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"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal."

- Henry Ford

# Career Development Centre: The leading migration consultancy service

The Career Development Centre (Pvt) Ltd. (CDC) guarantees to put your worries behind on living and working in Australia. This locally and internationally renowned migration consultancy firm does not only pave the way for degree holders but also those only with trade related work experience as well.

The senior consultant and the Directress of CDC, Unee Samantha Pathirage explained that an assessment is made of each applicant for the general visa or the SIR provisional visa.

"The general Visa which allows you to live and work in any part of Australia requires 120 points while the SIR which is a limited visa requires a 100," she said.

**Q: How you select applicants for the purpose of**

**Australian migration?**

**A:** Doing the initial eligibility assessment accurately, using the correct selection criteria is very important as it would allow us to finalize the intended Job category in Australia which the applicant belongs to, selecting the appropriate skill assessing authority for the selected occupation and the visa class. These three main factors are considered as most important measures and the whole process will be based on it.

**Q: There is a common complain about the selection criteria, that is the applicants who may think that they are over qualified for the process of migration are getting turned down at the time of the selection interview. Why is that?**

**A:** It is a real problem. In

some cases, though they have Degrees they do not get qualified for the General migration visa (120 points category) but they easily get qualified for the SIR (Provisional) visa (100 points category). That doesn't say that Australia does not cater for professionally qualified applicants. They do have several other openings in Australia to settle there as permanent residents, which we explain them at the time of the preliminary assessment.

**Q: What is the level of English knowledge you need for this process?**

**A:** According to the immigration requirements, IELTS (International English Knowledge Testing System) is considered as the best and only method of measuring an applicant's English ability which is a mandatory requirement. The required points target will be set out at the time of the initial eligibility test. But what we noticed was even though the applicants those who are belong to Trades Skilled categories, such as Motor Mechanics, Cooks etc, are in high demand in Australia, most of them are unable get through from the IELTS test due to working for non English speaking environments. But most of the

Degree holders are privileged to obtain higher points for IELTS which would open up new migration avenues for them.

**Q: What is your involvement in this process?**

**A:** It is a big responsibility. Because we are dealing with other's future and their hopes. The entire process will be based on the trust they gain at the time of the first visit. If they get the right picture about us, they will definitely go ahead with us. Most of the applicants are extremely aware of the Australian migration process and at the time of the initial interview they always check on us to make sure that we also confirm the same information that they know. That is one of the methods of gaining confidence about the migration agent.

Process begin with the selection interview stage and since then we will be handling all the aspect, such as the skill assessment, visa file preparation, post lodgment follow ups with the DIMIA, further documentary submissions and after the visa grant, the final work is assisting those families for the post settlement process, such as job assistance, accommodation arrangement, pre-school arrangements for children and giving details



Unee Samantha Pathirage

about the destination.

**Q: What are the other services you provide?**

**A:** Other than acting as a migration agent, we also provide the service of an Authorized Recipient to handle only the post lodgment correspondence of a visa file with DIMIA, which caters for those who have done their visa appli-

cations by themselves without going through us. We will be handling only the correspondence part of the application with the Department for a reasonable price as most of the applicants are unable to handle their immigration correspondence accurately within the requested time frame due to their tight work schedules.

"We wish to give people a genuine service and our main objective is to assist them to prepare a valid visa application with all the required documentation to assure the fulfillment of immigration policy requirements which would enable a smooth processing of the visa application," Ms. Pathirage added.

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