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*Welfare Workers English Requirement &
Queensland New Sponsorship Rules*



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Dear Students

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

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Final Decision of Welfare Worker English Requirements

English Language Requirements for Welfare Workers - Update 1st July 2009

The Welfare Work English Language Requirement Project has been completed and the Project Report has been accepted. AIWCW has endorsed the following recommendations. **The first four recommendations will apply to applications received after the 30th September 2009** for recognition as a welfare worker under the General Skilled Migration program.

1. An overall score of 7.0 on the IELTS is required, with no band having a score less than 7.0.
2. The score of 7.0 for each band may be obtained at any test over a period of 12 months prior to the application for recognition being received. This may apply, even if scores in other bands at that particular test are less than 7.0.
3. Either the general or the academic form of the IELTS test be recognised until 1st February 2012 by which time currently enrolled students will have graduated. Thereafter, only results from the academic IELTS test will be recognised. Provision 2. will still apply.
4. Exemptions will apply to those who were fully educated (for at least 10 years in formal schooling) in a country with English as the main or official language, as already allowed by other relevant professions. Included among these countries are: Australia, United Kingdom, Ireland, USA, Canada, New Zealand.
5. AIWCW will review these language requirements by 30th June 2011.
6. As part of that review, an empirical study of welfare worker communication skills be considered to include both international and domestic graduates and students, and including representation from across urban, provincial and rural centres in Australia. Also included should be equity issues raised by this study.

7. Within that review, consideration be given to exemptions applying to those who are continuously employed for at least 30 hours per week during the three years prior to application, in a community welfare work position in Australia that is recognised by the AIWCW.

The Queensland state government has released its new lists and requirements for the skilled migration visas.

They will accept the occupations on the old list until the 7th of July 2009.

Queensland requirements for the PR (886) onshore students

Please see the [Department of Immigration and Citizenship](#) for the Australian Government's requirements for the Skilled Sponsored (Residence) Visa (Subclass 886).

Applicants seeking Queensland Government nomination for the [Skilled Sponsored \(Residence\) Visa \(Subclass 886\)](#) must:

- meet the Australian Government's eligibility criteria for that visa
- have a job or job offer in Queensland in the nominated occupation (including a signed statement from the employer, and the name, address, ABN and contact phone number for the business)
- provide evidence of Queensland residency (i.e. applicant's name on a rates notice, tenancy agreement or Queensland drivers licence)
- have an occupation on the [Skilled Sponsored \(Residence\) Visa \(Subclass 886\) Eligible Skills List](#) and meet the requirements for that occupation
- meet other nomination requirements detailed on the application form
- include a copy of a detailed CV
- include any other supporting documentation deemed relevant to the application
- be assessed by Migration and Skills Recruitment Queensland as being likely to provide a clear benefit to the Queensland economy
- complete and submit an [application form](#).

Note: Migration and Skills Recruitment Queensland will not accept applications to this program from applicants who do not meet **all** of the above criteria.

Eligible skills for onshore students and graduates

Skilled Sponsored (Residence) visa (subclass 886) Eligible Skills List

Each occupation on this list has its own:

- English language requirements
- qualifications and registration

To apply for nomination, applicants must meet **all** requirements for their nominated

occupation.

For detailed information on these requirements, follow the link through to the relevant occupation's page.

Please note that the Queensland Government has [additional requirements](#) for applicants for this visa.

Specialist Medical Practitioners

[2312-11 Anaesthetist](#)

[2312-13 Dermatologist](#)

[2312-15 Emergency Medicine Specialist](#)

[2312-17 Obstetrician and Gynaecologist](#)

[2312-19 Ophthalmologist](#)

[2312-21 Paediatrician](#)

[2312-23 Pathologist](#)

[2312-25 Specialist Physician](#)

[2312-27 Psychiatrist](#)

[2312-29 Radiologist](#)

[2312-31 Surgeon](#)

[2312-79 Specialist Medical Practitioners \(not elsewhere classified\)](#)

Registered Nurses

[2323-11 Registered Nurses](#)

Registered Mental Health Nurses

[2325-11 Registered Mental Health Nurse](#)

Physiotherapist

[2385-11 Physiotherapists](#)

Speech Pathologists

[2386-11 Speech Pathologist](#)

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Skilled Regional Sponsored visa (475 & 487)

The Skilled Regional Sponsored (Provisional) Visa (Subclasses 475 and 487) are three year provisional visas for skilled workers who agree to live and work in a regional area. These visa holders have the opportunity to apply for permanent residency after they have lived for two years and worked for at least 12 months in a regional area.

