

## General Skilled Migration

### Recent changes in general skilled migration – effective 16 March 2009

#### Professionals and other skilled migrants

The Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Senator Chris Evans, has announced further changes to the Skilled Migration Program:

- Capping the 2008-09 General Skilled Migration (GSM) Program
- Removal of most trades from the Critical Skills List.

In December 2008 Senator Chris Evans announced a range of changes in response to the global economic crisis to ensure the 2008-09 skilled migration program was better targeted and more responsive to industry needs.

These changes included priority processing with preference to:

- employer-sponsored permanent migration applications, where skilled migrants are sponsored to go into jobs unable to be filled locally.
- applicants nominated by state and territory governments, who were also given greater scope to meet critical skill shortages in their jurisdiction; and
- applicants who had nominated an occupation identified as in critical shortage.

Since then, the global economic situation has continued to deteriorate, and this has significantly weakened Australia's economic situation, including an increase in unemployment. The program is modified as these needs change. The new ceiling for the 2008-09 skills stream of the migration program is 115,000 places.

These measures allow skilled migrants who are sponsored by an employer for a specific job in Australia, are sponsored by a State or Territory government, or have skills in critical need to be given priority for the remainder of 2008-09 program year within the lower program ceiling.

#### The Critical Skills List (CSL)

The CSL applies to people who are seeking to migrate under the skilled migration program and who are not sponsored by an employer or nominated by a state or territory government.

The following outlines key information about this CSL:

- it includes mainly information technology professionals, engineers and medical professionals.
- The CSL is a smaller list of occupations than the MODL, developed in consultation with state and territory governments
- Applications from people nominating the occupation of Accountant will receive processing priority only if they have completed the Skilled Migration Internship Program – Accounting (SMIPA); and/or they have demonstrated that they have proficient English language skills, passing the International English Language Testing System (IELTS 7) in the past two (2) years
- This list will be subject to ongoing review to ensure that it remains responsive to skills demands.

New arrangements will provide state and territory governments with **greater scope to meet**

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**critical skill shortages** in their jurisdiction.

- States and territories have been provided with an expanded baseline list of occupations which will be reviewed regularly.
- In addition, state and territory governments have been offered a quota of 500 places in 2008-09 to nominate skilled migrants in occupations beyond their existing lists of eligible occupations.

You can download a copy of the CSL from:

[www.immi.gov.au/skilled/general-skilled-migration/pdf/critical-skills-list.pdf](http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/general-skilled-migration/pdf/critical-skills-list.pdf)

### Priority processing

The priority processing direction gives priority processing to permanent applications in the following order:

1. Employer sponsorship.
2. State or territory sponsorship.
3. An occupation on the Critical Skills List (CSL).
4. An occupation on the MODL.
5. All other occupations.

The new priority processing direction gives priority processing to provisional applications in the following order:

1. State or territory sponsorship.
2. Family sponsorship where the applicant's occupation is listed on the CSL.
3. All other applications.

Note DIAC will also continue to priority process 880 cases where the applicant is making the prescribed investment and some MRT remittal cases.

### MODL

There have been **no changes to the points** allocated for the **Migration Occupations in Demand List (MODL)**. The MODL methodology will be reviewed as necessary to determine any changes required for its continued use for skilled migration purposes.

### Employer sponsorship

The priority processing only applies to those who have an employer willing to formally sponsor them for migration, not simply a job offer. Applicants who are sponsored by an employer must apply for one of the employer sponsored scheme (ENS) visas.

### State and territory nomination

States and territories can nominate applicants who have an occupation on their skills shortage list. They may also sponsor up to 500 visa applicants and their families a year who do not have occupations on their state or territory list. Applicants should approach the relevant state or territory agency directly to enquire about nomination.

Each state and territory compiles its own skills shortage list. Each state or territory can sponsor potential migrants with skills in an occupation included on their skills shortage list for a General Skilled Migration (GSM) visa. Applicants sponsored by a state or territory government for a permanent visa receive an additional 10 points on the GSM points test.

### Police checks for online lodged General Skilled Migration (GSM) visa applications

If you are lodging an online onshore GSM visa, you do not need to provide the transaction ID for your Australian Federal Police (AFP) check with your GSM visa application. The AFP has

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advised that the transaction ID can only be provided when the check is completed. It is not necessary to contact the AFP to obtain the transaction ID in order for you to lodge your GSM visa application.

