

Immigrate to Australia

The Kangaroo Land!



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About ABHINAV

We are the change makers in people's lives where it matters the most. Bridging geographical barriers and connecting worlds is our motto. We believe in helping to live a quality life which you and your family truly deserve. So, as global immigration and visa specialists, we play an important role in helping people select their new settlement destination.

Established in 1994, ABHINAV is world's leading Immigration and Visa Consultancy firm catering to every possible immigration needs of its clients. We have a network of offices in all the major cities in India with experienced staff and seasoned international associates including professionals, lawyers and authorized representatives in all the major countries. We are ideally positioned to assist our clients in choosing the right immigration destination and handholding them through the entire immigration process. Our understanding of concurrent immigration rules and procedures and learning through past precedents in managing various immigration and visa situations ensures proper presentation of application forms and the overall credentials of our clients.

ABHINAV caters to those seeking living and work options to all major countries such as Canada (Federal and Quebec), Australia, UK, Denmark, Singapore, New Zealand, Hong Kong and other popular destinations. Our USP is our transparency with clients at all stages of application process.

Our services include all forms of immigration and visa applications such as Permanent Resident and Skilled Migrant visas, Investor and Business immigration applications, Temporary Work Permits and so on. Filing pleas and appeals against rejected and refused applications is our forte.

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With our solution – based approach, all we need is our clients to think beyond limits so that we can put our best foot forward. This provides us the challenge to perform better and exploit our expertise making each of our cases, a big success.

So, let experience stand by your side in this life-changing decision called Immigration!

Australia

The island continent is one of the most exotic places on the tropical land offering the perfect blend of work and pleasure that an individual could ask for. From the exotic beaches to the lush forests and mountains, it is a great place to combine business with pleasure. The multicultural society also accommodates to the amalgamation of the immigrants with the local residents. The laissez faire or its free market economy permits ease for the immigrant employees and entrepreneurs to start afresh in Australia. The various immigration programs offered by the Australian government are:

Professional Skilled Workers

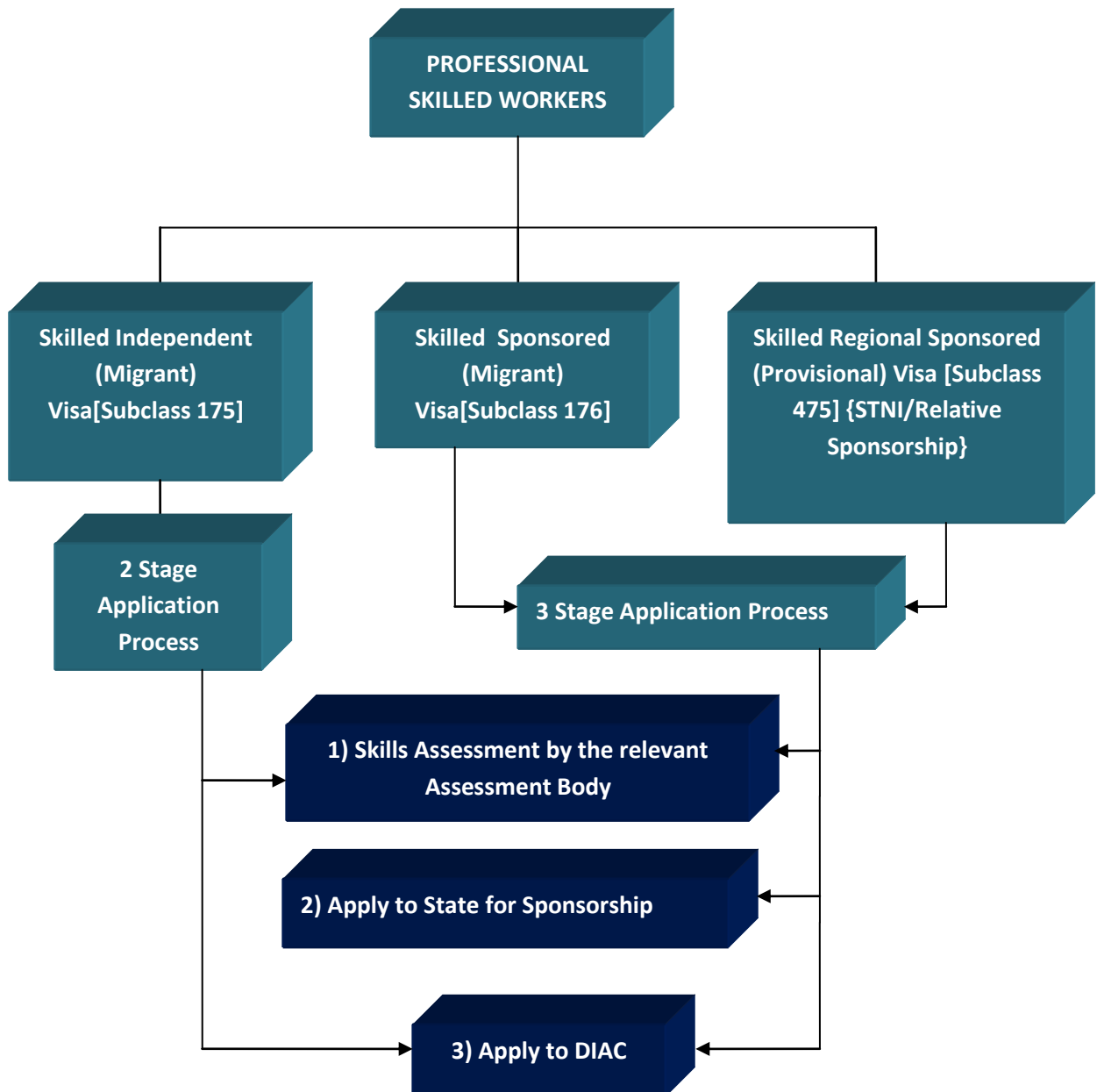
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Professional Skilled Worker

