



Appendix D: Key Features of Main Schemes

	Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS)	State/Territory Nominated Independent (STNI)	Skilled – Designated Area Sponsored (SDAS) formerly SRS)	Regional Established Business in Australia (REBA)
<i>Date initiated</i>	October 1995	November 1997	November 1996	July 1997
<i>Part of Australia</i>	Regional, low-growth, low population growth areas: excludes Melbourne, Perth, Sydney, Wollongong, Newcastle, Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast.	Nominating State or Territory	Designated Areas: all of Australia except Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong, Perth, Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast	Designated Areas: all of Australia except Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong, Perth, Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast
<i>Commonwealth Role (in addition to DIMA approval of migrant)</i>	Maintains and distributes SMD	Maintains and distributes SMD*	Produces the Designated Area List (DAL)	Produces the Designated Area List (DAL)

* ...Skill Matching Database

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State/Territory Role	Uses SMD.	Uses SMD. Conducts skills audit Sponsors migrants May argue for 'exceptional' approvals	Identifies areas for inclusion on DAL. Provides appropriate English upgrading arrangements	Identifies areas for inclusion on DAL. Sponsors migrants May argue for 'exceptional' approvals
Regional Organisation Role	Uses SMD Certifies local skill needs, nominations	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Employer Role	May use SMD. Shows job meets RSMS rules Sponsors migrant with 2-year contract	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Migrant	Nominates to appear on SMD. Accepts 2-year contract	Applies for Skill Matching Visa, appears on SMD or Applies for Skilled Independent visa, gains sufficient points to meet pool mark and elects to be on SMD.	Relative of sponsor. Under 45. Recognised qualifications Vocational English.	Temporarily in Australia on Business (Long Stay) Visa
Related/Parent schemes	Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS).	Independent category in Skill stream.	Skilled-Australia Sponsored (SAS).	Established Business in Australia (EBA).
Main Concessions relative to parent scheme	Thresholds lower for Skills, English Need not meet points test.	Available to those just below Independent visa points test pass-mark.	No points test. Less work experience. Less than vocational English if upgrade arranged.	Additional 15 points if State/ Territory sponsored. Thresholds lower for Investment, Assets, Residence.

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<i>Main employment Requirements</i>	Skilled job cannot be filled from local labour market. Skilled Employment for 2 years with Australian wage etc standards	Skills shortage identified in sponsoring State or Territory	Not applicable	Business in designated area. Meets thresholds: of time in business, ownership, age residence, finance, English, employees
<i>Employment offered</i>	Yes	No	No	Not applicable
<i>Family Role</i>	Not applicable	Not applicable	Sponsor must live in a Designated Area and be citizen or Permanent Resident. Gives assurance of financial support of migrant for 2 years.	Not applicable