Note: You must have already submitted the request for an AFP check before you lodge your GSM visa application. When you have received your police check, it should be forwarded to the department.

#### Other recent changes:

**The capital investment scheme has reopened** for pre-1 September 2007 with the South Australian Government Financing Authority announcing it will accept deposits from late January 2009. Affected applicants will be contacted by their case officer. Any applicant seeking further information should contact David Bitel.

Changes relating to the provision of evidence of English language ability for the Skilled – Graduate (Subclass 485) visa were introduced on 27 October 2008. From that date an IELTS pass score must be submitted with the application. People who have made an application for a Skilled – Graduate (Subclass 485) visa before 27 October 2008 are not affected by the changes.

On 9 August 2008 **the online application changed to include additional questions on Health and Character**. This change affects all online applications.

You may be required to complete the new Personal Particulars Form. If so, the form and the request to complete it will be automatically displayed on the page immediately after payment. You are encouraged to complete your application with as much information as possible at time of lodgement. Applications with missing information may take longer to finalise.

See: <http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/general-skilled-migration/whats-new.htm>

#### Skilled – Regional Sponsored (Provisional) visa (Subclass 475) Nomination by State/Territory government

State and Territory governments who may offer nomination are:

- Tasmania
- Victoria
- Western Australia
- New South Wales
- Queensland
- Northern Territory
- South Australia

Nomination from a State or Territory government does not automatically result in the grant of a visa. The application must also be assessed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship against a number of visa-specific requirements. The applicant will only be granted a visa if all requirements are met.

<http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/general-skilled-migration/475/nom-state-terr.htm>

For more information contact Jack Li on 9286 8700.

#### Australian study requirement – general skilled migration visas

From 15 May 2009, the Migration Regulations 1994 ('the Regulations') are amended to change the name of the 2 year study requirement to the Australian study requirement, and to specify the length of time an 'academic year' for onshore General Skilled Migration ('GSM') visa applicants.

<http://www.immi.gov.au/legislation/amendments/2009/090515/lc15052009.htm>

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## Students

No changes have been announced to the student visa program. The pathway from a student visa to General Skilled Migration (GSM) also remains in place. However, applying for a student visa and applying for GSM are separate processes.

International students who were eligible for permanent residence are still eligible for permanent residence if they meet the prescribed criteria. For more information contact David Bitel.

## Legislative Instruments – Skilled Occupations

Legislative instrument (IMMI 09/031) is the link which indicates the following:

- Skilled occupations on the SOL
- ASCO Code for each skilled occupation
- The assessing authority for each skilled occupation
- The nationality of the skilled worker who must use the particular skills assessing authority
- The points prescribed for the skilled occupation.

Persons usually resident in the prescribed countries of India, Sri Lanka, UK, South Africa and the Philippines who are skilled in the following occupations:

- General Electrician + Supervisor
- Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic
- Motor Mechanic + Supervisor
- General Plumber + Supervisor
- Carpenter + Supervisor
- Joiner + Supervisor
- Bricklayer + Supervisor
- Cable Joints
- Electrical Distribution Tradesperson + Supervisor

MUST use VETASSESS for a skills assessment.

The new legislative instrument allows for skilled workers in the above occupations of ALL OTHER nationalities to use EITHER VETASSESS or TRA for a skills assessment for the purposes of a GSM application. However, those skilled workers from the prescribed countries MUST continue to use VETASSESS.

## Immigration Issues

### Disability inquiry

The Minister for Immigration has announced the terms of reference for an inquiry relating to the health requirement in the Migration Act.

The specific terms of reference are:

1. Report on the options to properly assess the economic and social contribution of people with a disability and their families seeking to migrate to Australia.
2. Report on the impact on funding for, and availability of, community services for people with a disability moving to Australia either temporarily or permanently
3. Report on whether the balance between the economic and social benefits of the entry and stay of an individual with a disability, and the costs and use of services by that individual, should be a factor in a visa decision.
4. Report on how the balance between costs and benefits might be determined and the appropriate criteria for making a decision based on that assessment.

