

MIGRATION BUREAU & VISA CENTRE

UPDATE

Migration Bureau & Visa Centre attend training at Australia High Commission

The Director of Visa Centre and Migration Bureau, Grant King and his London office team have had a busy year attending numerous events at the Australia High Commission to receive immigration policy training and information on State Government regional sponsorship opportunities for clients. Grant and his team received training from the South Australian, Western Australian, Victorian, and Queensland Governments, as well as meeting staff from the Australian Department of Immigration (DIAC).

Separately, Grant also attended formal luncheons with Hon Kevin Rudd, Australian

Prime Minister and Hon Wayne Swan, Treasurer of Australia. Following the meetings, Grant commented that “attending regular events at the Australian High Commission and meeting key Australian decision-makers ensures that our staff remain fully abreast of changes in immigration policy and that we have up-to-date information on Australia to pass onto our valued clientele – it further entrenches our position as the undisputed market leader”.

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Lee Hadwin, Nicola Spennati and Grant King at Australia House, London.

HIGH FAILURE RATE - Seek professional advice first



Industry feedback has indicated that an estimated 30% of all applicants who lodge their application online and directly with the immigration authorities get it **WRONG AND FAIL** because they did not use a migration agent to compile and double check their application and immigration eligibility first.

It is estimated that a further 20% of applicants who do not use an agent become confused and frustrated with the application process and find it difficult or impossible to get answers to their specific concerns or questions from the immigration authorities. As a result, they unnecessarily drop out of the application process.

Overall, this equates to an estimated up to 50% **FAILURE RATE** for “do-it-yourself” applicants applying directly to the immigration authorities.

This compares with a **SUCCESS RATE OF 98.5%** for applicants that apply through migration agencies such as the Migration Bureau.

Grant King of the Migration Bureau, one of the largest international immigration agencies, commented that “We want to protect applicants from these risks and ensure that applicants secure the right of residence that they are entitled to in the quickest possible time. To do so, the key is for new settlers to use an agent **BEFORE** applying and to instruct the agent to compile, double-check and lodge your online or physical residence visa application on your behalf - this will avoid unnecessary delays and risk, and means that you will receive your visas as soon as possible, and not be one of the thousands of applicants who are unnecessarily refused every year. So the moral of the story is to get it right the first time”.

MORE MIGRANTS USE AGENTS

It now seems more migrants are using agents according to the latest Emigrate Australia reader survey (Jan 07). 59.4% of readers now say they are using an immigration consultant for their applications.

The Emigrate Australia reader survey looked at various issues of the immigration process including demographics, family factors, motivations and the immigration process. Most respondents indicated that the **WAITING** was the most difficult part of the process. Therefore, there is a strong case for using an immigration consultant, who can help the applicant **AVOID DELAYS** and assist with **QUICKER PROCESSING** by presenting a 100% correct and complete application.

Secondly, the application process and preparing paperwork was also perceived to be a difficult part of the process. Again, there is a strong case for migration consultants who can make the application process smoother and clearer and provide personalised assistance and representation in this bureaucratic process.



Free Visa & Jobseeker Programme

We recognise that finding a job can be a stressful and frustrating experience so the Migration Bureau and Visa Centre has teamed up with its sister employment agency, ODG Recruitment to provide free job search advice and guidance to all its clients.

This is an invaluable service which helps you get started with your job search by providing an overview of the current Australian employment market, details of relevant job search sites, advice on how to write an Australian style CV and personal telephone consultations.

www.odgrecruitment.com



FEATURED ON BBC ...AGAIN...

Grant King of the Migration Bureau and Visa Centre appeared in a show on the BBC recently. The Migration Bureau was invited by the BBC to interview an actress in a series that followed the life and times of the individual actor. The BBC film crew visited the Migration Bureau London offices and filmed Grant King conducting an immigration assessment with the actress. The assessment proved to be positive and the actress and her family could emigrate to Australia.

The show was widely viewed in the UK and Europe and may be syndicated to appear in other countries, including Australia and New Zealand.

SUCCESS RATE MAINTAINED

The Migration Bureau is delighted to announce that, according to a recent audit, our enviable success rate of visa approvals has remained unchanged at 98.5%; one of the highest success rates in the industry.

We pride ourselves on our friendly, personal service while maintaining the highest possible standards of professionalism, integrity and dedication to client service. With over 30 years combined industry experience, our team of qualified immigration lawyers and visa consultants are able to continuously maintain our success in obtaining visa approvals for our clients.

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