

## FACTSHEET ON THE NEW CHANGES: FOR THE VISA APPLICANT

### On the 457 changes

**Q. Can you still apply for subclass 457 visas?**

A. Yes. The subclass 457 remains open until the new TSS visa comes into effect in March 2018.

**Q. Do the new changes have any impact on my existing (granted) 457 visa holders?**

A. No. Unless you wish to change employer, then a new application needs to be lodged. The new occupation needs to be listed on the STSOL or MLTSSL. A new nomination approval for an occupation on the STSOL will not result in reduction of the visa period already held by you.

**Q. A decision is still pending on a lodged 457 employer nomination and visa application, however the occupation has now been removed from both the MLTSSL and STSOL, will this impact my application?**

A. Yes. Unfortunately, your 457 cannot be granted, as the occupation is no longer available. The department will contact you and give you the opportunity to withdraw your application and request a refund. Please note that if you don't withdraw your application it will be refused and s48 might apply to you.

### On the ENS and RSMS changes

**Q. My subclass 457 was granted almost 2 years ago and I will meet the 2 years requirement before March 2018 – can I apply to subclass 186 TRT?**

A. Yes. Access to the TRT stream is not based on the occupation lists and is therefore unaffected by the changes.

**Q. I have applied for an ENS under the direct entry stream and my occupation has now been removed from both lists, will this impact my application?**

A. No. Currently, even if your occupation is on the STSOL you can apply for the ENS Direct Entry stream.

**Q. What changes will be implemented on 1 July for ENS and RSMS?**

- English requirement increased to IELTS 6 – TRT and Direct Entry
- Age change to 45 years old – Direct Entry
- 3 years skill and experience for Direct Entry
- more changes to the occupations list

**Q. What changes will be implemented on March 2018 for ENS and RSMS?**

- Age change to 45 years old for most applicants
- Occupation must be on the MLTSSL (unless an additional occupation approved for regional areas)
- Minimum market rate salary will apply \$53,900
- 3 years relevant work experience
- pathway to permanent residence through TRT requires 3 years on Medium-Term TSS visa.

## Other visa types

The changes will **not** impact already lodged application for other skilled permanent visa types. The removal of occupations will only affect applications lodged on or after 19 April 2017:

- ENS 186 Direct Entry stream
- Subclass 190
- Subclass 489

In other words, any application already lodged before 19 April (other than a 457 visa) will **not** be impacted (even if the occupation was removed for these visas on 19 April 2017).

## More questions?

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