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REGISTERED MIGRATION AGENT FOR AUSTRALIA

IMPORTANT VISA APPLICATION INFORMATION - SKILL SELECT

We are experiencing several people contacting us wanting us to confirm whether they meet the skill select requirements and also found this occurred at our information sessions in Europe 2013.

After assessing these people personally we have found that they do not meet the requirements necessary to fulfill the points test for the skilled select visa when checking the list of the various points that can be met. We have found that people are just assuming that their qualifications and work experience would be recognized in Australia.

People need to keep in mind that when assessing whether they can meet the points test, they firstly need to have their qualifications and work experience assessed by the relevant skills assessment authority. If the skill assessment authority does not provide you with a positive assessment, this means that you cannot claim points for qualifications and work experience. You may claim that you have 10 years experience for example however the skills assessment authority may only recognize 5 years.

We also wish to point out that year 12 is not classified as a qualification for the purposes of skill set nor for any other visa apart from the student visa. English is also a vital factor in meeting the points test, because even having a level of 6 for the IELTS test this gives you 0 points. Although this skill select program does allow you permanent residence entry, please do not think this is the easy option in migrating to Australia.

To provide you with statistics that we have been provided with by the Migration Institute of Australia, 10,000 IT professionals have applied for the skill

select, The Department of Immigration only selected the top 100 candidates in providing them with invitations to actually apply for the skill select visa. This can be an issue to many of those who have applied for this sort of visa because you do not know when and if you will be selected and provided with an invitation to make application by the Department of Immigration regardless of the fact that the minimum amount of points required to meet the points test is 60. If on average majority of people obtain 75 points for a particular occupation then if you have 60 points you will actually not be selected at that point in time and only those who have 75 points or above will.

There are many other available options for people wanting to migrate to Australia and believe skill select is not a stable nor promising type of visa that can get you permanent residency. Candidates are better off applying for visa where they are not assessed against other applicants but rather on their own merits. Please also keep in mind laws are constantly changing and you may not qualify for other visas as a result of waiting for an invitation in the mean time.

We are not saying it is impossible however is extremely difficult and do not believe people are going about the right way to calculate whether they meet the points test.

If you have any questions, please contact Danijela Stojanovic.

Yours Sincerely,

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