



## Goldfields WA Designated Area Migration Agreement Transition

The Goldfields Designated Area Migration Agreement (DAMA) ends on 30 June 2026. From 1 July 2026, employers in the Goldfields will access the WA DAMA.



### Important dates for Goldfields employers

- **5 June 2026** – last day endorsements can be issued under the Goldfields DAMA by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.
- **30 June 2026** – Goldfields DAMA ends.
- **1 July 2026** – applications for endorsement are assessed under the WA DAMA by the Department of Training and Workforce Development through Migration Services.

From **Monday 8 June 2026** – employers can submit new applications through Migration Services for endorsement under the WA DAMA.



### What Goldfields employers need to know

#### If you already have an executed labour agreement in place

You can continue to employ workers already approved and access agreed occupations

#### If you have an endorsement from the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder

- You must have your labour agreement approved by Department of Home Affairs (Home Affairs) and executed (signed by both parties) before **30 June 2026**.
- To ensure you meet this deadline, it is advised to lodge by **19 June 2026**.
- If not approved in time, your application for endorsement will need to be assessed under the WA DAMA.
- The Migration Services team will work closely with the Goldfields DAMA and employers to support the transition process.

#### If you miss the deadline or your labour agreement request is declined by Home Affairs

- You can apply for endorsement under the WA DAMA.
- You won't need to start the process again - with your approval, any information you have already provided to the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder may be passed onto Migration Services. You may be asked to provide additional information.

#### When do I need to use the WA DAMA?

You need to use the WA DAMA if you:

- don't have an executed labour agreement;
- have a labour agreement that has expired;
- want more workers and/or new occupations;
- want to vary your workforce plan;
- want to start a new application.

#### Contact the WA DAMA team

✉ [migration@dtwd.wa.gov.au](mailto:migration@dtwd.wa.gov.au) ☎ +61 8 9224 6540 and select option 2



## When can I access the WA DAMA?

### If your occupation is available under the WA DAMA

- Most occupations included on the Goldfields DAMA are available under the WA DAMA.
- Check the WA DAMA occupation list: [migration.wa.gov.au/dama](https://migration.wa.gov.au/dama).
- You can access the WA DAMA and can submit an application for endorsement via [migration.wa.gov.au/portal](https://migration.wa.gov.au/portal).

### If your occupation isn't available under the WA DAMA

Some occupations on the Goldfields DAMA are not yet included in the WA DAMA. Migration Services is working to have these occupations added (subject to negotiations with Home Affairs).

#### You can:

- Start preparing your application.
- Get help from City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder or Migration Services.
- Submit it to Migration Services.

Migration Services can assess applications, however will not be able to endorse applications until the occupation is included in the WA DAMA.



## Will the WA DAMA have enough places to support Goldfields employers?

Goldfields employers will continue to have access to at least 500 places per program year (1 July - 30 June) under the WA DAMA.



## Where can I get help or more information?

### If you have an application underway for the Goldfields DAMA you will need to contact the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder:

- [ckb.wa.gov.au/business-development/designated-area-migration-agreement](https://ckb.wa.gov.au/business-development/designated-area-migration-agreement)
- (08) 9021 9600
- [DAMA@ckb.wa.gov.au](mailto:DAMA@ckb.wa.gov.au)

### If you would like to discuss a new application under the WA DAMA please contact Migration Services:

- [migration.wa.gov.au](https://migration.wa.gov.au)
- (08) 9224 6540 (option 2)
- [migration@dtwd.wa.gov.au](mailto:migration@dtwd.wa.gov.au)

Further updates will be published on the [migration.wa.gov.au/dama](https://migration.wa.gov.au/dama) once more information becomes available.

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