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Further Clarification of GSM Processing Priorities



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Dear Students

Welcome to the new subscribers of IMMIGRATION NEWS which is published by Australian Immigration Law Services.

DIAC has released some clarifications to the MIA regarding the processing delays and who will have priority.

Below is the information released by the MIA and I have added some of my own clarifications in italic.

## **Further clarification of GSM Processing Priorities**

Following MIA enquiries to DAIC, we have just received the following advice:

### **1. Applicants with \$100K designated investment**

The Minister's office has agreed that applications that were stalled by the closure of the capital investment program can proceed, and will not be subject to the new processing priorities. Applicants who are not in an occupation on the CSL but have been requested to submit a bond with the South Australian Financing Authority can proceed to grant.

*Students can expect that once their deposit has been made and police and medicals are cleared they will grant your visa.*

### **2. Applications remitted by Migration Review Tribunal (MRT)**

DIAC will continue processing of non-CSL applications remitted by the MRT.

*This means if your case won at the MRT then when it is sent back to DIAC they will continue to process it as normal and it will not be delayed*

### **3. Offshore applicants in Australia**

DIAC will continue processing offshore applications by non-CSL clients who are onshore and required to depart Australia where a pre-grant letter has already been sent.

*If you do not have a pre-grant letter then it means you haven't been sent one so you'll have to wait a while I'm afraid.*

### **4. Pre- 1 September 2007 applications**

The Minister's S499 direction on priority processing (including the CSL) applies to all applicants in the applicable visa subclasses including GSM applications lodged prior to 1 September 2007.

*Students who are still waiting for the old onshore (880, 881,882 etc) and offshore 136,138 etc) applications to be finalised will be granted their visas when DIAC has finished checking whatever they are checking.*

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