The Canberra Matrix can be accessed from the agent portal.

Individual candidates not using a migration agent are not required to create an account. The Canberra Matrix can be accessed at the Canberra Create Your Future website.
Step 3 - Applying for ACT nomination

Once the Canberra Matrix is submitted, you will receive an invitation email with a web link to the online application within seven working days.

The application for ACT nomination must be lodged within 14 days of date of invitation. If the application is not lodged within 14 days, the invitation will automatically expire and cannot be reactivated.

Step 4 - Document checklist

You must attach the following information to the online application:

SkillSelect EOI

- SkillSelect Expression of Interest (EOI) record of response which shows the personal, education, English and employment details submitted. The ACT MUST be selected as your preferred location on the EOI.

Skilled Occupation

- Current skill assessment in the nominated occupation.

Australian qualifications

- PhD course completion letter or PhD award from an ACT university (if Canberra resident);
- PhD Award (if interstate or overseas)

Service fee: $0

- The application for ACT streamlined PhD nomination is free.

Step 5 – Assessing the application

Most applications for streamlined PhD nomination will be assigned to a case officer within one week of lodgement. The assessment of the application for ACT nomination will be based solely on the supporting documents provided at the time of application. If the application is incomplete, or it does not meet the nomination criteria, the application will be refused.

Step 6 - Offer of ACT nomination

Approval: If the application for ACT 190 nomination is approved, your SkillSelect EOI will be confirmed and Home Affairs will simultaneously issue the visa invitation. The offer of ACT 190 nomination is valid for 60 days from date of approval.

Only one ACT nomination place is offered per approved application. The ACT will not re-confirm a new SkillSelect EOI if you have made an error and as a result are unable to apply for the visa.
Refusal: If the application for ACT nomination is refused, you will be informed of the reasons why the supporting documentation was deemed not to have substantiated your application or matrix responses. You may request a reconsideration of the refusal decision if you can demonstrate that the supporting documents attached at time of application met the Matrix claims/nomination criteria. A request for reconsideration must be in writing. The review officer’s reconsideration will be based solely on the original supporting documents. Additional documentation will not be accepted.

Step 7 Applying for the ACT nominated visa

Once the visa invitation is issued by Home affairs, you must lodge the visa application within 60 days. If the visa application is not lodged within 60 days the offer of ACT nomination will expire. This time period will not be extended.

Notification of Home Affairs Visa Decision

You must inform the ACT Skilled Migration team when your visa is granted, by email, and attach a copy of the visa grant notification: welcome@canberra@act.gov.au

Please note, if your application for a skilled migration visa is refused by Home Affairs, the ACT Government will not, under any circumstances, appeal to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal on your behalf.

Disclaimer

The ACT Government and its employees are not liable for any inaccuracies or omissions in the information provided to the applicant in the context of their application for ACT nomination.

The ACT Government is not responsible for finding employment, accommodation or providing financial incentive or assistance to ACT nominated visa holders or other skilled migrants. ACT nomination is exclusive to the ACT and is NOT transferable to any other state or territory in Australia.

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