

## Flexible requirements for visa state nomination applicants affected by COVID-19 restrictions

# Skilled Migration



*The following information may change in response to decisions made by the Australian Government in relation to the Skilled Migration Program COVID-19 response. The Tasmanian Government may also introduce further changes to the state nomination program in response to COVID-19 or to align with the skills needs of the state. It is therefore important that you continue to check this website for any changes before applying for nomination.*

### ➤ **Students in Tasmania completing online study**

Will accept online study with a Tasmanian CRICOS provider completed during the period courses were not able to be delivered on campus. Applicants must have been living in Tasmania during this period and must have completed all of their study in Tasmania.

### ➤ **Graduates who have completed study in Tasmania but are unable to return after travelling overseas**

Eligible for consideration if able to provide evidence course was completed in Tasmania, have temporarily left Tasmania and are unable to return due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Students must show that they were genuinely affected by travel restrictions and intend to return to Tasmania. These applicants must meet all other published requirements for subclass 190 or 491 nomination, including the minimum Tasmanian residence period.

### ➤ **Currently overseas - partially completed course**

Remote / online study for applicants who commenced their courses in Tasmania, departed temporarily and have been unable to return to Tasmania due to COVID 19 travel restrictions will be accepted where they have genuinely been unable to return to Tasmania. Applicants must have commenced course in Tasmania, lived in Tasmania for a minimum 12 months and completed a minimum total of 12 months study on campus.

## ➤ **New enrolments – course commenced outside Tasmania**

Applicants who commenced study with a Tasmanian institution, but were unable to arrive in Tasmania due to COVID-19 restrictions and commenced their studies remotely while waiting for restrictions to be lifted will be eligible for consideration if they:

- a. Completed a two academic year course and arrived in Tasmania soon after restrictions were lifted; and
- b. Lived and studied in Tasmania for a period of at least 12 months

Courses of one academic year must be completed solely in Tasmania – no period of remote study will be accepted. This includes students who enrolled in one year courses but did not arrive in Tasmania before entry restrictions.

*Example:*

***I have enrolled in a one-year course but cannot yet move to Tasmania due to COVID-19 travel restrictions. Will a period of online study completed interstate or overseas be accepted for Tasmanian nomination.***

No. Applicants for subclass 491 nomination in Category 1 – Tasmanian Graduate must have completed one academic year (40 weeks) of study in Tasmania and lived in Tasmania for at least 12 months. While applications will be considered on a case by case basis, in general we will only accept online study where applicants had already commenced *in Tasmania* or the course is longer than 1 academic year. All applicants will be expected to have lived in Tasmania for 12 months to be eligible for nomination.

Graduates who have completed their qualification online or in another jurisdiction may also seek to meet one of Tasmania's other nomination categories after moving to Tasmania and demonstrating their capacity to settle in and contribute to Tasmania in the long term, such as the Working in Tasmania or Small Business Owner categories.

*Each application will be considered individually on its merits and considering the applicant's skills, background and demonstrated capacity to contribute to and settle in Tasmania. However, completing a prior short period of study online, or in Tasmania once travel restrictions are lifted, will not necessarily give a graduate an advantage in nomination assessment.*

For further information please refer to both the [Home Affairs](#) and [Migration Tasmania](#) websites.