



## Major changes to Skilled Migration Lists effective 11 March 2019

Dear Member,

**Live Performance Australia (LPA) is pleased to advise that four arts occupations have been added to the Medium and Long-term Strategic Skills List (MLTSSL). These occupations were previously on the Short-term Skilled Occupation List (STSOL).**

These positive changes are the result of a review of the skilled migration occupation lists in relation to a Subclass 407 (Training) visa (Subclass 407 visa). The review was conducted by the Department of Jobs and Small Business (the Department) in June 2018.

LPA made public submissions that certain arts occupations should be included on the MLTSSL list, in order to provide certainty of a four-year visa term and the potential for permanent residency for skilled occupations operating in our industry.

### **What are the occupation lists?**

The occupation lists are comprised of the Medium and Long-term Strategic Skills List (MLTSSL), Short-term Skilled Occupation List (STSOL) and Regional Occupation List (ROL).

The Department regularly reviews the eligible occupations for skilled migration including arts industry occupations for the subclass 407 visa. This includes seeking feedback from industry stakeholders such as LPA.

Occupations on the MLTSSL are occupations that have been identified to address labour shortages in the Australian labour market in the medium to long term.

Occupations on the STSOL are occupations that have been identified to address labour shortages in the Australian labour market in the immediate to short-term. The ROL lists additional occupations required in regional Australia.

### **What does this mean for Members?**

As of 11 March 2019, the following occupations were added to the MLTSSL and are no longer part of the STSOL:

- **Arts administrator or Manager (ANZSCO code 139911)**
- **Dancer or Choreographer (ANZSCO code 211112)**
- **Music director (ANZSCO code 211211)**
- **Artistic director (ANZSCO code 212111).**

**These occupations can now obtain a visa for up to 4 years as opposed to 2 years under the STSOL.**

For a summary of key changes please click [here](#).

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