



## SCHEDULE 6D — GENERAL POINTS TEST FOR GENERAL SKILLED MIGRATION VISAS MENTIONED IN SUBREGULATION 2.26AC(1)

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#### Part 6D.1 Age qualifications

| Item | At the time of invitation to apply for the visa, the applicant's age was ... | Number of points |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 6D11 | not less than 18 and under 25                                                | 25               |
| 6D12 | not less than 25 and under 33                                                | 30               |
| 6D13 | not less than 33 and under 40                                                | 25               |
| 6D14 | not less than 40 and under 45                                                | 15               |

#### Part 6D.2 English language qualifications

| Item | At the time of invitation to apply for the visa, the applicant had ... | Number of points |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 6D21 | superior English                                                       | 20               |
| 6D22 | proficient English                                                     | 10               |

#### Part 6D.3 Overseas employment experience qualifications

| Item | At the time of invitation to apply for the visa, the applicant ...                                                                                                                                                                     | Number of points |
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| 6D31 | had been employed outside Australia in:<br>(a) the applicant's nominated skilled occupation; or<br>(b) a closely related skilled occupation; for a period totalling at least 36 months in the 10 years immediately before that time    | 5                |
| 6D32 | had been employed outside Australia in:<br>(a) the applicant's nominated skilled occupation; or<br>(b) a closely related skilled occupation;<br>for a period totalling at least 60 months in the 10 years immediately before that time | 10               |
| 6D33 | had been employed outside Australia in:<br>(a) the applicant's nominated skilled occupation; or<br>(b) a closely related skilled occupation;<br>for a period totalling at least 96 months in the 10 years immediately before that time | 15               |

## Part 6D.4 Australian employment experience qualifications

| Item | At the time of invitation to apply for the visa, the applicant ...                                                                                                                                                                | Number of points |
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| 6D41 | had been employed in Australia in:<br>(a) the applicant's nominated skilled occupation; or<br>(b) a closely related skilled occupation;<br>for a period totalling at least 12 months in the 10 years immediately before that time | 5                |
| 6D42 | had been employed in Australia in:<br>(a) the applicant's nominated skilled occupation; or<br>(b) a closely related skilled occupation;<br>for a period totalling at least 36 months in the 10 years immediately before that time | 10               |
| 6D43 | had been employed in Australia in:<br>(a) the applicant's nominated skilled occupation; or<br>(b) a closely related skilled occupation;<br>for a period totalling at least 60 months in the 10 years immediately before that time | 15               |
| 6D44 | had been employed in Australia in:<br>(a) the applicant's nominated skilled occupation; or<br>(b) a closely related skilled occupation;<br>for a period totalling at least 96 months in the 10 years immediately before that time | 20               |

## Part 6D.5 Aggregating points for employment experience qualifications

(1) If an applicant has a qualification mentioned in Part 6D.3 and a qualification mentioned in Part 6D.4, and the combined number of points that would be awarded under those Parts for the qualifications is more than 20 points:

- (a) the Minister must give the applicant 20 points under this Part for the qualifications; and
- (b) no points are given under Part 6D.3 or 6D.4.

(2) The prescribed number of points for the combination of qualifications is 20.

## Part 6D.6 Australian professional year qualifications

| Item | At the time of invitation to apply for the visa, the applicant had completed ...                                                                                                                                                     | Number of points |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 6D61 | a professional year in Australia in:<br>(a) the applicant's nominated skilled occupation; or<br>(b) a closely related skilled occupation;<br>for a period totalling at least 12 months in the 48 months immediately before that time | 5                |

## Part 6D.7 Educational qualifications

| Item | At the time of invitation to apply for the visa, the applicant had ...                                                                                                                                                                                            | Number of points |
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| 6D71 | met the requirements for:<br>(a) the award of a doctorate by an Australian educational institution; or<br>(b) the award of a doctorate, by another educational institution, that is of a recognised standard                                                      | 20               |
| 6D72 | met the requirements for:<br>(a) the award of at least a bachelor <a href="#">degree</a> by an Australian educational institution; or<br>(b) the award of at least a bachelor qualification, by another educational institution, that is of a recognised standard | 15               |
| 6D73 | met the requirements for the award of a <a href="#">diploma</a> by an Australian educational institution                                                                                                                                                          | 10               |
| 6D74 | met the requirements for the award of a <a href="#">trade qualification</a> by an Australian educational institution                                                                                                                                              | 10               |
| 6D75 | attained a qualification or award recognised by the relevant assessing authority for the applicant's nominated <a href="#">skilled occupation</a> as being suitable for the occupation                                                                            | 10               |

