



New South Wales migration agents newsletter

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Welcome to the thirteenth NSW newsletter for migration agents and recruiters. In this edition we look at:

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- Changes to NSW selection criteria for ICT occupations
- English language concession for NSW Skilled (Provisional) Regional Sponsored applicants
- Applying for NSW sponsorship for a Skilled (Provisional) Regional Sponsored visa
- Medical practitioners applying for business migration
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NSW Migration Case Studies

www.business.nsw.gov.au/migration

NSW has launched profiles of business and skilled migrants sponsored by NSW who have successfully obtained permanent residence and in some cases citizenship in Australia.

The case studies can be found on the Business Migration, Regional Migration and Skilled Sponsored pages of the NSW Migration web site.

These case studies profile successful migrants to NSW with photos and quotes from interviews with both a business and personal flavour. These case studies may be of interest to some of your clients.

Changes to NSW Selection Criteria for Skilled Sponsored 176/886 Visa

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ICT Occupations

NSW has required five years of recent experience in particular ICT specialisations to qualify for NSW State sponsorship for this visa.

This requirement has now been lowered to three years recent experience in the listed

specialisations due to the strength of the ICT employment market in NSW.

This change applies immediately and the selection criteria listed on the NSW migration web site will be updated shortly.

Applicants from South Africa

From 1 November 2007 NSW will require applicants for NSW sponsorship for the Skilled Sponsored 176/886 visa from South Africa to provide an International English Language Test (IELTS) score. This brings NSW practice into line with DIAC requirements for English testing. If you are about to submit a request for NSW sponsorship for a 176/886 application and this presents you with a particular problem please contact Tom McAlary on 9338 6681.

Changes to General Skilled Migration

Adult Migrant English Service

A concession is now available for applicants sponsored by NSW under the Skilled (Provisional) Regional Sponsored visa sub classes 475/487.

The concession is available to managers and professionals (ASCO 1-3) with an average International English Language Testing (IELTS) score of 5.5 (0.5 below the required 6.0 score).

The applicant must meet all the other requirements for the visa, settle in regional NSW and pay to undertake an English language course before being granted a visa.

The concession is not available to tradespersons (who must have IELTS of 5.0 when they apply for this visa).

The NSW Adult Migrant English Service (AMES) can provide the required tuition. The tuition fee is \$2,500. For more information contact:

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Skilled (Provisional) Regional Sponsored 475/487 Visa www.business.nsw.gov.au/migration

Applicants for NSW sponsorship for a Skilled (Provisional) Regional Sponsored visa 475/487 visa should complete NSW Application Form R when applying for sponsorship from a NSW regional office. NSW Form R replaces DIAC Form 1244 when arranging NSW State sponsorship for this visa. Form R is available on the Regional Migration page of the NSW Migration web site and on some NSW regional office web sites.

Business Migration www.business.nsw.gov.au/migration

A number of medical practitioners have recently applied for NSW sponsorship for a Business Owner (Provisional) 163 visa. Applicants from small medical practices are unable to meet the DIAC criterion that "you have not been engaged in a business where the provision of professional, technical or trade services took more than 50% of your time." NSW will strictly enforce this criterion in any applications for sponsorship.

Emigrate Australia

A lift out on recruitment and business opportunities in NSW appeared in the September edition of the Emigrate Australia newspaper in the UK.

The liftout included profiles of opportunities in the NSW public sector including NSW Health. There are many temporary work opportunities available to migrants in the NSW public sector who can also qualify for some graduate programs.

For more information on opportunities in the NSW public sector go to www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Processing Times

Business migration processing times are currently 8-10 weeks and expected to increase in coming months. Skilled Sponsored 176/886 processing time is currently 3-4 weeks.

Australia Needs Skills Expo Sydney 29 September 2007

www.immi.gov.au/skillexpos

The Commonwealth and NSW Governments conducted an Australia Needs Skills expo at the Bayside Grand Hall, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre Darling Harbour on Saturday 29 September 2007.

The event attracted over 7,000 visitors, a 40% increase on last year. Around 40% were overseas students studying in NSW. There were over 300 visitors to the NSW stand and 140 people attended seminars on NSW sponsored migration programs.

There were over 40 exhibitors. Six NSW Regional Certifying Bodies exhibited and received strong interest. NSW Health also had a stand.

Recent changes to the General Skilled Migration program mean overseas students who settle in regional NSW on 475/487 visas may be able to obtain permanent residence faster through early applications for RSMS. This is leading to higher levels of interest in migrating to regional areas.

Staff Update

The NSW Business Migration team welcomes Kirstan Fulton who has joined the team on a six month assignment while Henry Cheung is acting in another part of the Department.



*Lily Cheung, Lita Aganon, Kirstan Fulton, Tom McAlary, John Angeles (L to R).
In front of the GPO No 1 Martin Place Sydney.*