



FACT SHEET

Employment and training for migrants

Settling in Australia will generally open up a range of employment and training options for you. To maximise your opportunities for employment and/or training, you may need to:

- have your qualifications and skills assessed against Australian standards;
- develop an understanding of Australian workplace standards, expectations and culture;
- identify avenues for securing local employment; and
- ensure that your English language skills are not a barrier to securing employment or undertaking training.

Overseas Qualifications Unit

The Overseas Qualifications Unit can help you get your overseas tertiary qualifications and skills recognised. This can help you apply for further study or gain general employment in Western Australia.

Visit migration.wa.gov.au/services/overseas-qualification-unit for more information.

Recognition of qualifications, trades, skills and experience

[Recognition of Prior Learning](#) is a way to use your existing skills and knowledge to get a formal Australian vocational training qualification.

Trade Recognition Australia offers a number of [skills assessment programs](#) based on your occupation, country of origin, where you studied and the type of visa you are seeking. Visit:

tradesrecognitionaustralia.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx.

[My Skills](#) is Australia's national directory of training which list details of courses and training providers.

Starting work in Australia

Visit the [Fair Work Ombudsman website](#) to find out what you need to know before you start working in Australia. You can also find out about [Awards and agreements](#) and [Employee entitlements](#).

More information for workers is covered by:

- WA conditions and entitlements – wa.gov.au/information-about/jobs-economy/conditions-entitlements.
- Australian workplace relations laws – employment.gov.au/australias-national-workplacere-relations-system.

Go to the [Finding a job](#) section on the Career Centre website to access a variety of resources to assist you with your job search. Career Centre also offers a [Finding a job fact sheet](#).

Capacity building program for migrants

If you are a migrant already living in Western Australia, you may be eligible to access 'A Global Workforce' – a free capacity building program designed to equip you with job search skills, and the knowledge and capacity to find employment or work experience in your area of expertise. For more information, contact

RVerma@communicare.org.au.



English language competency

The international English Language Testing System measures your ability to communicate in English across all four language skills – listening, reading, writing and speaking. If English is not your first language, you may find that some employers will ask you to provide your language test results as evidence of your English language competency. For more information visit ielts.org.

If you wish to improve your English language competency free classes are provided under the Adult Migrant English Program – a national settlement program for new migrants, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and humanitarian entrants. AMEP provides up to 510 hours of English language tuition. For some visa subclasses such as humanitarian visas, you may be eligible for an extra 200 or 400 hours on top of the 510 hours. Conditions apply. For more information contact these AMEP service providers in Western Australia:

- North Metropolitan TAFE
Telephone: 1300 202 134
Website: North Metropolitan TAFE – Adult Migrant English Program
- South Metropolitan TAFE
Telephone: 1800 862 166
Website: South Metropolitan TAFE – Adult Migrant English Program

Conversational English classes are also available free in some local government schools as well as in community groups so you can brush up on your English.

Skills for Education and Employment program

If you are not confident at reading, writing and maths or are from a non-English-speaking background, you can access language, literacy and numeracy training through the Skills for Education and Employment program. To find out more visit education.gov.au/skills-education-and-employment or call the Department of Human Services on 13 28 50.

Find out more:

T: 13 64 64

T: (08) 9225 7831 (hearing impaired only)

W: careercentre.dtwd.wa.gov.au

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Web Chat: [Chat Online](#)



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