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New IELTS Requirements for the 485 Visa!!!!

DIAC has released today the shocking news that it is going to change a crucial aspect of the Migration Regulations forcing applicants to have their IELTS results before they can lodge their 485 visa applications.

Current rules up to the 27th of October 2008

You may lodge a 485 visa application with a booking receipt of the IELTS test if you do not have your IELTS result ready.

New Rules Starting the 27th of October 2008

You must the IELTS result at the time you lodge your 485 visa otherwise your application may be rejected.

Ridiculous Change

I've seen DIAC make some pretty outrageous rules in the last 10 years but this would have to rate as one of the worst on record. So what happens to all those students who cannot obtain an IELTS test result before the 27th October?

I don't know if those in the Skilled Migration Policy Section in Canberra have bothered to check lately but in Sydney you are lucky if you can get a booking by November and certainly not the results before the 27th of October. The very least they could have done is given sufficient warning so students can plan ahead for their IELTS tests but to do it this manner is just an exercise of bureaucratic absurdity.

Toursit or Student Visa?

If DIAC continues with this change then students whose visa's are going to expire but who do not have their IELTS result before this occurs will have to apply for tourist visas or a new student visa (and new course etc).

By forcing students down these paths it contradicts DIAC's much applauded policy intention of giving students rights to work full time when they are organising to apply for the skilled migration visa program.

DIAC's Web Site

We have reproduced below the information you can read on DIAC's web site.

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Changes to Skilled – Graduate (subclass 485) visa – effective 27 October 2008

Changes relating to the provision of evidence of English language ability for the Skilled – Graduate (Subclass 485) visa are being introduced from 27 October 2008. People who have made an application for a Skilled – Graduate (Subclass 485) visa before 27 October 2008 will not be affected by the changes.

People lodging an application for a Skilled – Graduate (subclass 485) on or after 27 October 2008 must provide evidence **at the time they lodge their application** that they have met the relevant English language standard.

The standard for professionals, para-professionals and managerial

occupations is 'competent' English (a score of at least six (6) on each of the four (4) components of the International English Language Test Scheme (IELTS) test or equivalent standard in a specified test).

For people who nominate an occupation in the Major Group IV in the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations, the standard is 'vocational' English (a score of at least five (5) on each of the four (4) components of the IELTS test).

IELTS test results must be no more than two (2) years old at the time of application.

This is a departure from the current regulations which allow an applicant to apply having only booked an English language test. Please note that from 27 October 2008, applicants will need to provide evidence of English language ability when lodging their application. Failure to do so may result in applicants being unable to satisfy the criteria for this visa, and this application may be refused.

Exception:

Applicants who hold an eligible passport from one of the following specified countries are not required to submit evidence of their English language ability:

Canada

New Zealand

Republic of Ireland

United Kingdom (UK)

United States of America (USA).

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