The Professional Skilled Workers programs are for those individuals and their dependent families who wish to migrate to Australia against their current academic/professional/ trade qualifications, work experience and language proficiency skills. The following are the various visa programs under this category:



Skilled Independent (Migrant) Visa – Subclass 175

- This visa program is meant for those prospective immigrants who wish to live and work in Australia as a permanent resident and later on seek citizenship, if they meet all the requirements.
- This program allows a candidate to be selected on merit.
- The eligibility criteria include age, English language skills, nominated skilled occupation and so on.
- The applicant must earn a minimum pass mark (120 points) under a Points Based System to meet the qualifying criteria.
- If an applicant qualifies under this program, he would be granted a direct Permanent Residence status.
- His skills and qualifications should cater to the Australian labor market.

The application process is a two stage procedure which includes the candidate to get his qualifications assessed by the relevant Assessment Body such as the ACS, Engineers Australia, TRA, and Vetassess etc. After getting an approval letter from the concerned body, the applicant must apply to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC). Post application, he is asked to undergo medical and social security formalities.

Some of the merits of this program include subsidized healthcare benefits, social security benefits, eligibility to pay subsidized tuition fee as permanent resident and be a citizen at a later stage.

Skilled – Sponsored (Migrant) Visa – Subclass 176

This program involves seeking sponsorship either from the State or from a relative. This is another program through which an applicant can get a Permanent Residence status directly. Those applicants who are unable to clear the Skilled Independent category because of the high pass mark can apply for this program.

- **Relative Sponsorship**

The application procedure for this program varies according to the sponsor. A similar process to the above is followed in case the sponsor is a relative. However, the sponsor should have the necessary finances to support the applicant. Both the sponsor and the sponsored person should be living in the same state or region. In case, the sponsor has earlier sponsored a person, there must have been a gap of two years before he decides to sponsor another candidate.

- **State Sponsorship**

If the state/territory sponsors the applicant, a three stage procedure is followed. The candidate must get his skills assessed by the relevant Assessment Body such as the ACS, Engineers Australia, TRA, Vetassess and so on. Once the assessment body gives its consent on the skills and qualification of the applicant; he must apply to the State for the sponsorship. Post approval from the state, the applicant must then apply to the DIAC within 60 days after getting consent from the State department.

Skilled Regional Sponsored (Provisional) Visa – Subclass 475

This is a provisional visa meant for three years where in the state or the family relative sponsors the candidate. However, for a family relative to sponsor the applicant, it has to be ensured that the sponsor has resided in Australia for a minimum of two years in prior. This visa is basically for those candidates who manage to meet the criteria with the lower pass mark. Under this visa, the applicant would be permitted to live in a specified region in Australia for two years and he should work in that region for at least a year.

