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Australia's immigration policies underwent a sudden major change on 8th of May this year with the changes taking effect from 1st of July. With a new selection criteria being introduced the scenario created a set of restrictions that became hurdles to overcome on an unexpected level. Many were affected as the Australian Minister for Migration had ruled the applications prior to 1st September 2007 that did not come within the new scope be ceased and the monies refunded as they would no longer be considered for migration visas. Gladly only 3 applicants of CDC were affected by this ruling and two of them are now being reassessed for reapplication under the new scheme.

Skilled migration visa seekers now have to consider how they can best fit into the four schedules set by the Australian immigration authorities. These schedules list what occupations will be granted priority according to the new 'demand driven' basis of granting visas. There are now a new selection criteria and a new occupation list as well. For overseas hopefuls who are yet to lodge an application, schedules 3 and 4 would be the key lists of which the latter would present a longer list of occupations that could also include what territory governments could select to be part of the State Migration Plan (SMP). The Australian ministerial scrutiny now monitors skills which are relevant to Australia on a regional scale.

SMPs are eagerly awaited by many who would come under the occupations listed in schedule 3 but may not be able to secure sufficient points required to apply for a visa under subclass 175 under Skilled Independent visa. Through the surveys conducted by CDC it was revealed that applicants who are below 30 years whose occupations count with 60 points need to gain up to 120 points to qualify unless that are family sponsored under the Skilled Sponsored (SS-176) or Skilled Regional Sponsored (SRS-475) visa options. If not for such applicants if their occupations appear in the list of schedule 4 there would be a higher scope of obtaining visa. It should be pointed out that of the four schedules published 3 and 4 rank as of higher priority.

As for those whose occupations would appear on the new Skilled Occupation List (SOL) may begin their preparations with pre application skills being assessed for applications submission. However this is not the case for those who have lodged their applications under the previous SOL but do not come under the new list. This position is rather difficult however the expertise of CDC can devise methods to successfully apply for a visa once the SMPs are available which of course will be after September 2010.

CDC feels it best to recommend for those who plan to lodge applica-

tions for a general skilled visa under the SRS visa subclass 176 or 475 to wait until the SMPs with the Minister's stamped with the approval is published. This would be in the best interest of the applicant for bettering their chances to obtain visas. To those who may seek CDC's assistance in the application process through its expert consultancy the most salient piece of advice that can be given is to not delay with progressing on the part of the applicant once a pathway has been finalized after skills assessments have been made through consultation. The problem being that policy changes from Australia's Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) may change policies without any prior notice and will hamper your chances of getting a visa.

How CDC strategized to overcome the hurdles that would have otherwise been stumbling blocks is owing to the caliber of experience bound expertise that can chart the best possible pathway for a hopeful applicant. As said before only 3 applicants were affected by the ceasing and capping policy that affected many Sri Lankans who were planning to get migration visas to Australia.

CDC managed to defend the majority of the pre 2007 September applicants on the basis of targeting professionals and occupations of demand by promoting the state sponsored visa. It was through diligent and constancy of attention given the applications making quick needed decisions in processing and diverting most of the Skilled Independent visa groups to STNI/SS state sponsored visa subclasses carrying approved state sponsorships during the time that DIAC gave priority to such applicants that CDC was able to brave bad weather and make a success story of it. Precision in initiative and timely decisions were the drivers that facilitated speedy visa grants to allow the pre 2007 September applicants. It was learnt that most other hopefuls who had gone through numerous agents had been disappointed and left in the lurch due to lack of attentiveness and thoroughness with the required measures to be taken on the part of the agent. Primacy for the client's success is what counts as the basis of operating at CDC which aims to provide the best possible services to its valued clientele.

With the interests of its valued clients always in focus CDC has ensured that it is ready to address even the most complex of questions and issues that arise in the process of visa applications for migration. CDC clients are ensured that they are in competent hands that can provide the best possible results with even post settlement assistance to give a more or less total solutions plan. The track record of CDC with its unmatched success in the field of migration consultancy speaks for



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itself and has built confidence in its growing clientele who will not be misdirected due to complex policy changes which is sometimes the case with other agents. Some of the key identified question areas that arise due to the recent developments in immigration policies of Australia are provided here.

Q-1- You have obtained sponsorship from an Australian State Government under the pre-1st July 2010 regime, and you have lodged your skilled visa application before the skilled programme was temporarily suspended on the 8th of May, 2010.

If your occupation also appears on a State Migration Plan what will you have to do to ensure your visa application is processed under category 2 in the priority processing list that was published on the 19th of July, 2010?

Q-2- If "old style" sponsorship has been secured from a State or Territory Government and the visa application has not yet been lodged, will there be a cut off date after which a visa application supported by this sponsorship will not be capable of being submitted?

Q-3- If an application is submitted for a subclass 176 visa on the basis of family sponsorship and sponsorship under a State Migration Plan subsequently becomes possible, will it be possible for the application to get transition to a higher processing priori-

ty by securing State or Territory sponsorship?

Q-4- Similarly, can a subclass 175 visa application be processed as a State or Territory Sponsored subclass 176 if sponsorship is obtained after the visa application has been lodged with the Department of Immigration?

Q-5- What is the priority level of an Accountant who was not eligible for the CSL under the previous policy?

Q-6- If you are state nominated and your occupation is not listed on a State Migration Plan, what is the most appropriate priority tool you can use to enhance your processing priority?

Q-7- Where does the provisional subclass 475 visa fit into the new regime?

Q-8- What are the visa subclasses and type of applicants who can apply under schedule 3?

CDC invites any interested potential migrants to pay a visit to the office in order to clarify these matters and any others that tend to trouble hopeful applicants. After all the role of the agent is paramount in shaping a successful outcome and CDC provides exponential consultancy to make an applicant's ambitions of migrating a success. Transference of applicants from

one category to another from the old system to the new and how best to navigate one's application process in these times of transition can best be encountered through consultancy at CDC. CDC's wealth of expertise and reliability on up to date information can be sourced in many ways. Regular correspondence with DIAC and institutions from Assessing Authorities to State/regional authorities is one of the means by which CDC ensures to keep ahead of the game. The required IELTS scores and what has changed and what has remained the same are all up to date and assure accuracy when an application is lodged and thereafter processed with the commitment of CDC. Many precautionary measures have been taken on applications that have already been lodged with DIAC to assure a higher processing priority in accordance with new processing directions in force. With its eye constantly on the look for new SMPs that will open new pathways for more applicants CDC is on an ever growing pathway. Applicants who had been confused with the new GSM policy or ones who have failed due to negligence on the part of the applicant are most welcome to seek the advice of CDC to get back on track to the destination of success. The most valuable piece of advice that CDC can offer for a hopeful migrant is never waste time, and to make the most of every available opportunity for best possible results.

Apart from migration consultancy CDC also handles student visa applications to Canada, UK and New Zealand. And has now even tied up with several universities and colleges in Alberta and Ontario in Canada. One of the highlights of for an overseas student going to Canada is that the visa is sought targeting the 'resident stream' and will provide more opportunities. Further categories of migration include Business migration to New Zealand, and parental migration as well. CDC has achieved much over the last couple of years becoming an operator in India with its reach extending from Chennai to Bangalore where many Indian nationals have successfully migrated on skilled migration processes.

Although there may appear dark clouds that overcast the sky to which you seek to fly to one day, the dedication and commitment conscientiously given to its clients by CDC will ensure that obstacles will be overcome with a total solutions package to help realize dreams. CDC is a name that provides optimal expertise for optimum results.

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