



Commonwealth of Australia

Migration Regulations 1994

DESIGNATED AREAS

(Regulation 1.03)

I, *CHRIS BOWEN*, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, acting under regulation 1.03 of the *Migration Regulations 1994* ('the Regulations'):

1. REVOKE Instrument IMMI 11/063 signed on 29 August 2011, that specifies areas as designated areas for the purpose of item 6701 of Schedule 6 to the Regulations; and
2. SPECIFY the areas listed in the Schedule to this Instrument as designated areas for the purposes of Regulation 1.03 of the Regulations.

This Instrument, IMMI 12/021, commences on **1 July 2012**, immediately after the commencement of *Migration Amendment Regulation 2012 (No. 2)*.

Dated 12 June 2012

Chris Bowen
Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

[NOTE 1: Regulation 1.03 provides that designated area means an area specified as a designated area by the Minister in an instrument in writing.]

SCHEDULE

Designated Area	Postcodes inclusive
Australian Capital Territory	Entire Territory
New South Wales (except Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong)	2311 to 2312
	2328 to 2333
	2336 to 2490
	2535 to 2551
	2575 to 2739
	2787 to 2898
Northern Territory	Entire Territory
Queensland (except Brisbane metropolitan area)	4019 to 4028
	4037 to 4050
	4079 to 4100
	4114
	4118
	4124 to 4150
	4158 to 4168
	4180 to 4899
South Australia	Entire State
Tasmania	Entire State
Victoria	Entire State
Western Australia	Entire State

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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1. This Instrument is made under regulation 1.03 of the *Migration Regulations 1994* ('the Regulations').
2. Regulation 1.03 provides a definition of designated area. **Designated area means an area specified as a designated area by the Minister in an instrument in writing.**
3. The purpose of the Instrument is to specify designated areas, by State and Territory and postcode.
4. The Instrument operates to specify what areas are designated areas **for the Skilled – Designated Area-sponsored, Skilled – Regional Sponsored and Skilled – Regional Sponsored (Provisional) visa subclasses.** These visa categories provide that an applicant can be sponsored by an Australian relative living in a 'designated area'. Applicants who are granted a provisional visa on this basis are subject to a condition that they live, work and study **only** in a designated area.
5. This change is necessary as the previous Instrument, IMMI11/063, relied on item 6701 of Schedule 6 to designate specific areas. **Schedule 6 is to be repealed from 1 July 2012 as part of the SkillSelect implementation.** The power to designate specific areas will be located at regulation 1.03 from 1 July 2012. No change has been made to the list of postcodes identifying designated areas.
6. Pursuant to section 18 of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* consultation was not necessary. The Instrument is of a minor or machinery nature and does not substantially alter existing arrangements.
7. The Office of Best Practice Regulation has advised that a Regulatory Impact Statement is not required (OBPR Ref 13150).

8. Under section 44 of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* the Instrument is exempt from disallowance and therefore a Human Rights Statement of Compatibility is not required.
9. This Instrument, IMMI 12/021, commences on **1 July 2012**, immediately after the commencement of *Migration Amendment Regulation 2012 (No. 2)*.