For these visas, the Australian Government's Department of Immigration and Citizenship requires nomination by the state or sponsorship by an eligible relative living in a designated area. See the [Department of Immigration and Citizenship](#) for a full list of criteria.

Applicants seeking sponsorship from the Queensland Government for the Skilled Regional Sponsored (Provisional) Visa (Subclasses 475 and 487) must:

- meet the Australian Government's eligibility criteria for the Skilled Regional Sponsored (Provisional) Visa (Subclasses 475 and 487)

- have an occupation on the [Skilled Regional Sponsored \(Provisional\) Visa \(Subclasses 475 and 487\) Eligible Skills List](#)
- meet the requirements for the nominated occupation as listed on the [Skilled Regional Sponsored \(Provisional\) Visa \(Subclasses 475 and 487\) Eligible Skills List](#)
- have a positive skills assessment for that occupation from the relevant organisation
- meet other nomination requirements detailed on the application form
- include a copy of a detailed CV
- supply any other supporting documentation deemed relevant to the application
- be assessed by Migration and Skills Recruitment Queensland as being likely to provide a clear benefit to the Queensland economy
- complete and submit an [application form](#).

Eligible skills for provisional regional visas

Skilled Regional Sponsored (Provisional) Visa (Subclasses 475 and 487) Eligible Skills List

Each occupation on this list has its own:

- English language requirements
- qualifications and registration
- industry experience

To apply for nomination, applicants must meet **all** requirements for their nominated occupation.

For detailed information on these requirements, follow the link through to the relevant occupation's page.

- **Electrical and Electronics Engineers**
[2125-11 Electrical Engineer](#)
- **Mechanical, Production and Plant Engineers**
[2126-11 Mechanical Engineer](#)
[2126-13 Production or Plant Engineer](#)
- **Dental Practitioners**
[2381-11 Dentist](#)
- **Optometrists**
[2384-11 Optometrist](#)
- **Secondary School Teachers**
[2413-11 Secondary School Teacher - Mathematics](#)
[2413-11 Secondary School Teacher - Science](#)

- **Social Workers**
[2511-11 Social Worker](#)
- **Psychologists**
[2514-11 Clinical Psychologists](#)
[2514-79 Psychologist](#)
- **Other Building and Engineering Associate Professionals**
[3129-15 Mine Deputy](#)
- **Metal Fitters and Machinists**
[4112-11 Fitter](#)
[4112-13 Metal Machinist \(First Class\)](#)
- **Aircraft Maintenance Engineers**
[4114-11 Aircraft Maintenance Engineer \(Mechanical\)](#)
[4114-13 Aircraft Maintenance Engineer \(Structures\)](#)
[4114-15 Aircraft Maintenance Engineer \(Avionics\)](#)
- **Structural Steel and Welding Tradespersons**
[4122-11 Metal Fabricator](#)
[4122-13 Pressure Welder](#)
[4122-15 Welder \(First Class\)](#)

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News Articles;

Top Indian court buys into attacks on students

Link: <http://www.smh.com.au/world/top-indian-court-buys-into-attacks-on-students-20090629-d2mi.html>

Revealed: student Death toll set to rise

Strangely even though this story was front page in the SMH morning edition paper I couldn't find it on the SMH internet site. Very odd. It was if the story has been pulled for some reason?

Readers Comments

Fysal writes;

Hi Karl,

Thanks for the immi news. Karl, according to you there are thousands of applications are still in the pipeline to be processed for category 1-3 and until of unless DIAC finish processing those, DIAC will not start 4 and 5. But , it seems like, category 1-3 is a never ending list and will never finish becoz every month new applicants are getting state sponsor, employer sponsor and so on and they are lodging their application. DIAC always says in the website all other applications will be processed after the priority processing is being finalised but how come ? Coz DIAC will receive these Priority applications every single day..... so it will never finish and DIAC will never process other applications.

So, do you think DIAC will make some interim arrangements for ppl who have applied long long ago and still waiting ? Or these non priority applications will remain as untouched forever ?

Our Reply

After talking to one of the senior the Directors of the ASPC this week I was informed that they do not expect that the priority applications will be completed this financial year. Unfortunately this means unless you ar on the CSL you should not expect your visa to be granted in the next 12 months and will probably have to wait until the next financial year (beginning 01.07.2010). They did make the comment that is the economic situation imporoves then this processing proirities will probably be changed to include all applications.

It should be noted that the priority also incudes those applicants who have recently won their case at the MRT and those old 880 applications that are going to deposit 100K for the bonus points.

