

MONTHLY IMMIGRATION BULLETIN

The latest immigration news, views and announcements

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Skilled Recognised Graduate

Subclass 476 visas - extensions of 24 months for those engineering graduates who lost time due to border restrictions. This equates to the usual 18 months plus another six months.

Training Subclass 407 visas - secondary SC 407 visa holders - removing the limit on working hours across ALL sectors of the economy. This will be reviewed in April 2022.

COVID-19 Pandemic Event Subclass 408 visas - Temporary visa holders (TVH) with work rights will be able to access these visas at nil VAC for 6-12 months if they work in ANY sector of the Australian economy.

These new arrangements are only available to TVH:

- Who were in Australia prior to 21 February 2022, or
- Who arrive in Australia after 21 February 2022 and have work rights or a job offer from a C'wealth funded **AGED CARE** service at the Time of Application.

These Temporary visa holders (TVH) will be able to apply for these visas up to 90 days before their existing visa expires and remain in Australia for up to 6 months if not working in a key sector or 12 months if working in the key sectors of:

- AGRICULTURE
- FOOD PROCESSING
- HEALTH CARE
- AGED CARE
- DISABILITY CARE
- CHILD CARE
- TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY



VACCINATIONS AND ENTRY TO AUSTRALIA

Australia's borders opened to fully vaccinated international travellers on 21 February 2022. Restrictions are still in place for unvaccinated travellers. It should be noted that the following advice and warnings have been added to the pages:

- *Proof that you [cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons](#) is not the same as a travel exemption.*

Visa holders who arrive in Australia may have their visa cancelled and be detained and removed if they:

- *Are not [fully vaccinated](#) for international travel purposes in accordance with Australia's border entry requirements; or*
- *Do not have a [medical contraindication](#) to a COVID-19 vaccine as defined by the Australian Government; or*
- *Are not in an [exempt category](#) or hold an [individual travel exemption](#)*



PR PATHWAY FOR SPECIFIED SC 482/457 STSOL HOLDERS

After 30 June 2022 a new cohort of 'specified persons' will be eligible to be nominated under the TRT stream of the SC 186 and in some cases the RSMS SC 187.

According to the changes, if the applicants have worked for their employer for two of the last three years while holding a 482 visa in the short term stream, after 1 July 2022, they can apply for 186 permanent residency visas.

The changes creates two types of *specified people*.

Specified 457 visa holder is a person who held a 457 visa on 18 April 2017 or was an applicant for a subclass 457 visa on 18 April 2017 that was subsequently granted, and

Specified person will be, commencing on 1 July 2022, a person who was in Australia for at least 12 months between 1 February 2020 and 14 December 2021, and at the time the nomination is lodged is employed by a person actively and lawfully operating a business in Australia.

482 Visa pathway to PR From 01 July 2022 applicants will have access to permanent residency under the TRT visa stream if they are;

- Existing subclass 482 (TSS) visa holders in the short-term stream who were in Australia for at least 12 months between 01 February 2020 and 14 December 2021 and are employed by a suitable Australian employer, will have access to permanent residence.

- Person who, on 18 April 2017, held or had applied for a subclass 457 visa that was subsequently granted.



DO NOT USE ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES ON VISA FORMS

Electronic signatures are **NOT** acceptable on official migration forms such as visa applications. Applicants may physically sign an application form and then scan a copy of that form to their RMA or lawyer but they cannot enter an electronic signature on that form.

Electronic signatures may be acceptable on documents such as service agreements, employment contract and other supporting documents for migration applications.

Digital signature



STATE AND TERRITORY UPDATES

South Australia

South Australia is close to meeting its quota of SC 491 visas under its GSM state nomination Skilled Migration Program for 2021-22 and demand is expected to exceed places.

SA Skilled & Business Migration are taking the following measures:

- Prioritising the assessment of Subclass 190 applications
- Prioritising the assessment of applications for candidates with a Subclass 485 visa expiry date within this 2021-22 program year
- Prioritising highly skilled onshore applicants with demonstrable work experience who are working full-time hours in their nominated occupation for a South Australian employer

Encouraging candidates seeking a subclass 491 nomination to submit Registration of Interest (ROI) applications for consideration through their Talent & Innovators Program. Further information is available on the [SA Migration website](#).



Victoria

Changes to the Live in Melbourne portal have been implemented with many of its forms going digital including the Appointment of Agent and Nomination Conditions Declaration forms.

Full information is available on the Live in Melbourne website.



ACT

Some minor additions/changes have been made to the ACT Migration website, under:

- [ACT nominations](#) - Please note: A non-refundable service fee is charged for processing applications for ACT nomination. The service fee is an administration charge only and does not guarantee the approval of a nomination.
- [Doctorate Streamlined nominations](#) - The ACT offers streamlined nomination for holders of a Doctorate completed at an ACT university. You will benefit from a simplified application process with minimal supporting documentation, priority processing and fee free.

Full details of all ACT programs are available on the [ACT Migration website](#).



BC INVITES 204 IN NEW PNP DRAWS

On March 8, 2022, the British Columbia Nominee Program issued a new batch of invitations to immigration aspirants.

Candidates qualifying for the British Columbia Nominee Program's five skills immigration and Express entry Streams were asked to apply.

SI – Skilled Worker

SI – International Graduate

SI – Entry Level and Semi-Skilled

EEBC–International Graduate

The British Columbia Skills Immigration Stream is a set of immigration options available through the Provincial Nominee Programs in British Columbia.

