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BUSH REGENERATORS

The ANZSCO definition for Bush Regenerator (which comes under ANZSCO 841999 Farm, Forestry and Garden Workers NEC – skill level 5) has recently been updated. Statistics New Zealand has advised that bush regenerators now operate in both New Zealand and Australia. Previously, this occupation was classed as being in Australia only.

Bush regeneration primarily applies to the forestry and silviculture industry, and involves planting native and production forests to regenerate the bush. As this is a level 5 occupation, the role does not require any qualifications apart from compulsory secondary education. In some instances, a short period of on-the-job training may be required.

When processing Essential Skills work visas for bush regenerators, immigration officers should be mindful that the occupation now applies in New Zealand and is classed as skill level 5. Such work visa applications may be approved if the applicants meet requirements.

This change has been reflected in [Statistics New Zealand's ANZSCO search tool](#). However, it has not yet been updated on [the Australia Bureau of Statistics' ANZSCO website](#). This is likely to be updated later in 2019.