

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SPONSORSHIP FOR GENERAL SKILLED MIGRATION VISAS FACT SHEET 7 – CONCESSIONAL ENGLISH

Immigration SA is working to put in place an equitable system for potential migrants seeking to avail themselves of the Concessional English provisions under the Skilled - Regional Sponsored (Provisional) visa scheme Subclass 495/487. The system is not yet in place therefore Immigration SA will not be accepting or approving sponsorships in this category at the present time. We hope to have a system available in due course and will then be in a position to accept applications.

When the Concessional English Language provision is available and Immigration SA is able to accept applications under this provision, this Fact Sheet will be updated accordingly. We would urge you to visit this website regularly so that you will be aware of this change.

If you have already lodged a visa application with DIAC under the 134 subclass prior to 1 September 2007, you may still be considered for Sponsorship from South Australia. However, you must meet the criteria set out for the current **Permanent 176 visa subclass**. This means that:

- ❑ your occupation must be on South Australia's List of skills for Permanent Sponsorship:
http://www.immigration.sa.gov.au/pdfs/gsm/OccupationList_Permanent.pdf
and
- ❑ have the appropriate level of English, AND
- ❑ meet all the other criteria.

Details of the criteria are available on the Immigration SA website – Skilled Worker/GSM in the Fact Sheets.

If you have not yet lodged a visa application with DIAC and wish to apply for **Provisional Sponsorship** under the revised Concessional English provision with an overall IELTS score of 5.5, you should continue to visit the Immigration SA website for details when the system is in place. Do not apply under the Concessional English provision until this system is in place as your application will be refused.

If you have an overall IELTS score of 4.5 and wish to apply for sponsorship, you will not meet the English Language criteria as Immigration SA is not accepting applications with an overall IELTS score of 4.5 (unless you have already lodged your visa application with DIAC under the 134 visa subclass).

Unfortunately a date when this system will be in place or any more information about criteria, cost, etc is not currently available. We urge you to visit this website regularly for an update on this position.