



# Mobility Arrangement for Talented Early-professionals Scheme (MATES)

## Visa applicant fact sheet

The Mobility Arrangement for Talented Early-professionals Scheme (MATES) is a new temporary mobility pathway for Indian graduates and early career professionals with targeted qualifications in identified sectors of demand.

MATES will provide young professionals with the opportunity to live and work in Australia for up to 2 years, and to gain employment and valuable experience in their areas of expertise.

Relevant sectors include renewable energy, mining, engineering, information communications technology, artificial intelligence, financial technology and agricultural technology.

Up to 3,000 temporary places will be allocated annually through a visa pre-application 'ballot' process, with successful entrants able to apply for a Temporary Work (International Relations) (Subclass 403) visa in the MATES stream. Participants will be able to bring dependents, who will not be counted towards the cap.

### Before you apply:

1. Create an [ImmiAccount](#)
2. Check that you meet the [MATES eligibility requirements](#)
3. Have a valid Indian passport
4. Confirm when the [ballot registration](#) period is open

### Key eligibility requirements for applicants:

- Be selected in the relevant ballot process
- Be aged 18 to 30 years (inclusive) at the beginning of the ballot registration open period
- Have not previously participated in MATES
- Have graduated within 2 years of the beginning of the ballot registration open period from an eligible educational institution (eligible institutions are only the **Top 100** institutions listed on the Indian Ministry of Education's [National Institutional Ranking Framework \(NIRF\) Overall list](#), which is managed by the Government of India). Note: Educational institutions are specified by name and city/state. Affiliated educational institutions not in the **TOP 100** of the list do not qualify.
- Hold a qualification (Bachelor degree or higher) that is relevant to one of the following sectors: renewable energy, mining, engineering, information communications technology, artificial intelligence, financial technology or agricultural technology.
- Have proficient English language skills (overall IELTS score, or equivalent, of at least 6, with a minimum score of 5 for each of the four components)
- Have the financial capacity to support your stay
- Have adequate arrangements for [health insurance](#)
- Meet other visa requirements, including [character](#) and [health](#) checks

## Key resources:

### Finding employment

Whilst there is no strict requirement for visa holders to work in their nominated field of study, MATES is designed to support young professionals expand their skills and networks in these areas.

For visa purposes, you will also be able to demonstrate financial capacity to support yourself in Australia by providing evidence of an employment offer with an Australian business.

The best option for finding employment in Australia is to respond to job vacancy advertisements. The advertisement will inform you of the type of work required, location and other important information.

Some useful Australian job recruitment websites are:

- [au.linkedin.com](https://au.linkedin.com)
- [seek.com.au](https://seek.com.au)
- [au.indeed.com](https://au.indeed.com)
- [au.gradconnection.com](https://au.gradconnection.com)
- [workforceaustralia.gov.au](https://workforceaustralia.gov.au)

For more information on finding employment in Australia, please refer to the Home Affairs website at [immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/settling-in-australia/settle-in-australia/key-settlement-topics/employment](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/settling-in-australia/settle-in-australia/key-settlement-topics/employment)

### Preparing for life in Australia

The Australian Government provides resources on a range of settlement information that will help you and your family have a positive experience settling into Australia.

Some key topics include finding housing, health and wellbeing, transport and managing finances. You can access the below links to find more information on these topics:

- [Housing - find a place to live](#)
- [Health and Wellbeing](#)
- [Transport - getting around](#)
- [Money - managing your finances](#)

For more information on settling in Australia, please refer to the Home Affairs website at [immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/settling-in-australia](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/settling-in-australia)

