



A guide for Pacific Engagement Visa (PEV) applicants:

What jobs can you find in Australia?

Australia is a large country with many industries and job opportunities across its six states and two territories. Your choice of where to live can affect the jobs you can choose from, living costs, and start-up expenses. This guide provides an overview of the different regions to help people search for jobs.

! Key things to consider

When searching for a job in Australia, it's helpful to think about the following:

- **Location:** Australia is a big country, and the states have different climates, communities, and industries
- **Wages and cost of living:** Some cities and states have more job opportunities and higher wages, but living there can also be more expensive
- **Community:** Some areas have large, established Pacific and Timorese communities, which might help you feel more at home.

A quick guide to Australian states and territories

🔄 Climate and community connections

- **Northern Territory (NT), Queensland (QLD), and Western Australia (WA):** These states have tropical climates similar to those of the Pacific and Timor-Leste
- **Victoria (VIC), Tasmania (TAS) and South Australia (SA):** These states have cooler climates, with four distinct seasons

🌐 Multicultural communities

- Pacific communities are largest in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria.
 - **In New South Wales,** Pacific communities are centred in Blacktown, Liverpool, Campbelltown, Penrith and Canterbury-Bankstown
 - **In Queensland,** Pacific communities are concentrated in Logan, Brisbane, Ipswich, Gold Coast, and Moreton Bay
 - **In Victoria,** strong communities are found in Casey, Hume, Brimbank, Melton and Whittlesea.
- Timorese communities are most prominent in the Northern Territory and Victoria.
 - **In the Northern Territory,** Timorese communities are concentrated in Darwin and Palmerston
 - **In Victoria,** significant Timorese communities can be found in Brimbank, Wyndham, and Maribyrnong.

💰 Cost of living and wages

- **Higher cost of living:** Sydney (New South Wales) and Melbourne (Victoria) have the most job opportunities, but also have the highest cost of living
- **Higher wages:** Regional areas in Queensland and Western Australia often offer higher pay to attract workers to more remote locations, but finding a place to live in remote areas can be challenging
- **Lower cost of living:** South Australia and Tasmania generally have a lower cost of living, but fewer job opportunities may be available.

Job markets across Australia

The types of jobs you can find in Australia are different in each state or territory. For example, states with a lot of mining (like WA, QLD, and NT) have well-paid jobs, but you may need to work in a remote place. Other states (like NSW, VIC, and the Australian Capital Territory (ACT)) have more types of jobs, but more people are also looking for work there.

Agricultural work is available nationwide, but these positions are often temporary or casual.

New South Wales (NSW)



- **Main city:** Sydney
- **Key industries:** Warehousing and manufacturing (Western Sydney), hospitality and tourism (Eastern Sydney), corporate offices (city centre), aged care and construction (across the whole city)
- The labour market is strong, meaning many jobs are available, but renting can be expensive, and the cost of living is high.

Victoria (VIC)



- **Main city:** Melbourne
- **Key industries:** Manufacturing, healthcare, and the arts and creative industries
- Victoria's labour market is characterised by many job vacancies, particularly in scientific and technical services, driven by a diverse and growing economy.

Queensland (QLD)



- **Main city:** Brisbane
- **Key industries:** Tourism, mining, agriculture, and healthcare
- There are many seasonal work opportunities, especially in rural areas. However, it can be more challenging to find housing in rural areas.

Western Australia (WA)



- **Main city:** Perth
- **Key industries:** Mining, oil and gas, agriculture, and tourism
- There are more remote mine sites in Western Australia, and some jobs require employees to fly in and out. As a result, wages may be higher.
- There is a strong demand for skilled trades and technical roles. However, finding housing in remote areas can be challenging.

South Australia (SA)



- **Main city:** Adelaide
- **Key industries:** Wine industry, manufacturing, healthcare, and defence
- South Australia has a stable job market with strong employment in healthcare, retail, construction, education and manufacturing. It also has a lower cost of living than other states and territories.

Tasmania (TAS)



- **Main city:** Hobart
- **Key industries:** Aquaculture, tourism, hospitality, and agriculture
- It has a smaller job market and a colder climate, but there is a growing demand for healthcare workers.

Northern Territory (NT)



- **Main city:** Darwin
- **Key industries:** There is a high demand for workers in most industries, especially mining and skilled trades
- The Northern Territory's labour market is experiencing strong demand for mining, healthcare, and construction workers. Employers are seeking individuals who wish to build careers in the region.

Australian Capital Territory (ACT)



- **Main city:** Canberra
- **Key industries:** Government and public service roles
- Jobs are often stable but may require a university qualification and sometimes Australian citizenship.



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