



# **Migration (IMMI 18/037: Regional Certifying Bodies and Regional Postcodes) Instrument 2018**

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I, Alan Tudge, Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, make the following instrument.

Dated 15 March 2018

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Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs

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# Part 1- Preliminary

## 1 Name

- (1) This instrument is the *Migration (IMMI 18/037: Regional Certifying Bodies and Regional Postcodes) Instrument 2018*.
- (2) This instrument may be cited as **IMMI 18/037**.

## 2 Commencement

This instrument **commences on 18 March 2018**.

## 3 Authority

This instrument is made under the following provisions of the *Migration Regulations 1994*:

- (a) subparagraph 5.19(12)(g)(i); and
- (b) subregulation 5.19(16).

## 4 Definitions

In this instrument:

***Regional Certifying Body*** means a body that is specified by Schedule 1 to this instrument.

***Regulation*** means the *Migration Regulations 1994*.

## 5 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

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## **Part 2 – Specification of Regional Certifying Bodies and Regional Australia**

### **6 Regional Certifying Bodies**

- (1) For the purposes of subparagraph 5.19(12)(g)(i) of the Regulations, each body mentioned in Schedule 1 to this instrument is specified.

### **7 Regional Australia**

- (1) For the definition of *regional Australia* in subregulation 5.19(16) of the Regulations, each part of a State or Territory that is stated or comes within the postcodes stated in Schedule 2 to this instrument for that State or Territory, is specified.

## Schedule 1—Regional Certifying Bodies

STATE or TERRITORY	BODY
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	ACT Economic Development Directorate
NEW SOUTH WALES	Industry and Investment NSW
	Central NSW - Regional Development Australia, Central West Inc
	Central NSW - Regional Development Australia, Orana Inc
	Northern NSW - Regional Development Australia, Hunter Inc
	Northern NSW - Regional Development Australia, Northern Inland Inc
	Northern NSW - Regional Development Australia, Northern Rivers Inc
	Northern NSW - Regional Development Australia, Mid North Coast Inc
	Eastern NSW - Regional Development Australia, Central Coast Inc
	Southern NSW - Regional Development Australia, Southern Inland Inc
	Southern NSW - Regional Development Australia, Illawarra Inc
	Southern NSW - Regional Development Australia, Murray Inc
	Southern NSW - Regional Development Australia, Far South Coast

STATE or TERRITORY	BODY
	Southern NSW - Regional Development Australia, Riverina Inc
	Western NSW - Regional Development Australia, Far West Inc
NORTHERN TERRITORY	Department of Trade, Business and Innovation
QUEENSLAND	Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland (Brisbane)
	South East Qld - Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland (Gold Coast)
	South East Qld - Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland (Sunshine Coast)
	South West Qld - Maranoa Regional Council
	South West Qld - Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland (Toowoomba)
	Central Qld - Central Western Queensland Remote Area Planning and Development Board
	Central Qld - Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland (Rockhampton and Central Qld)
	Central Qld - Mount Isa Chamber of Commerce
	Central Qld - Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Limited



STATE or TERRITORY	BODY
	North Qld - Cairns Chamber of Commerce
	North Qld - Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland (Cairns and Far North Qld)
	North Qld - Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland (Mackay)
	North Qld - Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland (Townsville and North Qld)
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	Department of State Development
TASMANIA	Department of State Growth
VICTORIA	Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (Ballarat)
	Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (Bendigo)
	Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (Geelong)
	Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (Mildura)
	Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (Shepparton)
	Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources

STATE or TERRITORY	BODY
	(Traralgon)
	Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (Wangaratta)
	Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (Wodonga)
	Ballarat City Council
	Greater Geelong City Council
	Swan Hill Rural City Council
	Rural City of Wangaratta City Council
	Warrnambool City Council
	Wimmera Development Association Inc
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	Department of Training and Workforce Development
	RDA Goldfields Esperance

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## Schedule 2—Regional Australia

AREA	POSTCODES INCLUSIVE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	All postcodes in the Australian Capital Territory
NEW SOUTH WALES  (Excluding Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong)	2250 to 2251
	2256 to 2263
	2311 to 2312
	2328 to 2411
	2415
	2420 to 2490
	2536 to 2551
	2575 to 2594
	2618 to 2739
2787 to 2898	
NORFOLK ISLAND	All postcodes in Norfolk Island
NORTHERN TERRITORY	All postcodes in the Northern Territory
QUEENSLAND  (Excluding the greater Brisbane area and the Gold Coast)	4124 to 4125
	4133
	4211
	4270 to 4272
	4275
	4280
4285	

