IMMIGRATION UPDATE

Travel, review fees and skilled invitations

Protection review fees and Bridging visa rules changed on 1 November. Training visa location rules change on 12 November; published 189 results also warrant an EOI check.

IN EFFECT - 1 NOVEMBER

Protection reviews: upfront fee

For reviews of decisions made on or after 1 November, an upfront fee is generally required with the review application. The current amount is **AUD 1,863.50**, subject to limited statutory exceptions. Earlier decisions retain the previous fee rules. The transition turns on the **date of the decision reviewed**. [1,2]

Check: Have the decision date, review deadline, fee and any exception checked promptly.

BVB APPLICATIONS FROM 1 NOVEMBER

Protection applications and travel

New Bridging visa B (BVB) validity and grant restrictions apply where a Protection (Class XA) application remains unresolved, including relevant review proceedings. The amendments apply to visa applications made from 1 November. Check your visa history and ability to return before arranging overseas travel. [1]

STARTS 12 NOVEMBER

Training visa 407: location changes

Applications made from 12 November generally require the applicant to be offshore at application and grant. Specified classes may qualify for exceptions. Confirm the applicable exception and your location before lodgement; applications made before commencement are outside these amendments. [3]

SKILLSELECT RESULTS

20,000 invitations for subclass 189

ROUND HELD 15 OCTOBER

Home Affairs has published the results: 20,000 subclass 189 invitations. Minimum scores and tie-break dates vary by occupation. These are invitations to apply, not visa grants or a promise of the next round's score. State nomination invitations are separate. [4]

BEFORE YOU ACT

Check the official occupation table and your Expression of Interest (EOI):

- Support each points claim with current evidence.
- Check English and skills-assessment validity.
- Read any invitation and its stated deadline promptly.

Need advice? Have a review deadline, travel plan or invitation checked against your circumstances. Contact Jade Immigration Lawyers.

OFFICIAL SOURCES - CLICK TO READ

[1] Review/BVB reform: F2026L01448
[2] ART: current review fees
[3] Training visa reform: F2026L01449
[4] Home Affairs: invitation round results

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Not legal advice. Historical issues describe their stated cutoff; rules may change.