



**Welcome to the 27th NSW
newsletter for migration agents
and recruiters.**

**Further Reforms to NSW
Business Migration Program**

A number of reforms to the NSW business migration program were announced from 1 September 2011:

- prospective business migrants no longer need to conduct their business research visit on a Business (Short Stay) 456 visa
- the introduction of new Business Commitment and Investment Commitment templates
- applicants for NSW sponsorship for provisional visas including the Investor 165 and Business Talent 132 visa must attend an interview with NSW.

The NSW Government has now announced further reforms to the NSW business migration program from 1 November 2011. These reforms include:

- introduction of separate thresholds for Sydney and regional NSW
- revised thresholds for the Business Talent visa
- revised arrangements for applicants who wish to change their proposed business activity
- relaxation of the requirement for an applicant's Business Commitment to be consistent

with their business skills and experience

- the exclusion of a limited number of industry sectors from business migration to Sydney. Applicants in these sectors can still migrate to regional NSW.

These reforms should not adversely affect applicants who have already been sponsored by NSW.

The reforms will affect new applicants seeking NSW sponsorship for provisional visas from 1 November 2011.

Attached please find a:

- Fact Sheet
- Frequently Asked Questions

that outline these changes in detail.

An information seminar for stakeholders to explain these changes and answer any questions will be held at the NSW Trade and Investment Centre, Level 47 MLC Centre, 19 Martin Place on Thursday, 10 November 2011 at 5.00 pm. If you wish to attend please RSVP to bizmigration@business.nsw.gov.au

If you have any questions or require further information please contact NSW business migration at 9338 6692 or by email at bizmigration@business.nsw.gov.au

Update to NSW State Migration Plan

The NSW State Migration Plan was updated from 23 September 2011. The Plan now includes almost 150 occupations.

There are seven new occupations now open for sponsorship for the Skilled Sponsored 176/886 visa. They are:

- Chief Information Officer
- Systems Administrator
- University Lecturer
- Construction Project Manager
- Painting Trades Worker
- Early Childhood (Pre Primary School) Teacher
- Financial Investment Adviser

There are two new occupations now open for sponsorship for the Skilled Regional Sponsored 475/487 visa:

- Electrician (Special Class)
- Metallurgist

Skilled Migration

NSW and most other States/Territories have seen a considerable decline in applications for State/Territory sponsorship for skilled migration since 1 July 2011. This coincides with the introduction of the new points test for general skilled migration.

While it is still too early to draw any conclusions feedback from migration agents on the factors behind this decline would be welcome. Please send any feedback to

bizmigration@business.nsw.gov.au

'Down Under' Expos

NSW participated in the 'Down Under' migration expos held in Melbourne on 27-28 August and in Sydney on 10-11 September 2011.

Skilled Migration Project Officers from the Murray, Riverina, Orana and Northern Inland regions of NSW attended and gave presentations to promote the benefits of living and working in regional NSW.

Over 2,000 skilled people in various occupations such as finance including accounting, engineering, nursing and trades went through the doors over the four days and visited the NSW Government stand to discuss their prospects of applying for skilled migration sponsorship in NSW.



Ginni Bourke, Skilled Migration Project Officer from Regional Development Australia, Orana, Beth Bull and John Angeles from NSW Trade & Investment at the NSW stand at the 'Down Under' expo in Sydney.