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OUTLINE OF STEPS INVOLVED FOR A STUDENT WANTING TO STUDY DIVING

Step 1

- **STUDY - CERTIFICATE III & IV**

Step 2

- **STUDY - DIPLOMA**
- **Work as a Diving Instructor (Utilise this additional year in Australia to work at least 20 hours per week)**

Step 3

- **VETASSESS (Apply for Skills Assessment)**
- **REQUIREMENTS - Certificate IV + 1 year skilled work experience as a Diving Instructor**

Step 4

- **EOI via SKILLSELECT**
- **State/Territory Sponsorship**

Step 5

- **Upon receipt of an Invitation by the Department apply for a Subclass 489/190 Visa (depending on Invite)**

EXPLANATORY NOTES:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The occupation of Diving Instructor is presently on the STSOL which enables applications to be lodged for a Subclass 489/190 State/Territory Sponsored Visa provided they receive an Invitation from the Department of Home Affairs.

The process below outlines a strategy for an individual who wishes to study Diving in Australia and pursue the Subclass 489/190 Visa.

It is important to note that the successful application for a Subclass 489/190 visa is ultimately dependent on the individual receiving a Sponsorship from a State/Territory and subsequently an Invitation from the Department of Home Affairs. Neither can be guaranteed. These are aspects of the Migration Process 100% discretionary by the States/Territories and the Australian Department of Home Affairs.

STEP 1: Study a Certificate III & IV in Diving

- The corresponding skills assessment authority for Diving Instructor is VETASSESS which requires minimum Certificate IV and 12 months work experience. The completion of the course is to give the individual the formal qualifications required by VETASSESS for a favourable skills assessment.

STEP 2: Study a Diploma in Diving

- The purpose of this step is for the individual to remain in Australia and be able to work 12 months as a Diving Instructor. This is the 2nd requirement needed for the skills assessment from VETASSESS.
- Alternatively, an individual may wish to depart Australia and pursue their 12 months of work experience abroad and continue their migration process from offshore.

STEP 3: APPLY FOR VETASSESS SKILLS ASSESSMENT

- Once an individual has the required 12 months of work experience as a Diving Instructor they can apply to VETASSESS for a skills assessment. They will need to provide evidence of their Certificate IV in Diving and 12 months of relevant work experience. This will need to be verified for a detailed letter of reference and evidence of remuneration. Your 12 month of work experience must be at least 20 hours a week.

STEP 4: SUBMIT AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) VIA SKILLS SELECT (DHA OFFICIAL WEBSITE)

- When submitting an EOI the individual must meet the minimum requirements for the visa, these are:-
 - a) Nominate a skilled occupation on the relevant migration list + provide a favourable skills assessment from the relevant assessing authority (this is the VETASSESS skills assessment)
 - b) Be under the age of 45
 - c) Have a minimum IELTS of 6 in each category (or other equivalent English test)
 - d) Achieve a minimum of 65 points
 - An individual achieves points on their age, English language ability, qualifications, Australian study if compliant with the Australian Study Requirement, work experience (in Australia and outside of Australia) at qualified skilled level, applicable partner skills, accredited language skills, professional year completion, regional study in compliance with the Australian Study Requirement and State/Territory Sponsorship.
- When an individual applies for their EOI they can select which States/Territories they seek sponsorship from
- Sponsorship is mandatory for this migration process as the occupation of Diver is on the STOL List.
- To determine whether an individual may obtain sponsorship from a State/Territory a review of the States/Territories Occupation Lists should be done. These Lists change depending on the States/Territories Occupations Demands.

STEP 5: APPLY FOR A SUBCLASS 489/190 VISA

- If the individual receives a State/Territory Sponsorship an Invitation from the DHA to apply for a visa follows shortly afterwards
- An individual must apply within 60 days of receiving the DHA Invitation
- The application for the visa must be consistent with the previously lodged EOI to which the Sponsorship and Invitation was issued

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