

CHANGES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP

457 Temporary Work Visas

From 14 April 2009

- English language level for chef and trade occupations to be increased to the score of 5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

From 1 July 2009

- The minimum salary for 457 visa holders will be increased to \$45,221.00 (IT occupations increase to \$61,919.00).
- Progressive introduction of skill assessments for 'high risk countries' for chefs and trade occupations. The 'high risk countries' have not yet been disclosed.

From September 2009

- A minimum salary level based on market rates for occupations for new

Visa Labels

More people who have been granted 457 visas can travel to Australia now without the 457 visa label because the list of eligible countries has been extended considerably.

De Facto Couples

From 1 July 2009, the definition of 'de facto relationship' will include people in same-sex relationships and so a same-sex partner can be included in the visa applications, in which a spouse can be included as a secondary applicant – these visas include student visas and business visas.

People who wish to migrate to Australia are encouraged to make early applications – the earlier the application, the earlier the decision.

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