The application process is a three stage procedure similar to the above. Post completion three years of residence, the applicant must either return to his native country or apply for Permanent Residence in Australia.

Note: - Relevant documentation has to be provided at every stage for all the three programs mentioned above.

Australia – Business Immigration Programs

For entrepreneurs who wish to settle down in Australia, a wide range of immigration options have been set by the DIAC. The Provisional Business Development programs offer a variety of options for businessmen to start or spread their business or invest in Australia. This is a temporary visa which offers a pathway for a Permanent Resident Visa at a later stage. The various categories include:

Business Owners

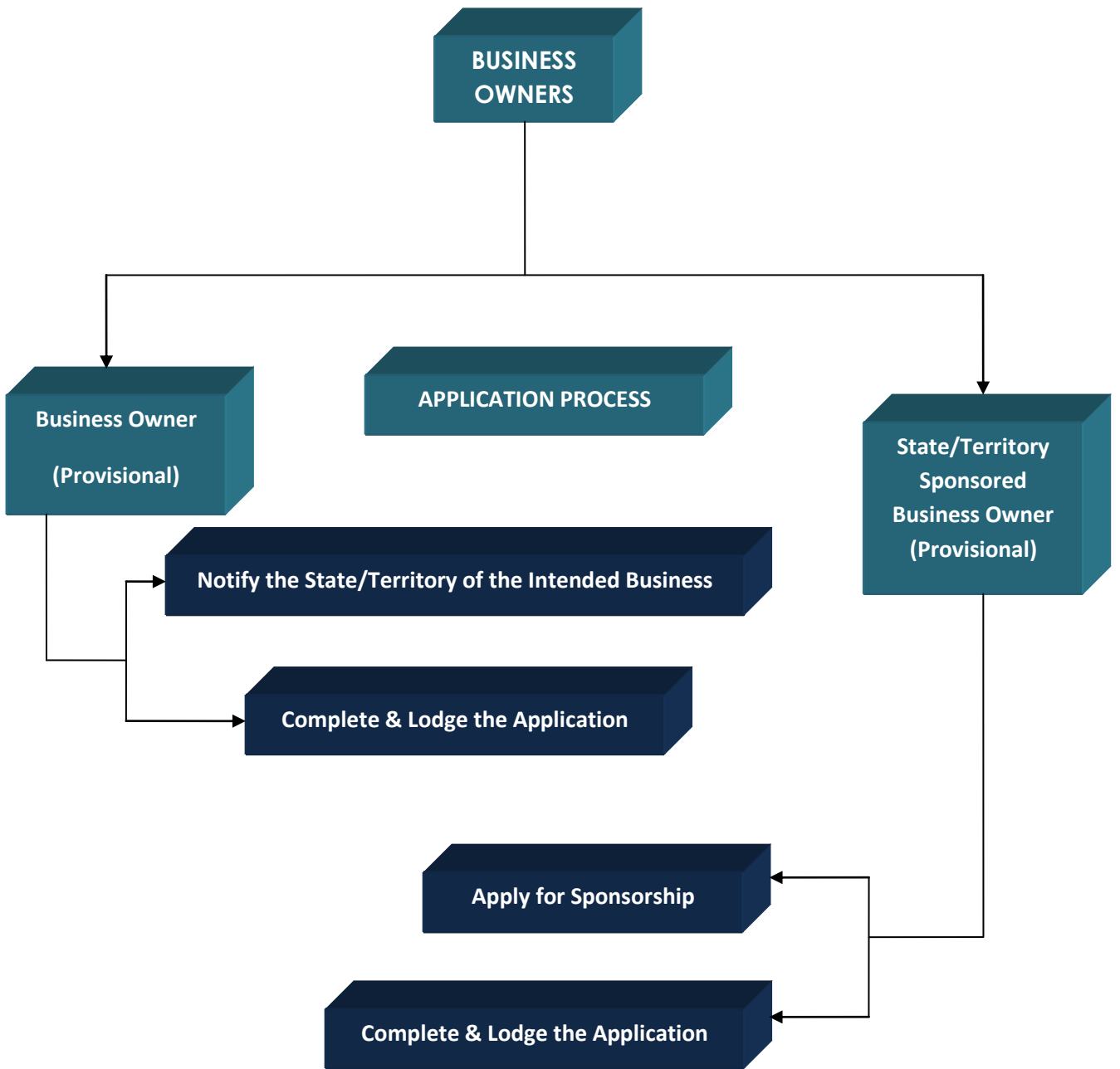
It is meant for successful entrepreneurs who intend to involve and own a venture in Australia. The perks include traveling in and out of the country as per the needs and requirements of the immigrant, establish a business above all, the dependents have right to study and work in Australia.

