

Eligibility Requirements

The following eligibility requirements apply to all students subsidised by the Tasmanian State Government at any Registered Training Organisation.

The following residents¹ are eligible for State Government subsidised training:

- Australian citizens
- Permanent residents

And residents who have permission for work and study in Australia and:

- Are New Zealand citizens who are also eligible for Australian Government student loans²
- Are holders of temporary humanitarian visas
- Are Tasmanian State Sponsored skilled migrant visa holders
- Are a dependent (aged over 18) or partner (spouse) visa holder of an eligible applicant³

*Bridging visa holders are currently **not eligible** for subsidised training.*

*Tasmanian State Sponsored Business Visa holders are currently **not eligible** for subsidised training.*

Administrative Requirements

Registered Training Organisations are required to record the visa status of all students to confirm their eligibility for subsidised training, and must provide reports to Skills Tasmania on students and visa status when requested.

Copies of documentation must be kept as part of the Registered Training Organisation's admission procedures and according to data retention policies.

This policy will be reviewed annually to cover changes to Australian Government immigration policies, to analyse student data, and to establish any need for changes to the policy.

¹ There is no requirement for residence duration, however applicants are required to have a Tasmanian address.

² See <http://studyassist.gov.au/sites/studyassist/helpfulresources/pages/faqs-nz>

³ Dependents under the age of 18 are eligible for study at Tasmanian Government schools. Contact Department of Education for details.

2018 – 2019 ELIGIBLE VISAS

- Please note that the visa categories mentioned below are valid and current at *14 August 2018*.
- At this date, all visa categories accepted for Tasmanian State Government Subsidised training had no conditions on work and study.
- The Australian Government may change visa numbers and/or visa conditions at any point in time.
- Changes to this list may occur within the 2018-19 year, however all students who were eligible and subsidised prior to changes made will not be disadvantaged by the change **unless** the Australian Government requirements mean that continued placements will result in the Tasmanian State Government and/or students being deemed unlawful.
- This list will be reviewed in June 2019.

It is recommended that all visa types be cross-checked on the Department of Home Affairs website: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav>

	<i>ELIGIBLE CATEGORY</i>	<i>EVIDENCE REQUIRED</i>	<i>VISA DETAILS</i>
1	Permanent residents	View and confirm visa status: there is no requirement for retaining copies of visas.	There are multiple permanent visas. It is recommended you use the search function and search the visa number at https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav to confirm if the visa is permanent.
2	New Zealand citizens who are also eligible for Australian Government student loans	Copy of visa	New Zealand passport holder Special Category Visa (subclass 444) https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa-1/444-
3	Temporary humanitarian visas	Copy of visa	Temporary Protection visa (subclass 785) https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa-1/785- Safe Haven Enterprise visa (subclass 790) https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa-1/790-

4	Tasmanian State Sponsored skilled migrant visa holders	<p>Copy of visa</p> <p>Copy of sponsorship notification from the Department of State Growth</p> <p><i>Note: without evidence of Tasmanian State Government sponsorship, students are not eligible.</i></p> <p><i>If students do not have or have lost evidence of their sponsorship, please advise them to contact the Department of State Growth to reissue (where applicable) this evidence.</i></p>	<p>Skilled Regional Sponsored visa (subclass 475) – <i>this visa is no longer open for new applications however is still a valid visa for existing holders.</i></p> <p>Skilled Regional Sponsored visa (subclass 487) – <i>this visa is no longer open for new applications however is still a valid visa for existing holders.</i></p> <p>Skilled Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 489) https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa-1/489-</p> <p><i>Note: Tasmanian State Sponsored Business visa holders are not eligible for subsidy.</i></p>
5	Partner (spouse) visa holder	<p>For partners of the visa holders above (1-4), the same evidence is required as for the primary visa holder.</p> <p>For partner (spouse) visa holders of permanent residents, a copy of visa is required</p>	<p>Partner visa (subclasses 820 and 801) https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa-1/801-</p> <p>Partner visa (subclasses 309 and 100) https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa-1/309-</p>