I know there are many old 880, 885 and 886 files out there still already waiting over 12 months but this means that it will probably be another 12 months before your files are assessed. With any luck it may be sooner but prepare yourselves for a longer wait. Any applicant looking to lodge their PR applications soon but are not on the CSL you should prepare for a possible 2 year wait before it will be granted.

Vishal writes;

hi karl,

i am wondering if the DIAC changes skills points form 60 to 40 in Community Welfare what options are we students left with?

it is really scary and absolute disheartening grim future for me to see ahead for myself... since i will be completing my diploma in community welfare in june 2010..

i have a terrible fear with a 40 points qualification:

even after studying for two years, spending thousands of Dollars...and actually getting enrolled in such a course when it was actually 60 points course...we won't be eligible for the 18 months working visa....i believe this is absolutely unfair and and irresponsible decision with the current students...

Karl..can u plz enlighten on this....

Reply

Vishal you will note the bad news above regarding the English requirement above. The issue regarding the 60 to 40 points seems undecided at this stage but we will keep you posted. I agree it is not fair to students for a decision not to be released ASAP. In reality though I think there will be a mass exodus of students from their courses considering 7 on each in a IELTS will be very tough for most.

Yatrik writes;

Hi Karl,

My name is Yatrik Dave. I have been to your offices before for queries and also go through your newsletters. There is one question related to "job ready test" that's worrying me and my friends. We request you to pls brief on it in your next newsletter.

Details:

Have finished my certi IV in commercial cookery and dip in hospitality management. IELTS score is more than 6 bands in each module.

Have applied for T.R.

Will apply for P.R after jan2010

Que:

Will the job ready test affect us if we apply for P.R after jan2010?

Hope for your early reply

Thanks

Yatrik Dave.

Our reply;

There used to be random trade tests carried out by the TRA a few years ago. They proved too expensive to run and were abandoned. When they did run none of my clients had any problems with the test and they were arranged at a TAFE college kitchen. Basically I don't feel students should be concerned about these tests. I'm sure they do not expect you to be fantastic chefs but rather you can cook basic food items. Overall for students who have completed a proper Cert III in cooking etc, will have no problems in passing.

This overall should be the same for any of the trade occupations here in Australia. Those students who actually went to school, opposed to those who just paid for their courses should have nothing to worry about except for the cost and inconvenience. It is expected all trade occupations will be tested for anyone who applies for residency after the 1st January 2010 regardless if you have applied for the 485 visa beforehand.

Sahin writes:

Hi,

In case of the EU visa here I think what is the point to go to a EU after being in Australia. Instead I would recommend those from india to come and find work here. It is booming and has a lot of potential.

regards

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Our Reply

Yes that is always a good point, India is booming so why don't applicants who are struggling here from India consider going back home to gain valuable work experience and then apply for residency for Australia later. I am a firm believer that nothing substitutes good work experience so if the prospects are not good here for your occupation perhaps going home for a while is not such a bad idea.

James writes;

Hi Karl

Generally, I would not pay attention to any demands (demands, mind you, NOT requests) from International students, but some of the comments in your newsletter made by them could not stop me from writing this.

What do these students think of themselves? Do they think that Australia cannot survive without them?

Remember, these students have started coming here in droves only after immigration rules were changed to enable them to acquire PR after study. Prior to that, upto year 2001, there were hardly any International students and yet Australian Universities were surviving and would still survive without them.

It is the Skilled Independent migrants who have really contributed to the development and progress of this country since last 40 years!

What have the International students done for the country? They are just buying PR under the pretext of study and that too through some low quality qualifications in Hairdressing and Cookery!

What percentage of these International students have brought with them some real skills that have benefited Australia?

And these students demand that they should be given priority over Skilled Independents Migrants !!

I cannot help but laugh at such ridiculous demands.

Even more laughable is that you agree to such suggestions.

But then you would, because you have a vested interest being a migration agent.

Just a read of the comments by these students in your newsletter exposes their very poor English and mindset.

I know most of these International students who come here are low grade students who barely manage a pass grade in year 10 or year 12 in their country and most of the reputed universities there would reject to admit them in any respectable courses.

Will you publish my letter in your newsletter? Probably you won't because this is the bitter truth for most.

James

Our Reply

Well James you can see we provide a balanced approach here by printing your reply. Overall I think you miss the point that the education industry for international students is a huge industry providing many thousands of jobs to local residents and much needed international currency to Australia. You should also consider that most of the students who come here already have significant professional experience in their fields. True there are many undergraduate students with no work experience but they have lived and already adapted here which is more than I can say for people who have never visited here before they migrate.

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