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5. Report on a comparative analysis of similar migrant receiving countries

<http://www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/media-releases/2009/ce09039.htm>

### **Retirement Visa (Subclass 410) holders**

The recent Federal Government Budget Papers contained the following information:

From 1 July 2009 the Government will provide \$0.1 million in 2009-10 to extend the Retirement Visa (Subclass 410) validity period from four to 10 years, and to remove the current statutory limit on work rights for holders. Currently, Retirement Visas (Subclass 410) are valid for four years and do not allow holders to work for more than 20 hours per week.

This measure will provide applicants with more certainty regarding their length of stay in Australia, and allow paid and volunteer work to be undertaken. Around 8,700 visa holders will be affected by these changes. The Retirement Visa (Subclass 410) closed to new primary applicants from July 2005.

### **People smuggler extradited**

Alleged people smuggling kingpin Hadi Ahmadi was extradited to Australia from Indonesia recently. Flanked by Australian Federal Police and local immigration officers in Jakarta, a defiant Ahmadi was ushered onto a Qantas plane bound for Perth – and a trial that will be a landmark in Australia's efforts to combat unauthorised arrivals.

The dual Iranian-Iraqi citizen is the first alleged human trafficker to be extradited to Australia by Indonesian authorities, a sign of close cooperation between the two nations. He faces up to 20 years in prison for his role in sending four boats laden with hundreds of asylum seekers to Australia in 2001. In all, he is accused of 21 offences under the Migration Act.

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/accused-people-smuggler-extradited-20090526-bm8y.html>

### **New directions in detention**

Following last July's landmark speech announcing the Government's policy, New Directions in Detention, and ongoing administrative changes to reflect the Government's new detention values, the new funding addresses the need for the prompt resolution of people's immigration status while they remain in the community. Collectively, these measures advance the Government's commitment in resolving people's immigration status expeditiously.

<http://www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/media-releases/2009/ce01-budget-09.htm>

### **Temporary overseas worker numbers falling**

Changes announced to the subclass 457 visa program last month will ensure that temporary skilled overseas workers are not employed ahead of local workers or used to undermine Australian wages and conditions. The Rudd Government's worker protection laws come into effect in September 2009 which strengthens the integrity of the temporary skilled working visa program by ensuring overseas workers are not exploited or used to undermine local wages and conditions.

<http://www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/media-releases/2009/ce09043.htm>

### **DIAC refutes hoax email on refugee payments**

The Department of Immigration has refuted false claims circulating on the internet that asylum seekers on Christmas Island and refugees permanently settling in Australia receive more in benefit payments than Australian pensioners. The figures quoted in the email bear no resemblance to income-support payments to pensioners, or to payments to asylum seekers and refugees settling in Australia, DIAC spokesman Sandi Logan said. Asylum Seeker

Assistance Scheme payments to eligible asylum seekers and allowances paid to people in community detention on Christmas Island are the same rate 89 per cent of Centrelink Newstart allowance.

[http://www.newsroom.immi.gov.au/media\\_releases/714](http://www.newsroom.immi.gov.au/media_releases/714)

### **Rudd escalates action over asylum seekers**

Waves of Australia-bound asylum seekers crossing from Malaysia to Indonesia have prompted the Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, to send the national security adviser, Duncan Lewis, to talk with Malaysian officials about counter measures.

The growing influx of boat people from Afghanistan and Sri Lanka has triggered the high-level delegation to Kuala Lumpur.

The short journey across the Malacca Straits from Malaysia to Indonesia is a key transit point for asylum seekers, who are using well-established networks of people smugglers.

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/rudd-escalates-action-over-asylum-seekers-20090424-ai1n.html>

### **Company fleeces visa hopefuls**

An online business that charges up to \$580 for Australian skilled migration visas that are never delivered is being investigated by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. The Australia Institute of Immigration, or AUSIOM, claims to provide an application service for the visas and charges between €39 (\$70) and €324, to be paid by credit card.

A departmental spokesman said applicants had been fleeced for hundreds of dollars and received nothing in return. "We have several complaints from various parts of the world, including the Middle East and Asian countries, about them and we're investigating," he said. "We've also received complaints from people in Australia." But the Government is powerless to do anything if the company is offshore, as it is believed to be. "All we can do is encourage people to report it to their local authorities," the spokesman said.

