



# INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION

## MIGRATION SERVICES TO AUSTRALIA INFORMATION BRIEF

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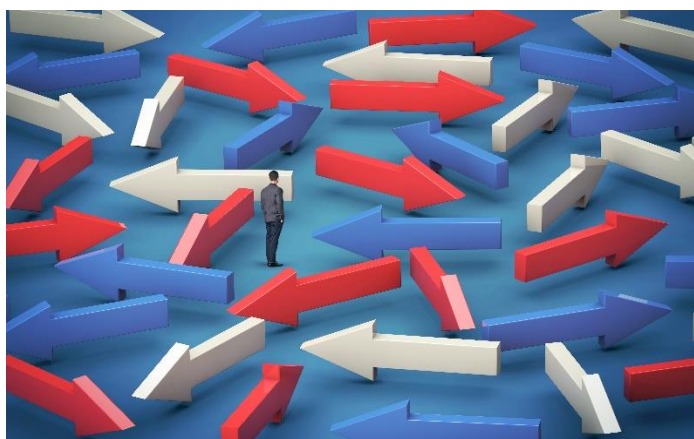
#### Announcements/Updates

##### **Migration (Skilling Australians Fund Charges Bill) 2017**

The Department of Home Affairs has announced that the Skilling Australia Funds (SAF) will be enacted on the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

Employers lodging a Subclass 482 or a Subclass 186 employer sponsored visa sponsorship prior to 12 August will continue to be required to provide evidence of staff training.

After the SAF is enacted lodgements for employer sponsorship will require employers to pay the levy and will no longer be required to provide the evidence of training.



#### Newsworthy

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is an Approved Proposer Organization (APO) under the Community Support Programme (CSP). This Programme allows communities, businesses, families and individuals to collaborate in sponsoring people to come to Australia, integrate and achieve financial independence. Part of this process is obtaining employment, particularly in regional areas.

For more information about this programme please visit: <https://australia.iom.int/community-support->

#### Helpful Hints

When lodging second or subsequent visa applications for Australia, it is advisable to review your previous visa applications for consistency before lodging. This simple step may eliminate avoidable delays in your visa application processing.

Don't forget also that if you lodge two visa applications simultaneously, it is the latest positive decision that stands. For example, if you apply for a visitor visa and a Subclass 485 Temporary Graduate Visa at the same time and the Subclass 485 is granted first, you hold a valid 485 visa. If you do not withdraw the visitor visa application, at this stage it will continue processing. A subsequent positive decision on the visitor visa supersedes your Subclass 485 decision, meaning you would then hold a visitor visa instead of the Subclass 485 visa.



Partner Visa applications require evidence of your relationship. If you are planning on applying for a Partner Visa soon, it is prudent to review what documentation you have that connects you to your partner. Ask yourself some questions such as; "Do I have evidence of us living together?", "Do we have proof of our shared finances?" and "How can we show our future commitment to each other?"

#### Occupational Ceiling Data

Effective from August, the Department of Home Affairs invitations for skilled visas will now be issued on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of each month, replacing the previous fortnightly system. The points system invites applicants with the highest points scores among their occupation to apply for the relevant visa. Currently, the minimum points for skilled occupations is 75 points. Accountants are consistently requiring 80 points.

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