



Frequently Asked Questions

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What are the Skills Assessment Pilots?

Skills Assessment Pilots deliver faster, cheaper skills assessments and improve the employability of migrants who are in Australia and ready to work. These pilots enable onshore migrants who have the skills in priority occupations to join the workforce and contribute to Australia's economic recovery.

What Pilots are available to onshore migrants?

- **Pilot 1: Faster Migrant Skills Assessment Pilot (ended 17 June 2022)** – This Pilot offered fast-tracked skills assessments for onshore migrants who had already submitted and paid for an application in a priority occupation and were awaiting an outcome. This Pilot has concluded and is no longer accepting applications.
- **Pilot 2: Skills Assessment Opportunities for Migrants Pilot (active)** – This Pilot offers eligible migrants in Australia with a *free, fast-tracked* skills assessment. This Pilot is available to migrants who have never undergone a skills assessment for a priority occupation.
- **Pilot 3: Employability Assessments for Migrants Pilot (active)** – This Pilot aims to improve onshore skilled migrants' opportunities in jobs where there are skills shortages. This Pilot offers:
 - One *free* employability assessment
 - One *free* coaching session
 - One *free* personalised plan to develop your employability skills
 - Up to \$3,000 to cover employability skills training.

Am I eligible for Pilot 2?

| Circle ✓ or ✗ | Eligibility Checklist |
|---------------|---|
| ✓ ✗ | I have skills, experience and/or qualifications in an eligible occupation . |
| ✓ ✗ | I do not have a skills assessment completed in that occupation. |
| ✓ ✗ | I am living in Australia on an eligible visa . |
| ✓ ✗ | My visa was granted on or after 1 January 2016. |

If you circled ✓ to all the above, please [contact the Assessing Authority](#) for the occupation you are qualified in to apply!

What does 'fast-tracked' mean?

Fast-tracked means that after you submit your application for a skills assessment with all the documentation, the Assessing Authority will provide you with a skills assessment outcome in around 15 business days.

Am I eligible for Pilot 3?

| Circle ✓ or ✗ | Eligibility Checklist |
|---------------|---|
| ✓ ✗ | I have received a suitable skills assessment outcome in an eligible occupation on or after 1 January 2012* and have held it for a minimum of 12 months. |
| ✓ ✗ | I am living in Australia on an eligible permanent visa . |
| ✓ ✗ | I am currently in paid employment below my skill level. <i>(For example – have a suitable skills assessment in Accounting, and currently working as a Bookkeeper)</i> |
| ✓ ✗ | I am working a minimum of 40 hours per fortnight within the last month. This can include a mix of paid <i>and</i> volunteer <i>and/or</i> internship work, and can be with more than one employer. |
| ✓ ✗ | I am not registered as a job seeker on Centrelink, or with Workforce Australia, Disability Employment Services, or the Community Development Program. |
| ✓ ✗ | I have not previously completed or withdrawn from Pilot 3. |

**Note: Some Assessing Authorities only offer Pilot 3 for suitable outcomes received on or after 2019. See the [eligible occupation list](#) for more information.*

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What are employability skills?

Employability skills are non-technical skills that help you to perform your job and work effectively with other people. Employability skills are used in all jobs.

The following ten employability skills are commonly recognised as being the most important:

1. teamwork
2. oral communication
3. problem-solving
4. planning and organising
5. digital engagement
6. initiative and innovation
7. learning
8. numeracy
9. reading
10. writing

What is employability training?

Employability training helps you become job-ready by teaching non-technical pre-employment knowledge and skills. You can develop your job search skills, interview skills, and workplace skills, which could help improve your job prospects.

You could also learn about how to build the skillset you need for specific industries and occupations. **Pilot 3: Employability Assessments Pilot** offers a range of courses from various employability training providers to meet your needs.

How much does it cost?

If you are eligible for **Pilot 2: Skills Assessment Opportunities for Migrants Pilot**, the skills assessment is **free**.

If you are eligible for the **Pilot 3: Employability Assessments Pilot**, the employability assessment and coaching are **free**. You will need to pay **10 per cent** of the subsidised training. The department will pay for the rest – up to \$3,000!

I can't find an Assessing Authority for my occupation – where should I go?

Not all occupations and Assessing Authorities are taking part in these pilots.

For a list of all Assessing Authorities outside of these pilots, please visit the [Department of Home Affairs website](#).

What occupations are included in the Skills Assessment Pilots?

To be eligible for these pilots, your skills, experience and/or qualifications must be relevant to a priority occupation listed on the [Department's website](#). Please ensure you check the occupation for each pilot as the list is not the same for all Pilots.

Where can I find more information?

Please visit the [Skills Assessment Pilots webpage](#) for more information, including translated factsheets about these Pilots.