## Part 6D.7A Specialist educational qualifications

| Item  | At the time of invitation to apply for the visa, the applicant had ...                                     | Number of points |
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| 6D7A1 | the applicant met the requirements for the award of a <a href="#">specialist educational qualification</a> | 10               |

## Part 6D.8 Australian study qualifications

| Item | At the time of invitation to apply for the visa ...                | Number of points |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 6D81 | the applicant met the <a href="#">Australian study requirement</a> | 5                |

## Part 6D.9 Credentialed community language qualifications

| Item | At the time of invitation to apply for the visa, the applicant had ...                                                                                                                                                                                      | Number of points |
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| 6D91 | a qualification in a particular language:<br>(a) awarded or accredited by a body specified by the Minister in an <a href="#">instrument in writing</a> for this item; and<br>(b) at a standard for the language specified in the <a href="#">instrument</a> | 5                |

## Part 6D.10 Study in designated regional area qualification

| Item  | At the time of invitation to apply for the visa ...                                                        | Number of points |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 6D101 | each of the following applied:<br>(a) the applicant met the <a href="#">Australian study requirement</a> ; | 5                |

- (b) the location of the campus or campuses at which that study was undertaken is in a [designated regional area](#);
- (c) while the applicant undertook the course of study the applicant lived in a [designated regional area](#);
- (d) none of the study undertaken constituted distance education.

### Part 6D.11 Partner qualifications

| Item  | Qualification                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Number of points |
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| 6D111 | The <a href="#">spouse</a> or <a href="#">de facto partner</a> of the applicant (the <b>primary applicant</b> ):<br>(a) is an applicant for the same subclass of visa as the primary applicant; and<br>(b) is not an <a href="#">Australian permanent resident</a> or an Australian citizen; and<br>(c) was under 45 at the time the invitation to apply for the visa was issued to the primary applicant; and<br>(d) at the time of invitation to apply for the visa, nominated a <a href="#">skilled occupation</a> , being an occupation specified by the Minister under paragraph 1.15(1)(a) at that time; and<br>(e) at the time of invitation to apply for the visa, had been assessed by the relevant assessing authority for the nominated <a href="#">skilled occupation</a> as having suitable skills for the occupation and the assessment was not for a <a href="#">Subclass 485 (Temporary Graduate) visa</a> ; and<br>(f) at the time of invitation to apply for the visa, had <a href="#">competent English</a> | 10               |
| 6D112 | Either:<br>(a) the applicant does not have a spouse or de facto partner; or<br>(b) the applicant has a spouse or de facto partner who is an Australian permanent resident or an Australian citizen                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 10               |
| 6D113 | The spouse or de facto partner of the applicant (the <b>primary applicant</b> ):<br>(a) is an applicant for the same subclass of visa as the primary applicant; and<br>(b) is not an Australian permanent resident or an Australian citizen; and<br>(c) at the time of invitation to apply for the visa, had competent English                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 5                |

### Part 6D.12 State or Territory nomination qualifications

| Item  | Qualification                                                                                                                                                                                    | Number of points |
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| 6D121 | The applicant has been invited to apply for a <a href="#">Subclass 190 (Skilled — Nominated) visa</a> , and the nominating State or Territory government agency has not withdrawn the nomination | 5                |

### Part 6D.13 Designated regional area nomination or sponsorship qualifications

| Item  | Qualification                                                                                                                                                                                          | Number of points |
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| 6D131 | The applicant has been invited to apply for a <a href="#">Subclass 489 (Skilled – Regional) (Provisional) visa</a> or a <a href="#">Subclass 491 (Skilled Work Regional (Provisional)) visa</a> , and: | 15               |

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| (a) the nominating State or Territory government agency has not withdrawn the nomination; or    |  |
| (b) if the applicant is sponsored by a family member, the Minister has accepted the sponsorship |  |

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