



IMMIGRATION UPDATE

# New thresholds and fees from 1 July

Skilled visa income thresholds, visa application charges and ART review fees changed from 1 July 2026.

## HOME AFFAIRS

### Skilled visa income thresholds

Thresholds increased by 3.8%. The applicable figure is determined by the nomination lodgement date.

**AUD 79,423**

Core Skills

**AUD 146,576**

Specialist Skills

**AUD 79,423**

TSMIT

**3.8%**

increase

Annual market salary rate requirements continue to apply. Non-monetary benefits do not count toward TSMIT.

## CASE TO NOTE

### Abdel-Hady v Commonwealth of Australia

[2026] HCA 17

High Court | 10 June 2026

#### ISSUE

Whether Commonwealth officers had a common law defence to liability for false imprisonment during a period of unlawful immigration detention.

#### OUTCOME

The High Court held that the proposed defence should not be recognised. The Commonwealth had accepted that the relevant period of detention was unlawful.

#### WHY IT MATTERS

- Legal authority must exist throughout detention.
- The decision concerns civil liability, not the grant of a visa.

#### LIMIT

Liability and damages remain fact-specific. The full judgment should be read with the relevant detention provisions.

## ART UPDATE

### Application costs

Visa charges also changed. The ART migration review fee is AUD 3,727 and the protection review fee is AUD 2,293. Confirm the current amount immediately before payment.

#### WHAT TO CHECK NOW

- Recalculate salary and nomination figures.
- Confirm current visa and ART fees.
- Allow for payment surcharges and transaction limits.

#### OFFICIAL SOURCES

Home Affairs: Salary requirements [↗](#)

ART: Fee increase [↗](#)

High Court: Abdel-Hady [↗](#)

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