

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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Senator Crossin asked:

In relation to the application of a 457 in the construction industry, are these granted by specific skill area or done generically?

Answer:

Applicants for a 457 visa must demonstrate they have the personal attributes and employment background relevant to and consistent with the position for which they were nominated. Where they possess these characteristics and meet other criteria they are granted a visa to work in their nominated position.

The specific skills required are determined by the employer when they nominate the position/s they are seeking to fill. The tasks being performed must be assessed as equivalent to the tasks of the relevant gazetted skilled occupation listed in the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (2nd edition), published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.