

## Subclass 400 - Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity) Visa Highly Specialised Work Stream FACT SHEET

The purpose of the Highly Specialised Work stream of this visa is to allow people to travel to Australia for short-term, highly specialised, non-ongoing work. The minimum requirements for this visa stream are set out below:

### HIGHLY SPECIALISED WORK STREAM

*For skilled overseas workers undertaking highly specialised, short-term work in Australia*

#### Work in Australia

The work that you are to undertake in Australia must be:

- short-term and non-ongoing
- **highly specialised.** In general, this means work that:
  - is classified as a skill level 1–3 occupation in the Australia & New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO) **OR**
  - requires skills or knowledge that are specific to an international company, such as installing imported equipment, after sales service or emergency repairs

**NOTE:** The work must NOT involve the performance of generic skilled tasks that can be undertaken by similarly qualified and skilled Australian workers.

#### Visa Applicant

As the visa applicant, you must:

- have the **specialised** skills, knowledge or experience that is required to perform the work referred to above, and which:
  - can assist Australian business **AND**
  - cannot reasonably be found in the Australian market
- genuinely intend to stay in Australia temporarily in order to carry out the relevant work
- have access to sufficient funds to support yourself whilst you are in Australia

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Once you have provided the required information and supporting documents, we will prepare and lodge your visa application with the Department of Home Affairs (the 'DOHA'). The main criterion is that you meet the requirements referred to above.

You must be outside Australia both when your application is lodged and when your visa is granted. In addition, you must arrive in Australia within 6 months of your visa grant date. As such, the DOHA recommends that you lodge your visa application no more than 6 months before you wish to travel to Australia.

### ***Visa Validity Period***

Should your application be approved, you will be granted a temporary visa, allowing you to travel to Australia on a short-term basis. Depending upon your particular circumstances, you will be granted either a single-entry visa (allowing you to enter Australia once, in most cases for up to three months) or, in limited circumstances and where a strong business case is presented, you *may* be eligible for a multiple entry visa that is valid for up to six months (allowing you to enter Australia multiple times whilst your visa is valid but for no more than six months after your first entry to Australia on the visa).

**PLEASE NOTE:** We estimate that it may take several weeks to prepare and lodge your application, with the time taken largely dependent on how promptly you (and your sponsor, if applicable) provide us with the necessary supporting information and documents.

The time that it takes the DOHA to process your application is dependent upon its processing time service standards, and may also vary due to a number of other factors, including the complexity of your case, perceived risk factors and processing priorities. Please contact us for current information regarding likely processing timeframes for this type of application.

This Fact Sheet contains general information only. We strongly recommend that you seek specific guidance from us that is relevant to your circumstances before taking any further action.

Do you have additional questions regarding the subclass 400 - Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity) visa? Please feel free to contact us by email at [support@dojolegal.com.au](mailto:support@dojolegal.com.au), or by phone on **+61 02 9138 0688** to arrange a paid consultation.

**THANK YOU!**