Business Owner (Provisional) – Subclass 160

- The applicant should be under the age of 45 years.
- The intended State/Territory for the proposed business should be informed in prior about the venture.
- Prior to applying, the applicant must have net assets worth AUS \$ 200, 000 in a qualifying business for a minimum of two years out of the last four fiscal years.
- The minimum total assets of AUS \$8, 00,000 (independent from the above) that have been obtained legally should be transferred to Australia within the first two years post landing.
- The applicant must have another AUS \$1, 00,000 to settle down in Australia.
- The annual turnover for the business should be a minimum of AUS\$5, 00,000 in the last two of the four fiscal years immediately prior to applying.
- The dependents have the right to work and study in Australia.

State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (Provisional) - Subclass 163

- The applicant should be under the age of 55 years.
- The applicant should have been sponsored by a regional authority of a specific State government.
- He must have an ownership in a business with a turnover of at least AUS \$3, 00,000 for two of the immediate four fiscal years, prior to applying.
- The applicant should have net assets worth of AUS \$5, 00,000 that have been obtained rightfully and could be transferred to Australia within the first two years.
- Additional assets to the above are to be held in sufficient amounts to settle down in Australia.



Senior Executives

These visa categories permit experienced senior executives working in an organization overseas to be a part of an existing business or venture out with a new one.

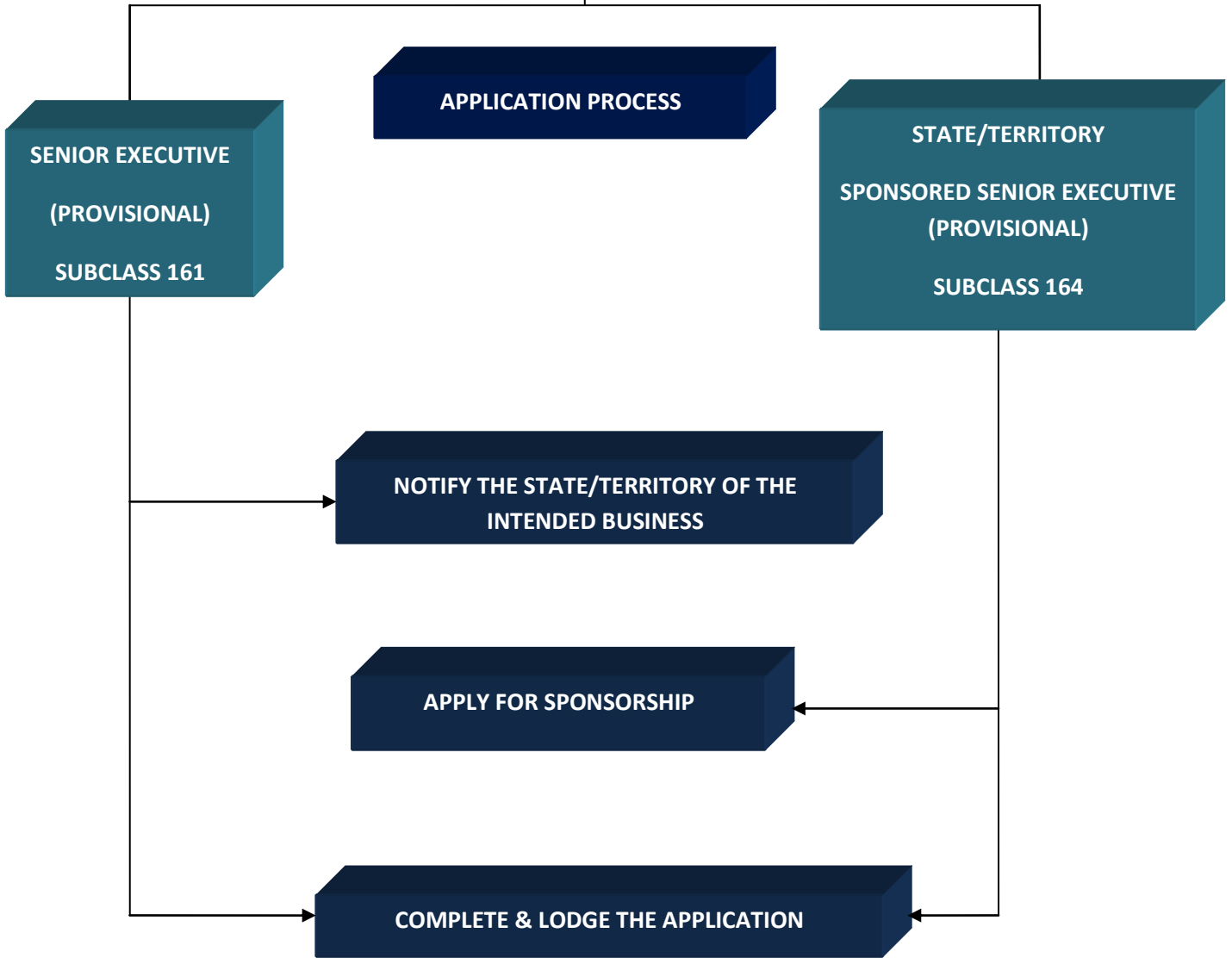
Senior Executive (Provisional) Visa – Subclass 161

