



## **Summary of 457/186/187 changes**

- Any 457 sponsorship, nomination or visa applications that are on the removed occupation list [www.border.gov.au/Trav/Work/Work/Skills-assessment-and-assessing-authorities/skilled-occupations-lists/removed-skilled-occupations](http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Work/Work/Skills-assessment-and-assessing-authorities/skilled-occupations-lists/removed-skilled-occupations) and NOT decided by 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 will no longer be able to be approved. Refund of DIBP application fees may be available
- Any new 457 applications lodged from 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017 onwards will have to have their occupation on the STSOL or MLTSSL occupation lists - [www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017L00450](http://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017L00450)
- If you are granted a 457 visa after 18/4/2017 off the STSOL list, it can only be granted for 2 years. There will be one (only) further extension allowed after that for another 2 years. You will not be allowed to apply for a permanent 186/187 visa under that occupation if it is on the STSOL
- If you are granted a 457 visa after 18/4/2017 off the MLTSSL list, it can be granted for 4 years. You will be able to apply for a permanent 186/187 visa after 3 years on a 457 visa if that company decides to nominate you.
- From March 2018 the new TSS visa will have replaced the 457 visa. You will need to have 2 years work experience before applying and your occupation will have to be on the STSOL or MLTSSL lists [www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017L00450](http://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017L00450) If you are on the STSOL list you will also have to show you only want to stay in Australia temporarily.
- From March 2018 to apply for company sponsored PR you need to have your occupation on the MLTSSL occupation list [www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017L00450](http://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017L00450) You will also need to commit to working for the company for 3 years. Have IELTS of 6+ and be under 45 years of age.
- Some consequences of this
  - Occupations such as cook and restaurant manager are on the STSOL list. So although you can be sponsored for 2 years by a restaurant on the 457 visa, and gain another 2 year extension, you can no longer apply for a permanent visa unless it is added to the MLTSSL list for you being in a designated regional area.
  - Retail manager is still available in regional areas for the 187 visa at the moment. But from March 2018 it won't be as this occupation is not on the MLTSSL list.

- Most student graduates will not be eligible for temporary or permanent company sponsorship after March 2018 as you require at least 2 years FULLTIME WORK EXPERIENCE first.
  
- The Prime Minister and Immigration Minister confirmed that existing 457 visa holders (as of 18/4/2017) will still be able to apply for a Permanent visa and will not be affected by these changes. [www.news.com.au/finance/work/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-457-visa-changes/news-story/3894724396a5c7f99491c961ae9b8088](http://www.news.com.au/finance/work/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-457-visa-changes/news-story/3894724396a5c7f99491c961ae9b8088)

Timeline of future 457 changes :

<http://www.border.gov.au/WorkinginAustralia/Documents/abolition-replacement-457.pdf>

Timeline of future 186/187 changes:

[www.border.gov.au/WorkinginAustralia/Documents/reforms-australia-permanent-employer-sponsored-migration-programme.pdf](http://www.border.gov.au/WorkinginAustralia/Documents/reforms-australia-permanent-employer-sponsored-migration-programme.pdf)

