New South Wales
Your future starts here
Business, investor and entrepreneur migrants, including Significant Investor Visa migrants, make an important contribution to the New South Wales economy. We are proud to welcome them.

New South Wales is a major global and Asia-Pacific cultural hub. Its strong local economy presents unique business opportunities supported by a highly educated and skilled workforce, high quality infrastructure and a stable and business-friendly environment.

**Why choose Sydney and Regional NSW for your business and investment opportunities?**

**NSW is a stable economic powerhouse in one of the world’s finest political, regulatory and financial regimes.**

- NSW economy is larger than Hong Kong SAR, Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore.
- NSW is the ‘top performing state economy in Australia’¹ and 1ˢᵗ for business conditions in Australia.²
- NSW has AAA sovereign credit ratings from both Standard & Poor’s and Moody’s, and a staggering 24 years of uninterrupted economic growth to 2013-14.
- Regional NSW is the largest and most diverse regional economy in Australia, home to about 2.9 million people, representing 41% of the NSW population and contributing around a third, or $138 billion to Gross State Product.
With 7.4 million residents, NSW also offers a highly-skilled and multicultural workforce.

Over 200 languages are spoken in NSW, including Chinese languages (mainly Cantonese and Mandarin), Indonesian, Japanese, Korean and Malay.

**Sydney, Australia’s largest and the world’s friendliest city**, is recognised as a world leader:

- Most reputable city for its effective government, appealing environment and advanced economy
- 1st best value city for live/work accommodation costs per employee after considering average employee productivity
- 4th in the world as a destination for international property investment, ahead of New York and Paris.

These are just a few reasons why New South Wales is Australia’s 'Premier State'.

If you are interested in investing, starting a business or moving to NSW, contact us today to discuss your business migration visa options:

- business.migration@industry.nsw.gov.au
- +61 (2) 9934 0704 (9:00am - 5:00pm, Monday to Friday)
If you are interested in establishing a business or investing in NSW you may be eligible for NSW nomination under the Business Innovation and Investment program or the Business Talent program.

**Business Innovation and Investment Program (Provisional)**

The program allows for a provisional residency visa for people who want to manage a new or existing business, or undertake investment activity, in Australia. This visa has four streams:

- **Business Innovation**
- **Business Investor**
- **Significant Investor visa**
- **Premium Investor**

**Business Talent Program (Permanent)**

The program provides a permanent residency visa that allows people who are nominated by NSW to establish a new or develop an existing business in Australia. It has two streams:

- **Significant Business History**
- **Venture Capital Entrepreneur**

Our multilingual team of Business Migration Relationship Officers is available to:

- assist with enquiries related to the NSW business and investor migration requirements
- provide business information to help new business and investor migrants settle in NSW.

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Why invest in NSW?

Business investment is booming in NSW. There has never been a better time to invest, move your business or start a new enterprise in New South Wales.

NSW is at the front and centre of the industries that will shape the global economy of the future:

- Around 64% of Australia’s tech start-ups are based in NSW, making it the leading state for innovative, high-growth businesses.

- NSW is a regional hub for financial and banking services and the information and communications technology sector.

- Government and private sector investment are placing the state at the forefront of research and development in the biotechnology and renewable energy sectors.
The New South Wales Government welcomes investor migrants to NSW under the state nominated [Significant Investor Visa (SIV) program](#).

The **188C SIV** is a four-year provisional visa available to high net worth investors who invest at least A$5 million into [complying investments](#).

NSW supports potential Significant Investor visa applicants by providing:

- one of the most straightforward SIV policies of Australian states and territories
- no additional requirements to DIBP or Austrade criteria
- priority processing, with the aim of reviewing fully completed SIV applications within one week from the time of submission
- a dedicated and experienced team of Business Migration Relationship Officers available to meet and answer queries about the SIV nomination criteria, application process and provide business information to help new business and investor migrants settle in NSW.
Why apply for NSW SIV nomination?

There are many other reasons to apply for NSW SIV nomination:

- NSW continues to be the financial capital of Australia, with eight of the ten largest Australian fund management groups based in NSW. 
  

- NSW offers a secure environment to invest. We hold the highest possible credit rating from all 'big 3' ratings agencies, Standard & Poor’s, Moody’s and Fitch Ratings.

