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SkillSelect: How to
play the waiting game

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Summary

- **Background to the General Skilled Migration (Sc189, 190 & 489) visas**
- **What is SkillSelect?**
- **Why the waiting times have increased?**
- **How to improve your chances of being invited**
- **Common mistakes in lodging an Expression of Interest**

Background

General Skilled Migration Visas

Skilled Independent
Sc189

Permanent Visa

Skilled Nominated
Sc190

Permanent Visa

Requires State
Nomination

Obligation to live in
nominating state for 2
years following visa
grant

Skilled Regional
(Provisional)
Sc489

Provisional 4 year visa

State or Family
Sponsored

Pathway to PR: Live for
2 years and work for
1 year in a
regional/designated
area

Skilled visa application process

Ensure you meet criteria for the visa before lodging EOI e.g.

- Complete relevant education or employment
- Achieve required English score
- Obtain skills assessment etc

Lodge Expression of Interest (EOI) through SkillSelect

Wait for an invitation!

Apply for the Skilled (Sc189/190/489) visa after receiving invitation

Wait for visa to be processed

Changes to minimum points

Points Required	
Before 1 July 2018	Before 1 July 2018
60	65

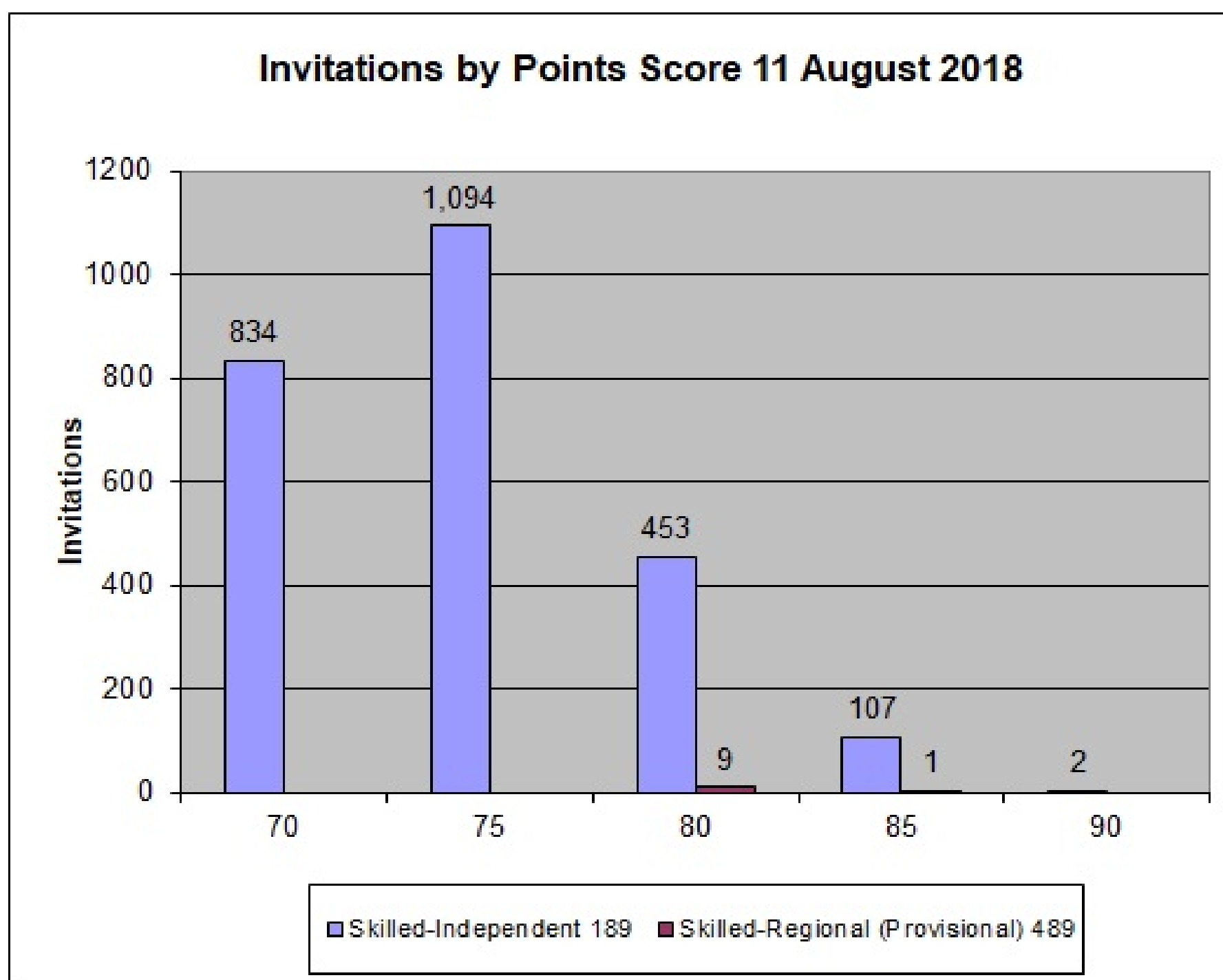
BUT, in reality...

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Most recent invitation round

11 August 2018 results

The following graph shows the points for clients who were invited to apply in the 11 August 2018 round.



SkillSelect Rankings

85 Points

80 Points

75 Points

70 Points

65 Points

Minimum Points Score

Visa Subclass	Minimum Points score	Date of effect
Skilled - Independent (subclass 189)	70	30/05/2018 6:16 AM
Skilled - Regional Provisional (subclass 489)	80	24/06/2018 10:10 PM

Why so long?

2018-19 MIGRATION PROGRAM PLANNING LEVELS

Stream and Category	2017-18	2018-19
Skill stream		
Employer Sponsored	48,250	48,250
Skilled Independent	43,990	43,990
State & Territory & Regional Sponsored	28,850	28,850
Business Innovation & Investment Program	7,260	7,260
Distinguished Talent	200	200
Skill Total	128,550	128,550

Factors affecting number of invitations

- Introduction of New Zealand stream Sc189 visa in July 2017
- Increasing competition: More applicants with higher points
 - English – PTE or IELTS?
 - Professional Year
 - NAATI
 - Spouse points
- Applicants over-claiming points
- Double invitations to high point applicants

How to increase your chances of being invited

- **English points!**
- **NAATI – Community Credentialed Language (CCL) test**
- **Professional Year (Accountants, IT professionals, Engineers)**
- **Work experience**
- **State Sponsorship – plan ahead**
- **Family Sponsorship (Sc489)**
- **Seek professional advice!**

Common Mistakes in Lodging an EOI

- **Not being eligible!**
- **Over-claiming employment points**
- **Selecting state nomination where not eligible**
- **Allowing documents to expire**



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Wrapping Up

- **Plan ahead – Knowledge is power!**
- **Keep an open mind to different visa pathways**
- **Seek professional advice or help – mistakes are costly**
- **Exercise patience**

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**Questions
&
Answers**