

# NEWS 'n' NEWS

Hey Readers,

As April showers give way to May flowers, we're delighted to bring you another edition of our newsletter. This month, we bring fresh topics, from the latest immigration trends to insightful perspectives.

## GLOBAL IMMIGRATION NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

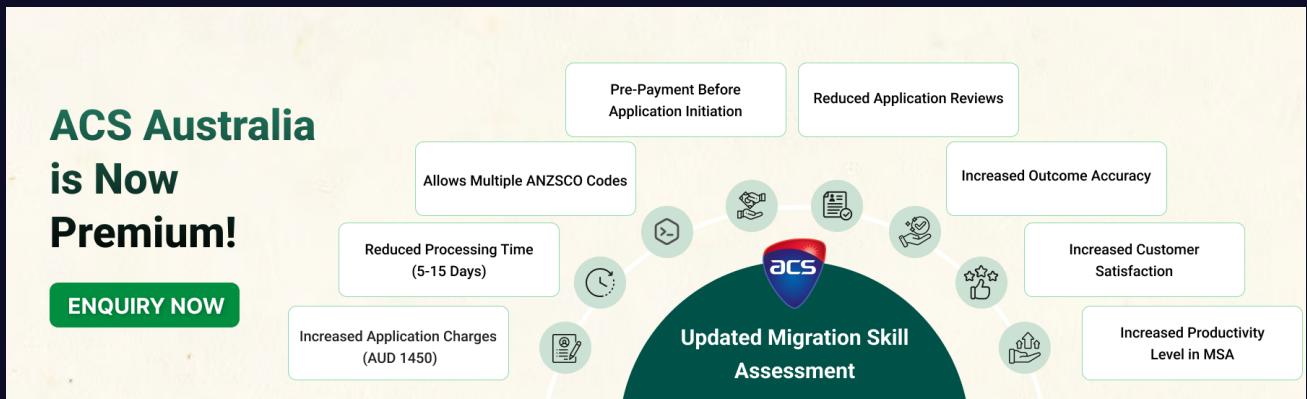
- **Canada has increased the permanent residency fees by 12% from April 30, 2024.**  
**Synopsis:** Exemptions include dependent children, protected persons, and sponsored children under 22 without a spouse/partner from the Right of Permanent Residence (RPR) Fee.  
These fee adjustments reflect Canada's commitment to maintaining a fair and sustainable immigration system. It is also meant to align with inflation rates; the fee schedule has been updated since April 30. [See the fee structure...](#)
- **Express Entry vs PNP - Which Pathway to Choose in 2024?**  
**Synopsis:** Express Entry offers a direct route for those meeting specific program criteria and boasting competitive CRS scores. PNPs, on the other hand, cater to candidates willing to settle in specific provinces or territories, with enhanced streams providing a potential boost to CRS scores. As Canada gears up to welcome 220,770 new immigrants through Express Entry and PNPs in 2024, the decision between these pathways is crucial for aspiring newcomers. [See the difference...](#)
- **Indians Choose Australia: Becoming the 5th Largest Inbound Market for Tourism In 2024**  
**Synopsis:** India has emerged as a key player in Australia's tourism landscape, ascending to the position of the 5th largest inbound market for Tourism Australia in 2024. This remarkable achievement marks a significant climb from its previous standing at seventh place in 2019. [See the key highlights...](#)

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*A little progress each day  
adds up to big results.*



- **ACS Australia Introduces Major Updates to Migration Skill Assessment Process: Increased Application Charges, Faster Processing, Enhanced Transparency, and More!**



**Synopsis:** The Australian Computer Society (ACS) has updated its Migration Skill Assessment process, ACS Skill Assessment Fees, and the ACS Skill Assessment processing time on 15th April 2024, aiming to enhance the efficiency and user experience for applicants. [See the news guidelines...](#)

- **South Australia Expands Skilled Migration Opportunities Until June 30 with 128 New Occupations Added to Regional DAMA**

**Synopsis:** South Australia expands Skilled Migration opportunities to 128 new occupations that have been integrated into the South Australia Regional Designated Area Migration Agreement (DAMA). The sectors include construction, trades, Agribusiness, ICT, health, education, and renewable energy. [See the DAMA occupation list...](#)

- **VETASSESS, Tourism Training Australia (TTA), & the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for Indian Workers to Get Hospitality Jobs**

**Synopsis:** Australia has a chronic shortage of skilled hospitality workers nationally. VETASSESS Executive Director Rob Thomason said VETASSESS could assess and verify applicants' qualifications and employment experience to ensure that they had the skills required by Australian employers. This would also give Indian workers confidence that their skills would be recognized in Australia. [See the full report...](#)

- **The Job Ready Program experienced a surge in several applications, hence average processing times require a minimum of 12 months.**

