



Welcome to the 20th NSW newsletter for migration agents and recruiters. This edition includes:

- Introduction to Industry and Investment NSW
- NSW introduces sponsorship for the sustainable environmental technologies sector for Skilled Sponsored 176/886 visa
- Updated skills in demand details for pharmaceutical & biotechnology sector and for regional NSW
- New rules on changing business plans for NSW sponsored business migrants.

Industry and Investment NSW

The Department of State and Regional Development is now part of the Department of Industry & Investment, which has been established to assist in building a diversified State economy that creates jobs.

The new department works to attract investment to NSW and support innovative, sustainable and globally competitive businesses, industries and sectors. We provide business assistance and advice, strong technical knowledge and scientific capabilities. By integrating the services of the department's partner agencies we now have a stronger capacity to support NSW industry and business in creating jobs and leveraging investment.

For our stakeholders and customers, our focus during the changes is on

continuity of business, a seamless transition, front-line work and ultimately better services.

Application fees should continue to be paid by bank cheque or money order payable to the Department of State and Regional Development until further notice. For more information on the new Department go to:

<http://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/>

NSW Sponsorship for Sustainable Environmental Technologies

NSW is inviting applications for sponsorship under the Skilled Sponsored 176/886 visa program from skilled and experienced professionals in the sustainable environmental technologies sector.

Applicants need to have experience in either: building & construction; property services; manufacturing; transport & storage; energy/environmental services, or; energy/water utility sectors. They should have led programs in either: energy audits; renewable energy; energy conservation/efficiency; recycling, or; sustainable water systems.

For more information go to:

www.business.nsw.gov.au/migration

NSW Sponsorship for Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology

In response to a softening in the employment market for clinical



research associates and related positions, NSW now requires at least three years industry work experience for sponsorship as a Life Scientist, Biochemist, Medical Scientist and related occupations. Corporate experience is required. Research towards a PhD in a commercially relevant subject will be accepted as work experience.

For more details look on the Skilled Sponsored 176/886 visa page at

www.business.nsw.gov.au/migration

Business Migrants: Changing Business Plans

NSW has previously allowed provisional visa holders who applied for NSW sponsorship based on a particular business plan to change their business activity on arrival in NSW.

Provisional visa holders sponsored by NSW who were granted their visa after 1 October 2009 must now conduct business activity in accordance with the business plan sponsored by NSW.

Provisional visa holders in this group wishing to change the primary nature of their proposed business must seek agreement from Industry & Investment NSW. Applications must be submitted in writing with documentary support showing a substantial change in business circumstances in order obtain NSW support for any future permanent residence application.

Business Skills Sponsorship: Moving Between States

If your client wishes to move to NSW, and was sponsored by another State or Territory for a provisional visa, please obtain in the first instance a release from your original sponsoring State or Territory by requesting them to fill in and sign Part B of DIAC Form 949.

Ethnic Business Awards

The NSW Department of Industry and Investment has invited its most successful business migrants who have become permanent residents of Australia to nominate for these awards.

Further details are at:

<http://www.ethnicbusinessawards.com>

NSW Regional Skills in Demand Lists

NSW regional offices no longer sponsor Accountants or Cooks for the Skilled Regional Sponsored 475/487 visa. The NSW Capital Region is currently not considering onshore 487 visa applications in any occupation.

For more information see the Regional Migration page at:

www.business.nsw.gov.au/migration

Regional Development Australia

On 1 July 2009, the new Regional Development Australia (RDA) network in NSW replaced the NSW Government's 13 Regional Development Boards and the Australian Government's 14 Area Consultative Committees to create a

more comprehensive and coordinated network of 14 RDA committees.

The new RDA organisations will continue to certify employer sponsored permanent residence regional visa applications and will be delegated to sponsor Skilled Regional Sponsored 475/487 visa applications on behalf of NSW.

For more information on the new RDA network go to:

<http://www.rda.gov.au/>

UK Migration Expos

NSW participated in the *Australia Needs Skills* migration expo in London and the *Australia Migration Open Day* in Manchester in June as part of the 'G'Day UK' promotion. The two events were attended by over 2,000 skilled workers and almost 900 held discussions with staff from the NSW Department of Industry and Investment and NSW Health.

2008/09 Results

NSW regional offices sponsored 1,092 Skilled Regional Sponsored visa applications in 2008/09, an 800% increase over the previous year. The Murray region sponsored 678 visas, Northern Inland 147, Riverina 141, Capital Region 76 and Orana 47. NSW regional offices also certified 278 regional 457 and 285 RSMS applications.

NSW sponsored 385 business migrants for provisional visas and 67 for permanent residence visas in 2008/09. In their first two years in business, the

67 permanent residence visa applicants had invested \$16.4 million in their businesses and created 140 new jobs.

Processing Times

Average processing time for business migration applications has improved and is currently 6 weeks. Processing times for Skilled Sponsored applications is 4 weeks.

Staff Changes

The NSW business migration team welcomes Maria Estrada. Maria previously worked within the Department as a Project Officer within the Enterprise and Regional Development Division managing the Home-based Business Program.

We would also like to thank Matinde Chacha who has assisted us over the last six months.



Henry Cheung, Matinde Chacha, Lita Aganon, Lily Cheung, Maria Estrada, John Angeles & Tom McAlary (Left to Right)