

Careers FAIR

Main Drive | QUT Gardens Point campus
Monday 28 March 2011 | 10am - 2pm

Visit us at QUT Careers Fair

On Monday 28 March, 2011 we'll be at the QUT Careers Fair. Make sure you drop in, say hi and get some free migration advice on your options when you finish your studies. This is also a great chance to meet over 100 organisations that are looking to recruit graduates.

[Click here](#) for more information.

New South Wales State Migration Plan

The New South Wales (NSW) State Migration Plan (SMP) was released on 3 March, 2011.

The NSW SMP includes 138 occupations. There are 18 occupations included on the NSW State Migration Plan that are not on DIAC's new Skilled Occupation List (Schedule 3).

[Contact us](#) to see if you are eligible for NSW State Sponsorship.

Japan Crisis

Extended visas will be offered by the federal government to stranded Japanese nationals in the wake of the earthquake and tsunami. Immigration Minister Chris Bowen said Japanese nationals, unable to fly home or on temporary visas should contact the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) as soon as possible.

"DIAC will take the circumstances in Japan into account when dealing with requests for visa extensions and will consider, on a case by case basis, the options for Japanese in Australia whose visas to remain here are about to run out."

Australian citizens in Japan should also make contact with DIAC if they wish to return to Australia with their children without Australian citizenship.

IELTS

People sitting an IELTS test in Australia can now access test centres without delay as additional places have been created and new facilities have opened across Australia. These additional places ensure people seeking an IELTS test can book a place for the next test date.

[Click here](#) to search test dates.

IELTS Useful Information & Tips for Your IELTS Test

- It's important to familiarise yourself with the format of the test
- It's also important to familiarise yourself with the IELTS rules & regulations (these are laid out in the Notice to Candidates which is included with the IELTS application form)
- There are no restrictions on re-taking IELTS. If you do not get the results you wanted you can register for another test as soon as you feel ready.
- **Practice, Practice, Practice.** Talk amongst your friends in English as much as possible. Also, whilst it is not a requirement for candidates to attend a preparation course, the extra training will increase your chance of a better score.

Harmony Day

Harmony Day is celebrated around Australia on 21 March each year. It's a day where all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity. Harmony Day is managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) and gives people the opportunity to celebrate what makes each Australian unique and share what we have in common.

On Harmony Day, we had a very multicultural lunch at the Brisbane office of Australian Migration & Visa Lawyers with everyone bringing a plate of food from a different country. Check our [Facebook](#) page for photos!

International Student Day

On Saturday the 5 March, 2011 the AMVL team were at the International Student Day in Brisbane.

It was fantastic to meet so many enthusiastic students who are here to study in Australia and immerse themselves in the Aussie way of life.

We also really enjoyed the live music, food stalls and the wildlife displays. Such a great day!

