

AUSTRALIAN VISA UPDATES, ISSUES AND ANSWERS

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Changes In Australian Migration Law

- Massive Fee Increases for Partner Visas
- 457 Visas Difficulty
- New Criminal Record Requirements and Sharing
- Changes to SOL and CSOL – Deleted & Flagged
- PIC 4020 consideration



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Visitor, Family and Short Term Business Visas

- Processing times 14-30 days normally
- What is the purpose of the Visa
- Provide all the documentation at lodgement
- Show evidence to support the visa
- Don't take them for granted



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Prospective Marriage & Partner Visas – Planning Ahead & Tips

- 12 month processing times
- Planning for record preparation
- Social Media records and photos are important
- Always be consistent and honest
- Previous applications can be taken into account
- PIC 4020



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Highly Skilled Migrant Visas

- Points based test
- First step English test
- Difference between 189, 190 and 489
- Requires Skill Assessment
- Evidence is key



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Student Visa Application

- Now one application covers all types
- Can be quite difficult
- Look at the purpose and choice to study in Australia
- Must justify and explain reasons



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General Visa Tips & Advice

- Always be completely honest, consistent, transparent and clear
- Omissions can be just as bad as lies
- Plan ahead for long term strategy – visa choices and documents
- Provide an overview document
- Don't assume any previous knowledge or history
- Provide supporting evidence for everything point you rely on
- Don't try and be too clever



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A romantic scene of a man and a woman in white formal attire holding hands on a pier at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow over the water and sky. The man is on the left, leaning forward, and the woman is on the right, leaning back. The background shows a calm sea and distant hills under a soft sky.

Question & Answers



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