

Skilled Migration Case Study

HARJOT SINGH

Harjot Singh migrated to Sydney from Punjab, India on a NSW Skilled Sponsored 176 visa in October 2009 as a Computer Systems Analyst. Harjot studied in top institutes in India where he developed good communication and English skills. His wife, Preety, an IT Consultant as well, was overseas most of her life and studied at international schools. Both already spoke fluent English when they decided to migrate to Australia.

Harjot had more than ten years experience as IT professional.

In India, Harjot completed his Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science and Engineering from Punjabi University in 1997. He worked initially as a Lecturer and then took up a position as Assistant Director in a Public Sector power company in 1999 that led to his career in information technology. This job provided Harjot with hands on experience in various softwares such as Oracle, PL/SQL and COBOL. While working, Harjot pursued further studies and completed his Masters of Business Administration in Human Resource Management at Indira Gandhi National Open University in June 2002.

Harjot later moved to a telecommunications company in East Africa where he was employed as Senior Systems Analyst, in charge of data warehouse system development.

With permanent resident visa in hand, Harjot was offered a position by Hewlett Packard even before coming to Australia. He settled at Parramatta in Western Sydney. Harjot says that 'he is very thankful to the service provided by the Department of Trade and Investment' that led to his migration. He further continued that 'state sponsorship made the process of his migration really faster even at the time of the



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global financial crisis.'

Harjot appreciates that Australia recognises overseas qualifications and has this advice to skilled migrants "there's a lot of opportunities in NSW, all you need to do is persevere."

Harjot's family enjoys the temperate climate in Sydney and public transport. "We enjoy living in the Parramatta area it's centrally located and has a good train service." His wife Preety says that "life in Sydney is comfortable". Their four and half years old son, Kanwal now goes to Westmead Christian Grammar School. Kanwal loves reading books and enjoys going to Parramatta City Library.

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