- The applicant should be under 45 years of age.
- He should have been a part of a major business, holding major responsibilities or have been at the highest level of the organization, before applying.
- The state or the territory where the applicant intends to start his business must be informed in advance.
- The applicant should have net assets worth of AUS \$8, 00,000 that have been obtained lawfully. These funds should be transferred within the first two years after getting the visa.
- He must also have another AUS \$1, 00,000 to live in Australia.

State/Territory Sponsored Senior Executive (Provisional) - Subclass 164

- The applicant must be less than 55 years of age.
- The state or the territory sponsoring the candidate is a must.
- The applicant must have been a part of the top management in a major business with major responsibilities for a minimum of two out of the immediate four fiscal years.
- The net assets worth of AUS \$5, 00,000 should be transferred to Australia within two years after obtaining the visa.
- Additional assets are also required to settle down in Australia.

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Investors

The Investor (Provisional) visa allows an applicant to invest in an already existing business or start a new venture in Australia.

Investor (Provisional) – Subclass 162

- The applicant must be less than 45 years of age.
- The state where the proposed business is to be set must be informed in prior.
- The applicant must make an investment of AUS \$15, 00,000 in an Australian state or territory. The amount should be made available as and when asked for within a specific period of time.
- The individual's net assets should be worth AUS \$22, 50,000 for the immediately two fiscal years prior to applying.

