



## COVERSHEET

<b>Minister</b>	Hon Andrew Little	<b>Portfolio</b>	Immigration
<b>Title of briefing</b>	Future of the Skilled Migrant Category	<b>Date to be published</b>	15 January 2024

### List of documents that have been proactively released

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
September 2022	Future of the Skilled Migrant Category	Office of the Minister of Immigration
27 September 2022	Future of the Skilled Migrant Category CAB-22-MIN-0411 Minute	Cabinet Office
7 July 2022	Skilled Migrant Category Review	MBIE
11 August 2022	Skilled Migrant Category Review – Draft Cabinet Paper	MBIE
9 September 2022	Future of the Skilled Migrant Category – Updated Cabinet paper	MBIE
14 September 2022	Future of the Skilled Migrant Category: Final Cabinet Paper and Talking Points	MBIE

### Information redacted

**YES**

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Some information has been withheld for reasons of protection of privacy of natural persons, free and frank opinions, and confidential advice to Government.



## BRIEFING

### Future of the Skilled Migrant Category: Final Cabinet Paper and Talking Points

<b>Date:</b>	14 September 2022	<b>Priority:</b>	High
<b>Security classification:</b>	In Confidence	<b>Tracking number:</b>	2223-1004

Action sought		
	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Michael Wood <b>Minister of Immigration</b>	Approve the lodgement of the Cabinet paper: <i>Future of the Skilled Migrant Category</i>	15 September 2022

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)			
Name	Position	Telephone	1st contact
Andrew Craig	Manager, Immigration Policy (Skills and Residence)	Privacy of natural persons	✓
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The following departments/agencies have been consulted
Agencies were consulted on the content of the Cabinet paper, but not this briefing.

Minister's office to complete:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved             | <input type="checkbox"/> Declined            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noted                | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs change        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seen                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Overtaken by Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> See Minister's Notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn           |

Comments



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#### Purpose

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To provide you:

- a final copy of the Cabinet paper *Future of the Skilled Migrant Category* and seek your agreement to its lodgement. The Cabinet paper has been updated following Ministerial and agency consultation and your further review [2223-0209 and 2223-0790 refer]; and
- talking points to support consideration at the Cabinet Economic Development Committee on 21 September.

#### Recommended action

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The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment recommends that you:

- a **Agree** to the lodgement of the final Cabinet paper, as attached at Annex One.

*Agree / Disagree*

- b **Note** the talking points, as attached at Annex Two.

Privacy of natural persons

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14/09/2022

Hon Michael Wood  
**Minister of Immigration**

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#### Annexes

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Annex One: Future of the Skilled Migrant Category: Final Cabinet Paper

Annex Two: Future of the Skilled Migrant Category: Talking Point

**Annex One: Future of the Skilled Migrant Category - Final Cabinet paper**



**Annex Two: Future of the Skilled Migrant Category: Talking Points**

Free and frank opinions

