

Respected Sir,

The proposed Changed Rules and the Amended Skilled Occupations List should be made applicable only to future students opting for study in Australia and kindly consider granting PR Status to the present students who, at present, fulfil the eligibility criteria of:-

- i) Completed 2 years professional study in Australia. i.e. Commercial Cookery.
- ii) Presently working as Chef / Cook in an Australian Restaurant of repute for at least 900 hours after completion of their professional study. Paid professional /work experience service verifiable from their Bank Statement/ Australian Employers.
- iii) Possess good moral Character.

Presently, the Australian Employers are reluctant to sponsor their Student employees as it will increase their financial liabilities in the form of higher wages. As on date, these students are paid less wages compared to Citizens/ Permanent Residents.

Therefore, the proposed Changed Rules including the the IELTS Higher threshold limit of 6 Band criterion in each paper (all the 4 papers of IELTS English) for the PR Status be made applicable to the future students/applicants and not to those who have completed their 2 years study in Australia and are to apply for the PR but for the proposed changes.

It is requested that appropriate action may also be taken against illegal entrants, if any, through sea routes/ boats illegally.

It is requested, once again, to consider sympathetically /favourably granting PR Visa to those Commercial Cookery students who after completing their 2 years Professional years in Australia with more than 900 hours work experience in their own profession as Chef / Cook with minimum 5.5 Band in all the 4 Papers of IELTS English.

Thanks ,
Yours Faithfully,
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