AREA	POSTCODES INCLUSIVE
	4287
	4307 to 4499
	4515
	4517 to 4519
	4522 to 4899
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	All postcodes in South Australia
TASMANIA	All postcodes in Tasmania
VICTORIA  (Excluding the Melbourne metropolitan area)	3211 to 3334
	3340 to 3424
	3430 to 3649
	3658 to 3749
	3753
	3756
	3758
	3762
	3764
	3778 to 3781
	3783
	3797
	3799
	3816 to 3909
3921 to 3925	

AREA	POSTCODES INCLUSIVE
	3945 to 3974
	3979
	3981 to 3996
WESTERN AUSTRALIA (Excluding the Perth metropolitan area)	6041 to 6044
	6083 to 6084
	6121 to 6126
	6200 to 6799

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## Schedule 3—Application of this Instrument

- (1) This instrument applies in relation to the following:
  - (a) an application for approval of a nomination relating to the Subclass 187 (Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme) visa made on or after 18 March 2018;
  - (b) an application for a Subclass 187 (Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme) visa made on or after 18 March 2018, if the related application for approval of a nomination is made on or after that date.

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## **Schedule 4—Repeals**

### ***Migration (IMMI 17/059: Regional Certifying Bodies and Regional Postcodes) Instrument 2017 (F2017L01460)***

#### **1 The whole of the instrument**

Repeal the instrument

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

### *Migration Regulations 1994*

#### **MIGRATION (IMMI 18/037: REGIONAL CERTIFYING BODIES AND REGIONAL POSTCODES) INSTRUMENT 2018**

*(Subregulation 5.19(16) and subparagraph 5.19(12)(g)(i))*

1. Instrument IMMI 18/037 is made under subregulation 5.19(16) and subparagraph 5.19(12)(g)(i) of the *Migration Regulations 1994* (the Regulations).
2. The instrument repeals *Migration (IMMI 17/059 Regional Certifying Bodies and Postcodes) Instrument 2017* (F2017L01460). Instrument IMMI 17/059 is repealed subsequent to the repeal of sub-subparagraph 5.19(4)(h)(ii)(F) and subregulation 5.19(7) of the Regulations by the *Migration Legislation Amendment (Temporary Skill Shortage Visa and Complementary Reforms) Regulations 2018*.
3. Subregulation 5.19(12) of the Regulations operates to set out the eligibility requirements for occupations for the Subclass 187 (Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme) visa applicants. The instrument operates to specify the state and territory bodies who have responsibility for the local area where the nominated position is located and who may advise the Minister about the matters relating to the nominated position. A specified body may be referred to as Regional Certifying Body, this is consistent with the repealed instrument.
4. The instrument also defines the meaning of 'regional Australia' for the purposes of subregulation 5.19(16) of the Regulations. Regional areas across Australia are defined by reference to the state/territory and to the postcode of that area, this is consistent with the repealed instrument.
5. The instrument only applies to applications for approval of a nomination made on or after 18 March 2018.
6. The purpose of this instrument is to address changes to the Regulations by the *Migration Legislation Amendment (Temporary Skill Shortage Visa and Complementary Reforms) Regulations 2018*.



7. These changes are part of a broad package of reforms for the employer sponsored skilled visa programs, announced by the Government on 18 April 2017. The Department of Home Affairs has engaged with external stakeholders since the announcement in developing the policy settings and considered feedback received.
8. These reforms were also informed by earlier reviews including: the 2014 Independent Review into the integrity of the 457 programme; the 2016 Productivity Commission Inquiry Report: Migrant Intake into Australia; the 2016 Review of the Temporary Skilled Migration Income Threshold; and the 2016 Senate Inquiry: A National Disgrace: The Exploitation of Temporary Work Visa Holders. These reviews were subject to extensive consultation processes, including: individuals; academics; bodies and businesses who use the employer sponsored skilled visa programs; migration agents; representatives of foreign governments; the Ministerial Advisory Council on Skilled Migration; and government departments and agencies.
9. A Regulation Impact Statement has been prepared in accordance with advice from the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR). The OBPR Reference number is 21946.
10. Under section 10 of the *Legislation (Exemptions and Other Matters) Regulation 2015*, the instrument is exempt from disallowance and therefore a Statement of Compatibility with Human Rights is not required.
11. The instrument commences on 18 March 2018.