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Skilled migration seminars in Orange and Bathurst

Officers from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) will visit Orange on 31 May and Bathurst on 1 June to discuss upcoming reforms to the skilled migration program. The changes form part of a broad review of the skilled migration program.

The changes being introduced on 1 July include a new online database connecting Australian employers with potential skilled migrants. Changes also include streamlining the pathway to permanent residence for people already working in Australia on temporary 457 visas.

The employer nomination scheme (ENS) and the regional sponsored migration scheme (RSMS) will be integrated with the new skilled migrant selection model, SkillSelect. SkillSelect is a new expression of interest (EOI) approach to skilled migration. It is online system that enables skilled workers interested in migrating to Australia to record their details to be considered for a skilled visa through an EOI.

“These new arrangements are designed to better respond to labour market demands,” a departmental spokesperson said.

“Intending migrants will be found and nominated for skilled visas by Australian employers or state and territory governments, or they could be invited by the Australian Government to lodge a visa application. This will give the government greater control and flexibility to adjust to changes in the economy.”

Sponsors must also demonstrate they have a genuine need for the workers and that the skills required cannot be found in their region.

The visiting departmental officers will conduct a seminar and will also be available for brief individual appointments with employers and employees to answer their questions about skilled migration.

“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 spokesman said.

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.

Orange

The department will conduct a seminar on skilled migration visa options at the following location, date and time:

Orange Ex-Services’ Club
231 Anson St, Orange

31 May, 11am-1pm

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

Regional Development Australia Central West 31 May, 1.30-3pm
Level 2, 60 McNamara St, Orange

Bathurst

The department will conduct a seminar on skilled migration visa options at the following location, date and time:

Bathurst RSL 1 June, 9-11am
114 Rankin St, Bathurst

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

Bathurst RSL 1 June, 11am-3.30pm
114 Rankin St, Bathurst

Those who would like to attend either the seminar or make an individual appointment should email the NSW Outreach team on outreach.nsw@immi.gov.au to confirm attendance at the session.

Bookings for both the seminar and the individual appointments are essential.

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