State/Territory Sponsored Investor (Provisional) – Subclass 165

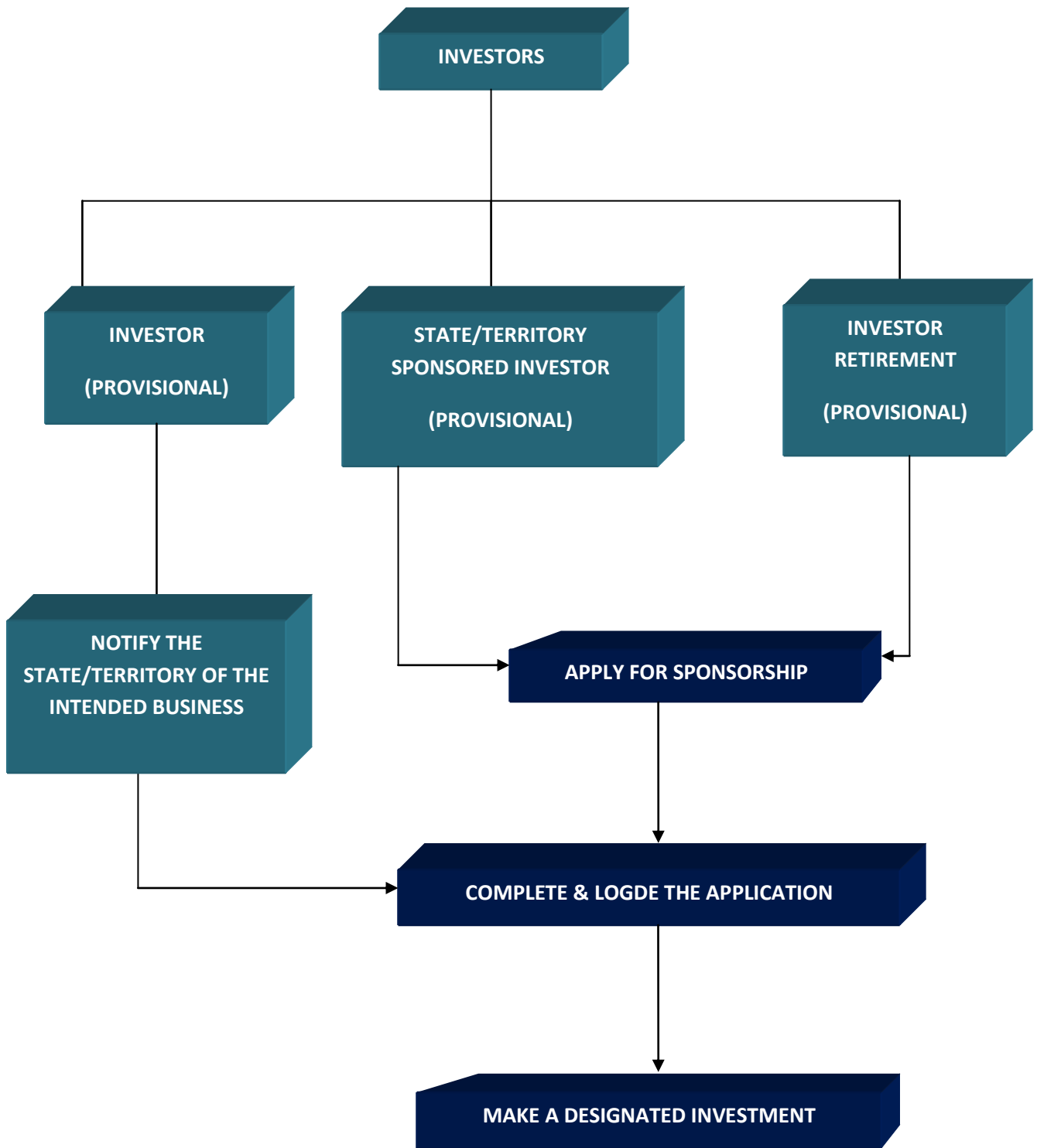
- The applicant must be less than 55 years of age.
- An appropriate authority from the particular State or Territory should have sponsored the candidate.
- A designated investment of AUS \$7, 50,000 has to be made in an Australian state/territory. This amount should be transferred as and when requested within a specified period of time.
- The net assets should be around AUS \$11, 25,000 for the last two fiscal years before applying.

Investor Retirement (Provisional) – Subclass 405

- The applicant should be 55 years of age or older.
- The investor should be well – supported financially with no dependents except for the spouse.
- The applicant must have a sponsorship from a particular state or territory in Australia. However, it cannot be the capital territory.
- A designated investment of AUS \$7, 50,000 has to be made towards the state or territory which has sponsored the applicant. However, if the applicant decides to reside in regional Australia, AUS \$5, 00,000 has to be invested. Also, this investment cannot be made in the Australian capital.
- Separate from the above, the net assets of AUS \$7, 50,000 should have been legally obtained by the applicant for the settlement and living costs in Australia. However, it is only AUS \$5, 00,000 incase the applicant wishes to settle down in regional Australia. These assets should have been held for two years in prior to applying.
- The applicant along with spouse should a minimum net income of AUS \$65,000 through various sources such as pension etc. However, if the applicant resides in regional Australia, he would need to have a net income of only AUS \$50,000.

Note –

- Most of the above visas above have four years as its validity period.
- Majority of the categories require a proof of English language skills which basically caters to the IELTS score.
- Medical and security clearances are mandatory in all the above cases.
- All immigrants must avail a health insurance plan.



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