

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY EDITION

*Warm Greetings, Readers!*

As February unfolds its petals, we are delighted to bring you the latest edition of our newsletter, filled with global immigration updates, insightful immigration articles, and heart-warming stories of our visa success.

Let's explore the second edition of our newsletter in 2024!

## TOP 6 GLOBAL IMMIGRATION NEWS

1. Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) Expands Language Test Options for PR Immigration
2. IRCC Announces New Eligibility Criteria For Post-Graduation Work Permits
3. Anthony Albanese Confirms Tax Cuts Set for July 2024-25
4. Australian Full-Time Employees Celebrate \$81 Weekly Raise in First Real Wage Growth Since 2021
5. Immigration New Zealand Raises Work Visa Wage Thresholds Amidst Growing Demand for Skilled Workers
6. H1B USA Visa Renewal Now Open For Indians



## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*Your true success in life begins only when you make the commitment to become excellent at what you do.*

## CANADA EXPRESS ENTRY DRAW (FEBRUARY)

Date	Draw Type	No. of ITAs	Min. CRS
Feb 28	General	1,470	534
Feb 16	Agriculture and agri-food occupations	150	437
Feb 14	Healthcare occupations	3,500	422
Feb 13	General	1,490	535
Feb 01	French language proficiency	7,000	365

## NEWS

- IRCC Broadens Language Test Options for Immigration: Pearson Test of English (PTE) Core Approved, French Proficiency Expanded.
- IRCC Updates Post-Graduation Work Permit Rules: Ineligibility for Curriculum Licensing, Spouses of Master's and Doctoral Students Eligible for Open Work Permits.
- Anthony Albanese Greenlights Tax Cuts: High Earners to Pocket \$9000 Annually, Lower Incomes Get Modest Relief!
- Australia Shuts Door on Pandemic Event Visa (subclass 408) as Borders Reopen: Migration Shifts Focus, Urges Visa Holders to Ensure Compliance!
- NSW Calls on Skilled Professionals: Subclass 491 Visa via Investment NSW Targets Critical Skill Gaps in Key Sectors!
- Lower House Passes Revised Stage Three Tax Cuts: Relief for Middle Australia as Plan Heads to Senate.
- Albanese Stands Firm on Labor's Tax Cut Adjustments Amid Dunkley By-election Fervor: Senate Approves Amended Package Targeting Lower-Paid Workers.
- Australian Workers Rejoice: First Real Wage Increase Since 2021 Boosts Weekly Incomes, Mining Sector Leads Earnings!



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- Australian Education Minister Unveils Ambitious Universities Accord: Transforming Tertiary Education for a More Inclusive Workforce by 2050!
- U.S. Launches Renewal Process for H-1B Visa Renewal Pilot Program: Applications Open Until April 1, High Demand Expected.
- The UK Announces Sweeping Immigration Changes: Salary Thresholds Rise, Health Charges Increase, and Spouse Visa Rules Tighten.
- The UK Introduces India Young Professionals Scheme: Under-30s Offered 2-Year Visa for Residence, Work, and Study.
- New Zealand's Minimum Wage Increase Triggers Adjustments for Recognised Seasonal Employer (RSE) Workers: Hourly Rate Rises to NZD\$25.47.
- New Zealand Introduces Median Wage Rate Adjustment, Impacting Immigration Categories: Skilled Migrant, Work Visas Aligned with NZD\$31.61 per Hour.
- INZ Raises Work Visa Wage Thresholds Except for Accredited Employer Visa: Skilled Workers Demand Reflected in Median Wage Hike.

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## 2023-24 AUSTRALIA STATE-TERRITORY NOMINATION RECORD

Draw Type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA
Skilled Nominated Visa (Subclass 190)	454	966	234	505	830	370	1722	913
Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491) State and Territory Nominated	407	295	243	264	501	261	304	420
Business Innovation and Investment visa (subclass 188)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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## WHY SIEC CARE FOR YOU?

Beyond visas and timelines, we are committed to uncovering the genuine purpose of your journey and guiding you toward a meaningful and fulfilling experience abroad.

## STORY OF THE MONTH:

In the bustling city of Melbourne, amidst the swirling winds of opportunity and promise, Garima, Sharda Lekhi, Avantika Lekhi, and Ritvik Suri eagerly awaited their chance to move on a journey that held the promise of love, family, and celebration.

It was the 25th of February, 2024, when they collectively submitted their applications for the Visitor Visa (Subclass 600) to SIEC Migration Consultant. Their hearts beat with anticipation as they longed to partake in a joyous occasion—the wedding reception of Garima and Himanish, a celebration of love that would unite them as one family.

Sharda Lekhi, the matriarch of the family, held onto memories of past celebrations and yearned to witness the radiant smile on her daughter's face on this special day. Avantika Lekhi, the sister filled with infectious laughter and boundless energy, imagined dancing with Garima under the shimmering lights of the reception hall, celebrating the union of hearts.

And Ritvik Suri, the young nephew, envisioned creating cherished memories with his family, his heart brimming with excitement at the prospect of witnessing a love story unfold before his eyes.

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With their dreams woven into the threads of their visa applications, they entrusted their hopes to the capable hands of the SIEC Migration Consultant, and the dedicated expert team at SIEC Migration went into action, the efforts were answered swiftly, and all visas were approved within a month.

As the news of their approved visas reached them, tears of joy flowed freely, mingling with laughter and embraces, as they realized that their journey toward love and togetherness was about to begin.

# AWARDS WININGS





# SIEC MIGRATION EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

