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Dear Students

Welcome to the new subscribers of IMMIGRATION NEWS. This service is brought to you by Australian Immigration Law Services.

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## **Northern Territory Sponsorship**

The Northern Territory is often overlooked by international students for sponsorship possibilities for it's a long way from the east coast cities and it's a hot humid place in summer.

However that weather can be appealing to many and the Northern Territory (N.T) does offer the concessional competent English of 5.5 overall IELTS option as mentioned in my previous newsletters. It also and perhaps most importantly does have a few occupations on their lists you may not find anywhere else.

The most noticeable of these is the Computing Professionals. The Northern Territory is the only state that will sponsor the 2231-79 (nec) classification which recent IT graduates who complete their courses in Australia will obtain. Admittedly this is only on their 487 temporary residency list but for all those IT students out there who are finding it difficult to reach 6.0 on each section of the IELTS test needed for the 485 visa, it's better than nothing.

Like most of the other states the N.T has two main occupation lists. One for the temporary residence 487 visa and one for the 886 permanent residency visa. The list for the permanent residency is basically similar to all the other states but it does have some interesting inclusions. For example Geologist, Secondary School Teacher, Social Worker are on this list. You can check out these details on [www.migration.nt.gov.au](http://www.migration.nt.gov.au)

Unfortunately the concessional IELTS of 5.5 overall is only for the temporary 487 visa, not for the permanent 886 category.

There is one major catch with the N.T criteria though, you need to demonstrate evidence of money so you can support yourself (and your family unit if

applicable). For single people you need do show in liquid assets (bank accounts or similar) of \$37,000 and for couple its \$50,000. This requirement will be prohibitively high for many potential applicants.

We have spoken to the Department of Business, Economic and Regional Development which process these applications and they have made a concession to allow applicants to demonstrate their parent's bank accounts in order to meet this requirement.

### **Positives for the N.T**

- 1) It has a number of occupations both on the PR list and the TR list that you won't find on other states
- 2) The TR concessional English of 5.5 overall is a life savior for many students
- 3) You can stay anywhere in the state
- 4) No need to worry about time limits in taking a shower for the N.T is not short on water.

### **The Negatives**

- 1) Money is the biggest turn-off. Most students don't have that sort of cash in their own bank accounts. In fact most citizens of Australia don't either for that matter. Maybe Northern Territorins are richer than I thought.
- 2) Summer weather is best suited to those who have web feet. In other words there are not too may negatives to list.

### **Other Items of Interest**

#### **Processing Delays for the 485 Visa**

The ASPC has advised it is now taking up to 6 months (and longer) to have the 485 visa granted. Obviously the delays in processing last years 880 visa applications are having an impact upon this and the number of staff they allocate for the 485 processing.

Applicants who applied for the 880 visa in August are still waiting for their visa's to be processed.

#### **Global College Goes Into Liquidation**

The situation at Global College has worsened with a liquidator being appointed to look after the remnants of this disaster. Students have been significantly affected by not being able to obtain their academic records as the school remains closed to them. These records are crucial to them being able to apply for other courses and to obtain academic credit for what they have completed at Global College. We will have more on this story later.

#### **Australian Computer Society gets approval**

The ACS has been given approval by DIAC to be the first program where students can study a course to **obtain the 10 points for a professional year of study**. I've spoken to the ACS and it seems they are still making it up as they go along both in how much it is going to cost and where and when is it going to run. They have said to keep an eye on their website for more details.

It seems that the ACS is scrambling for industry placements for students and then the applicants will have the pleasure I presume of having to pay for this privilege. More on this later.

So all you IT people out there looking for jobs or practicing your IELTS, stay tuned.

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