



# Regional Certifying Body Advice - Checklist

Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 494) (SESR visa)

## Documents for ALL applications

- Request for RCB advice form questions 1-10 completed
- Employment contract detailing the position, location, applicable Award, Agreement or industrial instrument and remuneration details
- Copy of the draft or lodged nomination application
- Documents supporting the Annual Market Salary Rate (AMSR) as below
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They have determined the Annual Market Salary Rate (AMSR) using the specified method

The overseas skilled worker will not be paid less than this amount ( i.e. less than what an Australian worker would be paid)

Both the AMSR and what the overseas skilled worker will be paid, excluding any non-monetary benefits in both cases, must be no less than the TSMIT currently AUD \$70,000.

**RCBs are not currently required to provide advice on whether a salary level is below TSMIT under the new nomination requirements.**

If there is an equivalent Australian worker, the AMSR is what you are paying this worker:

If their salary is based on an enterprise agreement or industrial award, you must provide the name of the agreement or award as recorded by the Fair Work Commission, where applicable to demonstrate the AMSR.

Note: the salary level/occupation group that applies to the nomination must be specified.

If there is no relevant agreement or award, or you are paying your Australian employees above the award rate, you must provide: copies of relevant employment contracts and pay slips for this employee.

(Please do not include personal information)

**Important:**

If a nominator has a more or less experienced worker than the nominee, doing similar work at a higher or lower pay grade, then they are not considered as an equivalent Australian worker.

An equivalent Australian worker must be employed in a full time capacity for a year at the same workplace and location.

Nominators who only provide generic salary data/salary surveys will not satisfy the information required to determine the AMSR if there is an equivalent Australian worker, as this is not relevant information as specified in legislation for which also see the legislative instrument (LIN19/213)

**If there is no equivalent worker and the salary is based on an enterprise agreement or industrial award**, you must provide the name of the agreement or award as recorded by the Fair Work Commission, where applicable to demonstrate the AMSR. Note: the salary level/occupation group that applies to the nomination must be specified.

**If there is no equivalent worker but there is no relevant agreement or award**, the onus is on you as the employer to demonstrate what the ASMR is. You need to explain how you have used relevant information to determine what the worker would be paid. Relevant market information may include:

Information in relation to statutory minimum entitlements, fair work instruments, state industrial instruments and transitional instruments that apply to Australian citizens or Australian permanent residents in similar workplaces.

Local knowledge and evidence of appropriate terms and conditions of employment including information from:

- unions or employer associations as written advice;
- broader labour market data, including Australian Bureau of Statistics Employee Earnings and Hours Survey (see: [www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au)) and Australian Government's Job Outlook (see: [joboutlook.gov.au](http://joboutlook.gov.au));
- remuneration surveys;
- job vacancy advertisements from the **last six months for equivalent positions in the same location** (e.g. state, urban versus regional area).

**Important:**

The onus is on the nominator to provide sufficient information to satisfy the Department that they have determined the AMSR using the methods specified above.

- If you provide vague, unlabelled salary surveys and do not explain how you have determined the AMSR, your nomination application may be refused
- If the market salary rate determined is a 'range', the sponsor must explain and provide specific details regarding why the particular AMSR has been selected