A spokesman for the Immigration Department said people with friends or relatives wanting to apply for the skilled migration program should go the government website, [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au).

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/company-fleeces-visa-hopefuls-20090526-bm83.html>

### **People in detention**

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[http://www.humanrights.gov.au/about/media/media\\_releases/2009/39\\_09.html](http://www.humanrights.gov.au/about/media/media_releases/2009/39_09.html)

### **Subclass 457 IELTS requirements for chefs and head chefs**

#### *Chefs and Head Chefs - IELTS*

Applicants who lodged Subclass 457 visa applications before 14 April 2009 as chefs and head chefs (ASCO 3322-11 and ASCO 3322-01) that were not finalised, were previously advised to provide evidence that they had successfully been tested as having English proficiency at IELTS 4.5.

As at 2 June 2009, applicants in this situation no longer need to meet this requirement.

Subclass 457 visa applicants in this position may wish to contact their relevant case officer for

further information.

[http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/whats\\_new\\_457.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/whats_new_457.htm)

### **ImmiTV reaches online audience**

Australia's immigration story is reaching a worldwide audience through its YouTube news channel – ImmiTV. The Department of Immigration and Citizenship's (DIAC) ImmiTV channel showcases the work undertaken by staff and highlights events celebrated around Australia such as Harmony Day, Refugee Week, Volunteers Week and more. The ImmiTV channel is the sister site to the department's online newsroom which posts broadcast quality audio, video and digital stills material for the media to download and use.

See: [www.newsroom.immi.gov.au/media\\_releases/718](http://www.newsroom.immi.gov.au/media_releases/718)

### **Improved support for trafficking victims**

The Department of Immigration has introduced changes to the Government's Support for Victims of People Trafficking Program and the People Trafficking Visa Framework which recognise the particular vulnerabilities of victims of trafficking and provide a more flexible framework to support victims and their families. Minister for the Status of Women, Tanya Plibersek, said the changes would enable a wider range of trafficking victims to access support services.

[http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/internet/tanyaplibersek.nsf/content/improved\\_support\\_17june09.htm](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/internet/tanyaplibersek.nsf/content/improved_support_17june09.htm)

### **Minister meets Indian community in Melbourne**

The Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Senator Chris Evans, met representatives from the Indian community in Melbourne to listen directly to their views on the recent incidents involving Indian students. The minister reassured the Indian community that the Australian Government welcomes students from India and values their decision in coming to Australia to further their studies.

<http://www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/media-releases/2009/ce09056.htm>

### **Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA)**

The aim of the Refugee Council is to promote humane, flexible and constructive policies towards refugees, asylum seekers and displaced persons. Australia has become home to over 600,000 refugees and we have a proud history of settling refugees from all over the world who have made an enormous contribution to our economic, social and cultural well-being.

### **Refugee Week 2009**

Refugee Week has been celebrated in Australia since 1986, with the dual purposes of acknowledging the amazing contributions made by refugees to Australian society, and drawing attention to international refugee concerns. This year, Refugee Week runs from 14 to 20 June. The theme for this year's Refugee Week is "Freedom from Fear", and UNHCR's theme for World Refugee Day is "Real People: Real Needs".

<http://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/newsevents/refugeeweek.html>

### **Changes to build fairer refugee determination process**

Changes announced in the 2009-10 Federal Budget will help to produce a fairer and more streamlined system of determining refugee status, the Refugee Council of Australia says.

Measures announced by Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Senator Chris Evans,

include:

- the development of a national Community Status Resolution Service and Assisted Voluntary Return Service;
- abolishing the arbitrary “45-day rule” approach to the granting of work rights and health care access to asylum seekers; and
- introducing a Complementary Protection system for people to whom Australia has protection obligations under human rights treaties other than the Refugee Convention.

Other welcome changes announced in the Federal Budget include the introduction of a four-year planning framework for the offshore Refugee Program and an increase in the Woman at Risk quota from 10.5% to 12% of the Refugee Program.

