



Changes to country of passport requirements for automotive occupations – Offshore Skills Assessment Program (OSAP)

This factsheet provides a summary of a change to skills assessments for Offshore Skills Assessment Program (OSAP) applicants qualified for automotive occupations, in four lower-risk countries that are not named on the Temporary Skills Shortage (TSS) occupation list. This change follows consultation with automotive industry representatives about automotive trades applicants from countries that have similar qualification standards to Australia, and Trades Recognition Australia's (TRAs) desire for consistency. This change will affect a very low number of applicants seeking a skills assessment.

From 1 April 2023, qualified applicants with a relevant qualification, from the nominated countries of passport listed below, will now be able to choose between the Migration Skills Assessment (MSA) (offered in-house by TRA) or an OSAP assessment.

The occupations and countries of passport in scope

Occupations:	Countries of passport:
Automotive Electrician [321111]	China*
Motor Mechanic (General) [321211]	Ireland
Panelbeater [324111]*	Sri Lanka
Vehicle Painter [324311]	United Kingdom
Diesel Mechanic [321212]	

* China is nominated against Panelbeater under Migration (IMMI 18/039: Mandatory Skills Assessment—Subclass 482 Visa) Instrument 2018 therefore Chinese passport holders will still be required to be assessed under OSAP.

The change will mean that applicants for automotive related occupations from more countries will have the option of a less expensive documentary evidence assessment through the MSA program. This will remove the need to complete a technical or practical skills assessment.

Please check with the Department of Home Affairs (www.homeaffairs.gov.au) before submitting your application, to confirm a skills assessment is required for your visa application, and that TRA is the correct assessing authority for your nominated occupation.

Ensure you read the relevant Guidelines and program information on the TRA website (www.tradesrecognitionaustralia.gov.au) before you apply.