



**Commonwealth of Australia**

*Migration Regulations 1994*

**“APPROPRIATE REGIONAL AUTHORITY”**  
(REGULATION 1.03)

I, *CHRIS EVANS*, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, acting under the definition of “*appropriate regional authority*” in regulation 1.03 of the *Migration Regulations 1994* (‘the Regulations’) hereby:

1. REVOKE the Instrument number IMMI 09/061 signed on 14 June 2009 specifying Departments and authorities as appropriate regional authorities for the purposes of the definition of “*appropriate regional authority*” in regulation 1.03 of the Regulations; and
2. SPECIFY for the purposes of the definition of “*appropriate regional authority*” in regulation 1.03 the Departments or authorities of the States and Territories listed in the Schedule to this notice in relation to the grant of visas of the following classes:
  - Business Skills (Migrant) (Class AD);
  - Business Skills – Established Business (Residence) (Class BH);
  - Business Skills (Residence) (Class DF);
  - Business Skills (Provisional) (Class UR); and
  - **Investor Retirement (Class UY).**

This Instrument IMMI 10/041 commences on **1 July 2010.**

Dated 24 May 2010

**CHRIS EVANS**  
Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

[NOTE: An “appropriate regional authority” is defined in regulation 1.03 of the Regulations. The definition provides that in relation to a State or Territory and applications for visas of a particular class, an “appropriate regional authority” is a Department or authority of that State or Territory that is specified by Gazette Notice, for the purposes of these Regulations, in relation to the grant of visas of that class.

## SCHEDULE

<b>State or Territory</b>	<b>Departments and Authorities</b>
New South Wales	Department of State and Regional Development
Victoria	Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development
Queensland	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation
Western Australia	Small Business Development Corporation
South Australia	Department of Trade and Economic Development
Tasmania	Department of Economic Development, Tourism and the Arts
Northern Territory	Department of Business and Employment
Australian Capital Territory	ACT Chief Minister's Department

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

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1. This Instrument is made under regulation 1.03 of the *Migration Regulations 1994* (‘the Regulations’).
2. Regulation 1.03 of the Regulations defines “appropriate regional authority”. The definition provides that in relation to a State or Territory and applications for visas of a particular class, an “appropriate regional authority” is a Department or authority of that State or Territory that is specified by Gazette Notice, for the purposes of these Regulations, in relation to the grant of visas of that class.
3. The purpose of the Instrument is to specify appropriate regional authorities for the purposes of the definition of “appropriate regional authority” in this regulation, in particular to reflect the name changes for the Victorian Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development, Queensland Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation, the South Australian Department of Trade and Economic Development, the Tasmanian Department of Economic Development, Tourism and the Arts and the Northern Territory Department of Business and Employment.
4. The effect of the Instrument is to nominate State and Territory government appropriate regional authorities that are able to sign the sponsorship forms which are required to be lodged with certain visa applications.
5. Consultation was undertaken before the Instrument was made with the Queensland, South Australian, Tasmanian and Northern Territory State Governments.
6. The Office of Best Practice Regulation’s Business Cost Calculator and Assessment Checklists were used to determine that there was no compliance cost on business or impact on competition in relation to this instrument.
7. The Instrument, IMMI 10/041, commences on **1 July 2010**.