The Budget also outlines a \$186.3 million five-year redevelopment of Villawood Immigration Detention Centre. The redevelopment will update and expand the existing centre, increasing the operational capacity by 72 beds to 400 beds, with “surge capacity” of up to 728 beds.

[www.refugeecouncil.org.au/newsevents/media.html](http://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/newsevents/media.html)

Click on the Newsletters section of the above website to read more about other refugee issues featured in the media including the following:

### **Refoulement from Australia**

The UN Human Rights Committee has raised concerns that Australia has not fully respected the principle of non-refoulement and has sent asylum seekers back to danger. “Australia should take urgent and adequate measures, to ensure that nobody is returned to a country where there are substantial grounds to believe they are at risk of being deprived of their life or being tortured or subjected to other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,” the UN committee said.

### **Tampa asylum seekers try again and succeed**

Four asylum seekers who were rescued by the Tampa in 2001, but were sent back to Afghanistan after detainment and processing in Nauru, have been found to be genuine refugees. One of the men said he was so desperate to escape the Taliban he risked his life in a second boat journey with people smugglers, despite fearing he would again be rejected by Australia. (*The Age*, 28 March)

### **New system of complementary protection**

Asylum seekers who are not officially classified as a ‘refugee’ but face danger at home, such as a woman who could face genital mutilation in her country of origin, will now be processed as a matter of course by the Department of Immigration under a new system of ‘Complementary Protection’, recognised worldwide as a necessary supplement to Refugee Convention provisions. (*The Age*, 14 May)

### **Climate change refugees relocated in PNG**

Members of five families being described as the world's first climate change refugees have moved from the Carteret Islands in Papua New Guinea to the site of their new homes in Tinputz on the island of Bougainville. Fathers and sons of the families have gone ahead to prepare the housing sites for their families to move to permanently. The land was donated by the Catholic Church of Bougainville. (*ABC Radio Australia News*, 1 May)

### **Survey backs Rudd's asylum seeker stance**

Some 46% of Australians say they trust Mr Rudd and Labor to handle border protection, giving

the government a 12 point lead on the issue. 45% of voters also agree with Mr Rudd's argument that the influx is due to global security and economic "push factors" rather than more relaxed border protection. (*The Sydney Morning Herald*, 28 April)

### **From trauma to alumni**

As a refugee from war-riven Bosnia, Mirsada Alemic had seen more atrocities than most of the other 10-year-olds in her class at Auburn North Public School would see in a lifetime. While time has healed some of the emotional wounds, harsh memories of the Srebrenica massacre linger after 12 years.

Despite the financial hardship that she and her family faced as refugees settling in Australia, Ms Alemic learnt English and completed a business degree last year with the help of a Smith Family education program called Learning For Life. The program supported Ms Alemic through Arthur Phillip High School in Parramatta and the La Trobe University Sydney campus.

The \$30 million Learning For Life program has grown from supporting 7000 school students in 1999 to 30,000 students from primary to tertiary level. There are 1200 tertiary students involved in the program nationally this year.

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/from-trauma-to-alumni-20090422-aff7.html>

### **Protecting refugees**

With the support of the Australian Government and the Australian community, refugees are able to come to Australia and live free from fear of the persecution and terrible violence that they experienced in their home countries. Australia continues to be an international leader in refugee resettlement and in 2009-10 will welcome 13 750 people under its Humanitarian Program.

<http://www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/media-releases/2009/ce09053.htm>

### **Forgotten refugees**

Australia is also helping Palestinians from Iraq who have fled to Syria. The new edition of Refugee and Humanitarian Issues: Australia's Response includes information on Australia's Humanitarian Program and recent initiatives developed to assist refugees.

<http://www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/media-releases/2009/ce09057.htm>

### **Comic book helps young refugees**

The comic book One Step at a Time is designed for young refugees who are about to come to Australia. Work started on the comic book in late 2007 with the help of Multicultural Youth SA, as well as a group of young people who had recently arrived as refugees from Africa, the Middle East and South East Asia.

<http://www.minister.immi.gov.au/parlsec/media/media-releases/2009/lf09035.htm>

### **Studied approach to success**

A young woman who fled war-torn Sudan and spent three years in a UNHCR refugee camp is one of 15 refugee students to be awarded a scholarship in recognition of academic and community achievements. 'These are young people who are in their productive years with so much ahead them who can make a significant contribution to Australia.

