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## Immigration skilled migration seminars in NSW Orana region

Officers from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) will visit the Orana region of NSW in the week beginning March 19 for a seminar and individual appointments with businesses and overseas workers on skilled migration and employer-sponsored visa options.

Two departmental officers will visit Dubbo to conduct an information session on Australia's Skilled Migration program. The officers will also be available at Dubbo and Mudgee for individual appointments with employers and employees to answer their questions about skilled migration.

"Some businesses in regional communities can find it difficult to fill skilled vacancies with local workers, so they may want to consider sponsoring a suitably qualified worker from overseas," a departmental spokesman said.

"Our officers will be available to provide a range of information on temporary or permanent employer sponsored visa options and the concessions available for regional applicants."

The department's regional visits program enables employers in communities outside capital cities to attend information sessions and to sit and talk directly with an immigration officer about specific issues they may face.

The department will run a seminar on skilled migration visa options on the following date:

Dubbo Thursday March 22, 9-11am

Those who would like to attend should ring Mr Rhett Henkel, Regional Outreach Officer, on 0401 998 817 to confirm attendance at the session.

The DIAC team will also be available for individual appointments at the following times:

Dubbo: Tuesday March 20, 1-4pm

Appointments will be at the Regional Development Australia Orana Suite 4, Level 1, 47-59 Wingawarra Street, Dubbo.

Mudgee: Wednesday March 21, 10am-4pm

Appointments will be at the Mudgee Business Enterprise Centre, Shop 4/47-55 Market Street, Mudgee

<u>Dubbo:</u> Thursday March 22, 1-4pm

Appointments will be at the Regional Development Australia Orana office, Suite 4, Level 1, 47-59 Wingawarra Street in Dubbo.

Bookings are essential. For individual meetings, phone 0401 998 817

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