

What is this consultation about?

Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA) is responsible for the labour market analysis and stakeholder engagement which will inform the Government's final decisions on the skilled occupations to be targeted for migration and to address skills shortages within Australia's workforce.

A draft Core Skills Occupations List (CSOL) has been released for consultation. This list targets occupations that may eventually be approved or removed for *temporary* skilled migration, such as for Temporary Skills Shortage Subclass 482 and the Skilled Employer Sponsored (Regional) Subclass 494 visas.

This consultation enables industry bodies, professional associations, employers and other interested parties to put forward their reasons and evidence for why specific occupations should or should not be on the final list. Your organisation or those you represent have the opportunity to be part of this process by interacting with the JSA's consultation process.

The [draft CSOL](#) presented for this consultation does not represent the final occupations that Jobs and Skills Australia will recommend to the Government, so this is your chance to have input into the list. Ultimately however, the occupations on the list will be a decision of the Government.

Why make a submission to this Draft Core Skills List consultation?

By taking part in these consultations, you may be able to impact which occupations the Government decides can be sponsored under Australia's new employer-sponsored migration program. Making a submission is also not difficult and is a method for putting forward your opinions, industry and professional experience to recommend what occupations should be on the list. The more industry and professional bodies, stakeholders and even individuals that put forward their evidence for the inclusion or removal of occupations from the list, the more robust the evidence the JSA has in making its recommendations to the Government.

Please feel free to distribute this submission guide to any other stakeholders who may have an interest in the occupations list. Please also feel free to also post to social media sites if relevant.

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How to make a submission to this consultation

The JSA provides three lists of occupations as part of this consultation:

- the Draft Core Occupations List it is [confident will be](#) included in its final recommendations
- the Draft Core Occupations list it is [not confident will be](#) included in its final recommendations
- the Draft Core Occupations List that are [targeted for further consultation](#) before recommending

As a starting point, you should review the Draft Core Occupations List (via the links above) for occupations which relate to your sector; and note whether JSA is confident they will be included in the final list, not included in the final list, or targeted further for consultation.

Once you have determined how your sector will be affected, there are three ways to put your opinions forward to the JSA on this Draft Core Skills Occupations List:

1. Complete the [JSA survey questions](#), or
2. Complete the survey questions and upload a separate submission, or
3. Upload a separate submission only.

Even though the core occupations are divided in this way, occupations may be moved between lists as a result of the consultation.

For the purposes of this consultation the JSA refers to the following occupational skills levels: ANZSCO Skills Levels 1-3 and Australian Classifications Framework (AQF) qualification.

- **Skill Level 1** is equivalent to a Bachelor degree or higher qualification.
- **Skill Level 2** is equivalent to an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Associate Degree, Advanced Diploma or Diploma qualification
- **Skill Level 3** is equivalent to a Certificate IV or III qualification.

Tips for writing submissions

The JSA has stated that it welcomes additional data, labour market intelligence and stakeholder views.

When making submissions remember to:

- begin by identifying yourself or your stakeholder group, your interest in providing a submission to this consultation and provide specific contact details
- be precise and clear in identifying which occupations you are referring to and when presenting your case
- include appropriate evidence, you might provide new data to support your case or you might dispute current data
- use additional evidence that is recent and current
- identify the source of any presented data clearly, particularly if it is new or unpublished
- discuss only those issues that are relevant to this consultation and your stakeholder group
- represent the views of the members of the group if you are presenting a submission on behalf of others.

When you have finished writing your submission upload it through the links at the end of the [Survey webpage](#).

Please be aware that the JSA may publish your submission. If you do not wish to have your submission published you should make this clear in your submission.

Further information is available on the JSA website [Draft Core Skills Occupations List](#).

If you have questions regarding the survey, please email the [JSA Consultation team](#).

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