The nominee streams in British Columbia provide a road to permanent residence in Canada for employees and graduates who seek to settle in the province. Candidates for most BCPNP Skills Immigration programs must have a verifiable work offer from a BC company.

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SASKATCHEWAN PNP LAUNCHES NEW TECH IMMIGRATION PROGRAM



Saskatchewan's new Tech Talent Pathway was established on March 7 as part of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP) to recruit tech workers to the province.

The Tech Talent Pathway aims to address Saskatchewan's acute labor shortages in the tech sector. Employers in Saskatchewan's technology and innovation sectors will be able to attract more talent to promote growth and boost Saskatchewan's global competitiveness thanks to this new road to permanent residence for tech professionals.

In a statement, Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said, "As Saskatchewan recovers from the effects of the worldwide pandemic, our technology industry will be an essential engine of economic recovery." "The new Tech Personnel Pathway provides a dedicated stream for our Saskatchewan firms to attract highly competent talent into our growing technology sector.

This new stream will make the immigration process easier and faster for IT workers who are already employed in Saskatchewan as well as those who have been recruited from outside the country.

To be eligible, applicants to the Tech Talent Pathway must have:

An employer-specific SINP Job Approval Letter for an eligible technology sector occupation;

a minimum official language level of Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) level 5 if the applicant is not working in Saskatchewan when they apply or CLB level 7 if applying for Express Entry;

at least one-year of work experience in that occupation in the past five years; or six months working in Saskatchewan; post-secondary education; and

be eligible for Saskatchewan professional licensing (applicable to eligible computer, software, electrical and electronics engineers).

The SINP says program criteria can change at any time, but decision makers will use the information that was on the government website at the time they receive the application.

IRCC EXTENDS INTERIM AUTHORIZATION TO WORK POLICY FOR TRVS IN CANADA UNTIL

For eligible Interim Resident Visa (TRV) holders in Canada who want to apply for a work visa supported by a job offer without leaving the country, Canada has extended temporary COVID-19 measures for another year. These pandemic measures, which were first implemented in August 2020, will now last until February 28, 2023.

Not only does the government policy allow qualified TRV holders in Canada to apply for employer-specific work permits from within the country, but it also allows eligible travelers to begin working before receiving their work permit.

Normally, foreign employees in Canada on a TRV cannot change status without leaving the country, therefore this is a temporary regulatory change.



Immigration
Refugees and
Citizenship
Canada

UKRAINE CRISIS: CANADA OPENS TO UNLIMITED NUMBER OF UKRAINIAN IMMIGRANTS



For Ukrainians who want to move to Canada permanently or temporarily, Canada is establishing new immigration streams.

With 1.4 million people, Canada has the world's third largest Ukrainian diaspora. As a result, it wants to do everything it can to help as many Ukrainians as possible. Ukrainians who wish to visit Canada on a temporary basis will be able to do so with the help of a Canada-Ukraine Emergency Travel Authorization.

The number of Ukrainians who wish to apply will be unrestricted.

They will be entitled to extend their stay in Canada for at least two years, pending a background check and security screening.

In two weeks, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) hopes to have these new channels open for applications.

A specific expedited family sponsorship program for permanent residence will also be implemented by IRCC. In the next weeks, it will generate information for this initiative.

All Ukrainians who enter Canada as a result of these actions will be eligible for open work permits. This implies that they will be able to work for any employer in Canada. This is in addition to the other open work permits that IRCC has already provided to Ukrainians in Canada.

ASSISTANCE UKRAINIAN PASSPORT HOLDERS

The Prime Minister announced on 20 March 2022 that the Australian Government will make available a Temporary Humanitarian (Subclass 786) visa to all Ukrainian temporary visa holders currently in Australia and those who arrive in the coming months.

This visa will allow people to work and access Medicare and appropriate associated support services and will be valid for three years. School-aged children will also be able to continue their education.



AN OPEN DAY IN STYLE -OVERSEAS EDUCATION OPEN DAY 2022!

Yet another successful event organized by Sanji Caldera Associates team at their Sri Lankan head office based in PitaKotte for the students and skilled people wanting to migrate to Australia, Canada or UK for their higher education, work or residence purposes. The Event was named as the Overseas Education Open Day 2022 which was successfully held on March 10th and 17th 2022.

During this event the teamwork and commitment was remarkable and A heartfelt thank you to our loyal clients for being there with us through each and every step of the way and for the support towards the success our open day.



FUTURE MINDS – GALLE

Team Sanji Caldera took part in Sri Lanka's number one higher education and career guidance expo “future minds education exhibition” held at Hall De Galle on last 19th and 20th March 2022 and the event was officially and successfully concluded in high note.



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- ⇒ [Business Visa to Australia \(English Session\)](#)
- ⇒ [Business Visa to Australia \(Sinhala Session\)](#)
- ⇒ [Business Migration pathways to Australia](#)
- ⇒ [Introducing the Sanji Caldera Education foundation](#)
- ⇒ [Get your PR in Australia with employer sponsored visa? How would an employer-sponsored visa help you achieve your Australian permanent residency?](#)
- ⇒ [Are you skilled and lacking in work experience? How can 407 training visa help you?](#)
- ⇒ [Discover much more about 482 subclass](#)
- ⇒ [How do you apply for permanent residency in Australia?](#)
- ⇒ [New Budget announcement 2021](#)



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We cannot accept responsibility for any errors or omissions. Because Australian immigration law and regulations change regularly, it is best to contact us before making any decisions. Alternatively, up to date information can be checked on the website of the Department of Home Affairs (DHA).

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