

'Recent Changes to Australian Skilled Migration Means Getting the Right Advice is Crucial'

A new website launched by immigration law firm Haag Walker Lawyers points out the evolving complexities of Australian immigration law, policy and practice, and warns that on the back of the most recent government changes to the Australian immigration system, obtaining the right immigration advice is now more important than ever before.

The Australian government has recently implemented a series of complicated changes to Australian immigration procedures, causing much concern and confusion amongst those awaiting a decision on their Australian visa application and those hoping to begin the application process. In view of this, Melbourne immigration lawyers Haag Walker advise & it is vital that expert advice is sought from the start of the visa application process.

Perhaps the most significant recent change is the introduction by the Australian Government of a new updated Skilled Occupation List (SOL). This is a list of occupations relevant to independent skilled migration which are considered to be in demand in Australia. The new SOL (due to come into effect in July 2010) includes 181 occupations, a significant shift from the original which listed over 400. The Australian Government cites a higher need for employer-sponsored migrants in the Australian labour force as the reason for reducing the number and type of independent skilled migration occupations which are acceptable.

Changes to immigration policy, such as those instituted regarding the SOL, directly affect the chances of any prospective migrant to Australia successfully obtaining an Australian visa.

Haag Walker Lawyers recognise this, and pride themselves on keeping abreast of all changes to immigration policy implemented by the Australian Government. It is important to this firm not only that they themselves understand the effect of these recent changes to the SOL, but that their valued clients are made aware of these also.

Their new website has been designed with this in mind. It illustrates the role and purpose of new immigration policies in detail, promising clients that under the direction of their firm, & valuable time and money will not be expended on any unwarranted or unattainable applications.

The website explains how a lack of knowledge regarding the full implications of these changes can and often does result in visa applications being refused. Being unaware of the way changes to Australian immigration policy affect visa application outcomes can therefore be costly, not only in terms of time and expense, but also to an individual's dream of immigration to Australia in the first place.

This highlights the importance of retaining sound professional legal advice before undertaking an Australian visa application. With their up-to-date immigration experience and knowledge, Haag Walker Lawyers are able to ensure that an Australian visa application has the best possible chance of success.

The Haag Walker Lawyers website offers a timely reminder to anyone hoping to immigrate to Australia - that seeking expert advice is more invaluable than ever amidst the highly changeable environment of Australian immigration law.

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