



New South Wales migration agents newsletter

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

- An update on NSW requirements for sponsorship for 163, 164 and 892 visas
- Support for newly arrived business migrants
- World Youth Day
- New case studies on business and skilled migrants to NSW

NSW Requirements for Business Migration Sponsorship

Business Owner (Provisional) 163 and Senior Executive (Provisional) 164 Visas

Applicants for NSW sponsorship for these visas now must make one or more research visits to NSW in the 12 months before applying to prepare their business plan. Applicants were previously advised that a research visit was strongly recommended. This is now a compulsory requirement.

If an applicant's spouse will subsequently be the primary applicant for a NSW Sponsored Business Owner (Residence) visa sub class 892 their resume must be submitted as part of the application for NSW sponsorship for the provisional visa.

These requirements apply to applications received from 22 September 2008.

Applicants who use a consultant to assist in preparing their business plan should use a consultant who assists them in NSW during their research visits.

A meeting with the NSW Department of State and Regional Development to outline the applicant's business proposal at the end of their research visits is recommended.

Business Owner (Residence) 892 Visa

At recent seminars NSW has outlined in detail the requirements for NSW sponsorship for the Business Owner (Residence) 892 visa. A copy of this presentation with speaking notes can

be requested by email at bizmigration@business.nsw.gov.au.

NSW has also refined the description of the NSW criteria for this visa on our web site to reflect some of the guidelines from this presentation. Applicants should be reminded that NSW will visit the business premises of 892 visa applicants.

In addition, if an 892 applicant was not the primary applicant at provisional visa stage then they should have previously obtained NSW agreement to become the primary applicant for the 892 visa. This requirement excludes provisional applicants sponsored before 1 October 2008.

Further details are on the NSW Migration web site at

www.business.nsw.gov.au/migration

Look under: Business Migration: NSW Sponsored Visa categories: Visa Criteria; How to Apply; Additional Information and Form A.

Support for New Business Migrants in NSW

NSW regularly holds events for 163 visa holders in NSW. Please ensure that your clients register their contact details with us to receive invitations to these events. Please send to bizmigration@business.nsw.gov.au

A number of organisations provide information services which may be helpful to new business migrants.

Westpac conducts a series of one day workshops for small business called 'Beyond Survival'. Topics covered include business planning, benchmarking your business and reading financial statements. For more information go to:

www.westpac.com.au/business or call 1800 012 501.

The Sydney Business Advisory Service provides practical low cost workshops in topics

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including import/export, marketing and cash flow management. For more information go to: www.clearlybusiness.com.au

World Youth Day

NSW distributed 13,000 flyers to visiting pilgrims during World Youth Day in Sydney last July outlining work, study and visa options in NSW. The flyer encourages visitors to consider returning to NSW by giving information on:

- visa options including the Working Holiday Maker visa
- employment opportunities for temporary visa holders in NSW Health, NSW Education, other parts of the NSW public service and in regional NSW.

The flyer will be used in other future promotions. Copies are available by request to bizmigration@business.nsw.gov.au.

NSW Migration Case Studies

NSW has added case studies of a number of successful business and skilled migrants to the NSW Migration web site in recent months.

Case studies can be found towards the bottom of the Business Migration, Skilled Sponsored and Regional Migration pages.

These case studies may be useful in inspiring future prospective migrants to move to NSW.

New Address for Applications

Please address all applications to NSW Business Migration to:

Level 47 MLC Centre
19 Martin Place
Sydney NSW 2000

There is no longer a receptionist on Level 49 to receive applications or visitors. NSW will not return or copy documents submitted with applications.

NSW Migration Statistics

Business Migration

Provisional Applications

NSW received 517 applications for sponsorship for provisional visa in 2007/08. NSW approved

396 applicants and declined 33. During the same time DIAC has approved 203 business migrants sponsored by NSW and declined 43.

Permanent Residence Applications

NSW received 67 applications for sponsorship for permanent residence visas. NSW approved 56 applications and declined 7. DIAC approved visas for 34 applicants sponsored by NSW and declined 6.

Skilled Migration

NSW received 300 applications for NSW sponsorship for the Skilled Sponsored 176/886 visa in 2007/08. NSW approved 192 applications and declined 82. During the same period DIAC has approved 77 skilled migrants sponsored by NSW under this program, a success rate of 93%.

Regional Migration

In 2007/08 NSW supported 575 visas under regional migration programs. This included: 219 RSMS applications; 200 regional 457 applications; 137 Skilled Regional Sponsored visas and 19 other visas.

Processing Times

Business migration processing times are currently 9-11 weeks. Skilled Sponsored 176/886 processing time is currently 2-4 weeks.

Staff Update

NSW Business Migration would like to thank Antoine Germaine for his contribution to the team over the last three months.



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