

AUSTRALIA

Investor Stream Visa



Advantages

- Ability to work or study in Australia
- Investor Stream Visa can be extended
- Economic prosperity and growing job market
- Safe living environment and highest standard of living in the world
- Tropical weather and industrial cities
- Subsidized healthcare system
- Rich multiculturalism

Requirements

- Be under 55 years of age
- English language proficiency
- Score at least 65 on the points test
- Must meet Australian health and character requirements
- Investment of at least AUD 1.5 million in an Australian State or Territory for at least 4 years
- Have acquired lawfully and held (individually or combined with the main visa applicant's partner or spouse) total assets of at least AUD 2.25 million for the 2 fiscal years prior to submission
- Have high management skill and over 3 years of managing a qualifying business or eligible investments
- Have an overall successful record of qualifying business activities or eligible investments
- Have in at least 1 out of the 5 years prior to submission:
 1. Managed a "qualifying business" in which the applicant hold a 10% shareholding; or
 2. Managed "eligible investments" of at least AUD 1.5 million

Investment Options

- Make an investment of at least AUD 1.5 million in a State or Territory's designated qualifying business or eligible investment activity of exceptional economic benefit, using unencumbered funds accumulated from:
 1. **Qualifying businesses** for the purpose of making profit through the provision of goods and services to the public (other than the provision of rental property) and should not be a speculative or passive investment
 2. **Eligible investments** for the purpose of producing a return in the form of income or capital gain, and not for personal use:
 - Ownership interests in a business
 - Cash on deposit
 - Stocks or bonds
 - Real estate
 - Gold or bullion
 - Loan to a business

Process

- Applications must be made using the 'Skill Select' online service provided by the Australian Department of immigration and Border Protection
- Applicants must submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) in 'Skill Select' in order to be nominated by a State or Territory Government
- After submission of EOI and nomination from a State or Territory government, the applicant will have 60 days to lodge the visa application through Skill Select
- If the application is accepted the investor will be advised when to make the complying investment after which the visa will be issued
- The visa is for duration of 4 years with a minimum physical residency of 160 days after which permanent residency is granted to the applicant and their immediate family