My recommendations for effective skilled migration program and how skilled migrants can contribute towards population growth post Covid19

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1. I would like to recommend having a separate migration quota for skilled migrants rather than mixing it up with International graduates' quota as seen in NSW and VIC. What we are looking for is to employ people with skilled experience in critical sectors such as Cyber Security. International students are rather looking for experience after completion of their studies rather than filling skills gap needed in Australia. Priority should be given to work visa holders who are already working in skilled occupations.
2. Long term visa workers (5 years) who are working in critical sectors should have a pathway to permanent residency. These candidates are already benefiting Australian corporate sector so should be given opportunity to settle in Australia
3. At the moment, there is no points awarded to candidates who are working in skilled occupations, government should alleast award 10 points for those candidates who are working in their nominated occupation in Australia from last 12 months. This will encourage International students to pick up skilled jobs after completion of their studies thus creating a skilled workforce for Australia.
4. RBA governor Philip Lowe recently raised a fair point on how population growth can help in economic recovery. So, we should encourage couples to migrate to Australia. At the moment, single candidates get 10 extra points which gives unfair advantage to them. There should be no extra points for single candidates.