



Community Language

Bonus Points for Migration

Recognition of fluency in a community language for the purpose of gaining points for migration to Australia may be achieved in one of two ways:

- a) by completing a qualification (of equivalent standard to an Australian degree) gained from a university where the language of instruction was the same as the language for which you are claiming fluency.

If this is your situation you only need to submit to the Department of Immigration, a certified copy of your degree or diploma with your application for migration, claiming the 5 bonus points on this basis. You may need to obtain a statement from the university verifying that the language of instruction was the community language for which you are claiming fluency.

- b) by obtaining NAATI accreditation as a Translator or Interpreter in your Community Language and English.

Note that this accreditation will qualify a person for 60 points under the skilled occupation category AND the 5 bonus points for language fluency.

NAATI accreditation may be obtained by sitting for an examination which permits entry to a profession and as such, represents a much higher level of skill than simple language fluency. It requires near native fluency and comprehension in both English and your other language.

If you do not qualify under (a) above and wish to pursue the testing option, please notify NAATI's head office in Canberra and we will forward information about NAATI testing both in Australia and at overseas locations.

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