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October's Immigration Highlights: Where Dreams Take Flight!

CANADA New Study Permit and PGWP Rules Effective November 1, 2024

Effective November 1, 2024, **Canada will implement new eligibility criteria for international students** applying for the Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP). University graduates must demonstrate a minimum language proficiency of CLB 7, while college graduates will need CLB 5. Graduates must also complete programs in fields aligned with Canada's labor market needs, with 966 eligible fields identified in areas like healthcare, STEM, and trades. Notably, Master's graduates can apply without field restrictions.



AUSTRALIA NSW Announces Priority Sectors for 2024-25 Skilled Migration Program

The NSW Government has announced **priority sectors for the 2024-25 skilled migration program** to tackle skills shortages and support evolving industries. Key sectors include construction, renewables, the care economy, digital and cyber, education, agriculture, and advanced manufacturing. Updated skills lists for the Skilled Nominated visa (subclass 190) and Skilled Work Regional visa (subclass 491) are now available. Invitation rounds for the subclass 190 visa will begin soon, with ongoing rounds until the allocation is filled. The subclass 491 visa features new pathways, including a regional graduate pathway and a 10% TSMIT concession for select occupations. Applicants should keep their Skill Select Expression of Interest (EOI) updated, and note that the application fee has risen to A\$315 for the 2024-25 program year.



ANZSCO to be Replaced by Separate Occupation Lists for Australia and New Zealand

On October 8, 2024, it was announced that the **Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO)** will be replaced by distinct occupational classification systems for Australia and New Zealand. Statistics New Zealand will introduce the National Occupation List (NOL) on November 20, 2024, in response to significant changes in both countries' labor markets. During the transition to the NOL, Immigration New Zealand will continue to use ANZSCO and will provide an update in 2025 regarding the official switch-over date. ANZSCO, established in 2006, categorizes occupations by **skill levels from 1 (most skilled) to 5 (least skilled)**. The new NOL aims to modernize occupational classifications and better reflect New Zealand's evolving labour market needs.



USA Eases Visa Wait Times for Indians with 250,000 New Slots Added

The US Mission in India has added **250,000 new visa slots for Indian travellers, including tourists, students, and skilled workers**. This move aims to reduce wait times and streamline the visa application process, strengthening US-India ties by enabling more frequent and timely travel. The additional appointments will help applicants secure interview slots more efficiently, supporting the significant people-to-people exchanges between the two countries.



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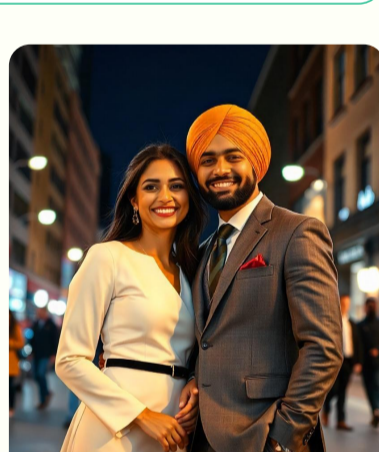
Success Story

SC 309 Partner (Provisional) Visa Granted to Komalpreet Kaur

Komalpreet Kaur applied for the SC 309 Partner (Provisional) visa to join her sponsor, Barinder Singh, in Australia. However, the application process was complicated by an issue regarding the Police Clearance Certificate (PCC).

Challenge

The immigration authorities flagged a discrepancy related to Barinder's nickname, which was commonly used by his family but not reflected in any official documents. This situation threatened to delay the application significantly.



SIEC's Intervention

Recognizing the urgency of the matter, Komalpreet sought assistance from SIEC's experienced migration consultants. They promptly assessed the situation and provided expert guidance on how to resolve the issue. The team worked diligently to obtain a corrected PCC, ensuring that all documents were consistent and accurately reflected Barinder's identity.

Resolution

On 18/09/2024, with SIEC's support, Komalpreet submitted the updated documentation, including a detailed explanation of the discrepancy. The consultants maintained close communication with immigration authorities, facilitating a swift resolution.

Outcome

Just two days later, on 20/09/2024, Komalpreet received her SC 309 Partner (Provisional) visa grant.

Conclusion

Komalpreet's successful application, spanning 20 months, demonstrates the value of expert guidance in overcoming visa application challenges. This case highlights SIEC's commitment to supporting clients at every stage, ensuring they achieve their immigration goals.

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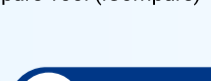
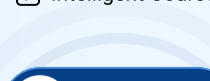
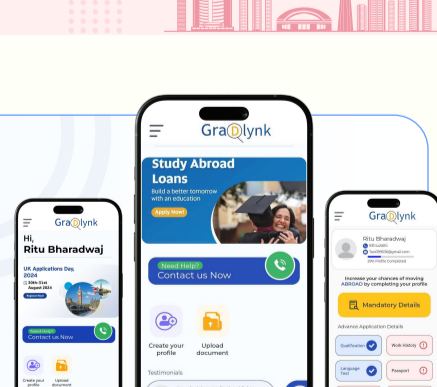
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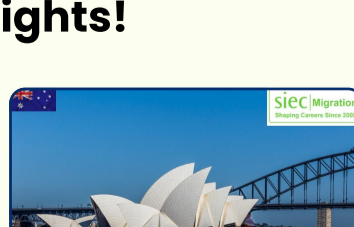
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