- A higher percentage of NSW SIV nominees were granted a visa during 1 July 2013- 30 June 2014 than in any of the other states ([DIBP ‘Significant Investor Visa: State/ territory distribution’ 1 July 2013 -30 June 2014](http://www.Industry.nsw.gov.au/documents/item/1167))

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Imagine harnessing your full career potential in one of the world's most globally competitive destinations. In New South Wales, you can forge a successful career in Australia's largest and most diversified economy.

You can enjoy:

- thriving career opportunities
- internationally competitive salaries
- plenty of opportunities to relax – from the beach to bars and ski fields.

If you are highly skilled and seeking to migrate to NSW, you may wish to seek NSW nomination for a Skilled Nominated visa (190) or a Skilled Regional visa (489).

The NSW Skilled Occupation List contains the priority occupations under which NSW will invite candidates for nomination for a Skilled Nominated visa (subclass 190).

The Skilled Regional visa (subclass 489) is a provisional skilled visa that allows you to live and work in Regional NSW for up to four years.
More than 200,000 international students from over 160 countries study at NSW universities, colleges and schools every year.

NSW offers world-class teaching, infrastructure and research facilities:

- NSW is home to 11 universities, including Australia’s oldest public university and the oldest technical university.
- Academic staff are recruited from around the world and are often leading industry experts in their field.
- Course quality is guaranteed through national quality assurance frameworks and regulation by government.

International students study in a safe, supportive and inclusive environment. StudyNSW is a dedicated unit established by the NSW Government to:

- increase the number of international students studying in NSW
- improve the quality of their experience while in the State
- recognise their contributions to our communities.

Visit:

- [StudyNSW](#) to learn more about education in NSW
- [Department of Immigration and Border Protection](#) for more information on student visa options.
People in New South Wales enjoy high-quality lifestyles, culturally diverse communities and a clean environment.

**Sydney**
One of the world's great cities, Sydney is the prosperous and multicultural home of 4.67 million people. Famous for its high quality of life, Sydney is Australia's principal business hub and leads the country in a range of sectors, including:

- financial services
- information and communications technology
- manufacturing
- professional services
- research and education
- tourism.
Regional NSW

Outside of Sydney, you will find welcoming communities in major regional cities, lively country towns and picturesque coastal areas. Regional cities offer a high quality of life and many of the services found in Sydney, along with advantages such as a more relaxed lifestyle and comparatively affordable property prices.

NSW’s regional areas are underpinned by robust and diversified industries. The state’s major regional centres and business districts have their own unique sectors and local economies. New business opportunities abound in high-growth industries such as:

- mining
- agriculture
- manufacturing
- tourism
- communications and
- renewable energy.
China is our largest trading partner, our most valuable tourism market and our greatest source of business and student migrants.

The number of NSW residents with Chinese ancestry is growing and now comprises 8% of the NSW population. Chinese languages are the most common non-English languages spoken in NSW.

We are continually building on our strong relationship with China to deepen our economic and cultural exchanges:

- **NSW China Engagement Strategy** outlines how NSW will build and strengthen our partnership with China.
- NSW Government has a strong presence in China, with offices in Shanghai and Guangzhou.
- Sydney became an official offshore RMB trading centre in 2014.
- NSW has sister-state relationships with Guangdong and Beijing.
Migration Fact sheets

NSW Department of Industry

- NSW Business, Investor & Skilled Migration program - Overview
- Business Innovation and Investment visa (subclass 188)
- Business Talent visa (subclass 132)
- Significant Investor visa (subclass 188C)
- Premium Investor visa (subclass 188C)
- Investor Retirement visa (subclass 405)
- Skilled Regional Nominated visa (subclass 489)
- Skilled Nominated visa (subclass 190)

Austrade

- Complying investment framework

Application forms

- 188A Business Innovation application form
- 188B Business Investor application form
- 188C SIV application form
- 132 Significant Business History application form
- 132 Venture Capital Entrepreneur application form

Other resources

- Living in NSW – 2012
- StudyNSW website
- Migration Agents Registration Authority
- Multicultural NSW Online Settlement Portal
- Community Information Summary (English)
7. 2015, Morningstar.com
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