<http://www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/media-releases/2009/ce09051.htm>

## **Human Rights**

### **Human Rights Act**

Concerns that a national Human Rights Act would fall foul of the Constitution can be

confidently put aside, President of the Australian Human Rights Commission, Justice Cathy Branson QC said. Instead, an independent body such as the Australian Human Rights Commission would keep a watch on cases and notify the Parliament through the Attorney-General if a court were unable to interpret the legislation in a way that was compatible with the Human Rights Act, she said.

[http://www.humanrights.gov.au/about/media/media\\_releases/2009/32\\_09.html](http://www.humanrights.gov.au/about/media/media_releases/2009/32_09.html)

## People in detention

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[http://www.humanrights.gov.au/about/media/media\\_releases/2009/39\\_09.html](http://www.humanrights.gov.au/about/media/media_releases/2009/39_09.html)

## FOI changes

The Government has refused the Ombudsman's recommendation to include NSW politicians in a new freedom-of-information act but has proposed fines of up to \$11,000 for public servants or others who knowingly breach the new law.

Central to the new legislation is a bill to create a new office of information commissioner to promote open government, review decisions of agencies, train staff, provide information and assistance to agencies and to recommend changes to the law. The commissioner will be given "inquiry powers of a royal commission" to investigate complaints but will not have the power to order release of documents. That power will remain with the existing Administrative Decisions Tribunal. The Commissioner will have the same level of independence as the Ombudsman.

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/foi-changes-would-exclude-mps-20090505-au1u.html>

## New English teaching resource

It's Your Right! Has been developed by the Australian Human Rights Commission in partnership with Adult Multicultural Education Services as a teaching resource about human rights and responsibilities in Australia for adult learners. It is a resource tailored to the needs of people who are newly arrived in Australia and who are learning English as a second language (ESL).

[http://www.humanrights.gov.au/about/media/media\\_releases/2009/42\\_09.html](http://www.humanrights.gov.au/about/media/media_releases/2009/42_09.html)

## Diary Dates

### Talk: *Refugee Crisis - Promoting Humanity or Re-igniting Fear?*

**When:** Friday 10 July 2009, 6 pm - Sydney

**Where:** Sydney Gaelic Club, Lvl 1, 64 Devonshire St, Surry Hills 2010.

Professor Mary Crock and Mr David Bitel were the speakers at this Politics in the Pub discussion. For more information see [www.politicsinthepub.org.au](http://www.politicsinthepub.org.au)

### 2009 Human Rights Conference

**When:** Friday 17 July 2009 – Melbourne

**Where:** State Library of Victoria.

Keynote speaker: Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland.

Information: [www.law.monash.edu.au/castancentre](http://www.law.monash.edu.au/castancentre)

## Resources

### “Forced Migration in an Era of Global Financial Crisis – What Will Happen to Refugees?”

This article by Professor Roger Zetter discusses the impact of the current financial crisis on forced migrants. Read it at:

<http://www.age-of-migration.com/uk/financialcrisis/updates/1b.pdf>

## Recent speeches worth noting

### Barack Obama

President of the USA

“A new beginning” – Address to Muslims

Delivered at Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt, June 4, 2009

For full text see:

[www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/06/04/2589872.htm](http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/06/04/2589872.htm)

### Senator John Faulkner

Cabinet Secretary

“Open and Transparent Government – the Way Forward”

Delivered at Freedom of Speech Conference, Sydney, 24 March 2009

### Jack Li – Senior Associate

The partners of Parish Patience Immigration are pleased to announce the appointment of Jack Li as Senior Associate of the firm. Jack specialises in general skilled migration including state sponsorships. He is fluent in English and Mandarin. He has been with Parish Patience for almost two years and we look forward to his continued long association with the firm. Well done, Jack.

## A.P.B. Education Specialist IELTS Test Training and Coaching

Passing an IELTS test is now an essential requirement for all applicants for General Skills Migration. Adrian Bitel provides individual lessons to ensure proficiency in:

Reading	Writing
Speaking	Listening

Comprehensive ONE to ONE Personalised Coaching in any or all of the above skills will assist applicants to attain the required score levels.

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