**Synopsis:** The Job Ready Program is seeing a surge in applications, causing longer processing times than anticipated. The participants must engage in suitable full-time (or part-time equivalent) employment for at least 12 months, completing the program within 3 years. While this may impact how quickly TRA processes different activities within the program, they are managing demand within the overall participation timeframe. [See the processing times...](#)

- **New Zealand authority revised the Accredited Employer Work Visa (AEWW).**

**Synopsis:** New Zealand has introduced significant changes to its Accredited Employer Work Visa (AEWW) program, including the removal of 90-day trial periods for accredited employers, the requirement for labor hire firms to have at least 35% of New Zealand citizens and residents, and increased processing times. These changes aim to promote fairness and transparency in the employment of migrant workers. [See the purpose here...](#)



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→ **The UK Home Office has commenced issuing eVisas as part of a plan to replace physical documents by 2025.**

**Synopsis:** The UK has started issuing eVisas for enhanced security, with a plan to completely replace physical documents by 2025. eVisas are pivotal in enhancing border security by minimizing the risks associated with fraud, loss, and misuse of physical documents, the UK Home Office said in a statement. [See the purpose here...](#)

## CANADIAN EXPRESS ENTRY DRAW RESULTS APRIL 2024

Date	Draw Type	No. of ITAs	Min. CRS
April 24	French Proficiency	1400	410
April 23	General	2,095	529
April 11	STEM occupations	4,500	491
April 10	General	1,280	549

### Key Analysis:

- This table provides an analysis of April's Express Entry draws results for PR immigration invitations.
- The number of ITAs through Express Entry in April is 9275 in total, whereas in March it was around 5805 ITAs.

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Hence, April's draws demonstrated Canada's strategic approach to immigration, balancing language proficiency, occupational diversity, and skill shortages in key sectors. These efforts align with Canada's goal of raising economic growth and cultural diversity through its immigration system.

## GLOBAL VISA PROCESSING TIME OF AUSTRALIAN SKILLED VISA SUBCLASS FY- 2023-24



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**Analysis:** This graph displays the changes in Global Visa Processing Time for different subclasses (189, 190, and 491) from December 2023 to May 2024, as reported by the Department of Home Affairs. The processing times are indicated in months.

### Key Findings:

- For Subclass 189, processing times range from 8 to 14 months, with the shortest time recorded in May 2024.
- Subclass 190 processing times range from 11 to 15 months, with the longest time recorded in May 2024.
- Subclass 491 processing times range from 12 to 24 months, showing the longest processing times compared to other subclasses.

These fluctuations indicate changes in the department's processing efficiency or workload, affecting visa applicants' waiting times.

*Note: The processing time may vary as per the application flow tracked by the Immigration Department.*



## SUCCESS STORY

Mr. Gurnam Singh (father-in-law), and Mrs. Sarbjot Kaur (mother-in-law), eagerly awaited their journey to witness their daughter-in-law's convocation ceremony in Canada. With hearts full of anticipation, they applied for a Canadian Visitor Visa from India through SIEC Migration on April 6, 2024.

Along with Gurnam Singh and Sarbjot Kaur, the grandfather-in-law Mr. Som Singh also wanted to accompany them on the journey. The decision was particularly skeptical regarding Som Singh's visa, making the success even more significant. They trusted in SIEC Migration's expertise and believed in the company's 100% authentic service

And, after waiting for about 32 days, they finally received the Canadian Visitors Visas for all in-laws. Filled with happiness and gratitude, they embarked on their trip to celebrate the special occasion with their dear daughter-in-law.

The successful visa approvals, especially for Som Singh, marked a great achievement for SIEC Migration, showcasing their dedication and proficiency in handling even the most challenging cases.



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## UPCOMING MIGRATION EVENTS

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DATE	LOCATION	TIMINGS	VENUE
25th May 24	Ludhiana (Sarabha Nagar)	11 AM - 5 PM	S.C.F. 12 C, above Bikaner Sweets, Sarabha Nagar Main Market, E-Block, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana
08th June 24	Gurgaon	11 AM - 5 PM	Unit No. 310 & 311, 3rd Floor, Platinum Tower, Badshahpur Sohna Rd Hwy, Malibu Town, Sector 47, Gurugram
08th June 24	Ludhiana (Mall Road)	11 AM - 5 PM	SCO 5, 3rd Floor, Carnival Complex, The Mall Rd, Mall Enclave, Koh - E - Fiza, Ludhiana, Punjab
14th June 24	Chandigarh	11 AM - 5 PM	SCO 451-452, Sector 35-C, Near Gopal Sweets, Chandigarh
15th June 24	New Delhi	11 AM - 5 PM	B-2/9, 1st Floor, opposite HAPPY MODEL SCHOOL, Block B2, Shiv Nagar, Janakpuri, New Delhi,
22nd June 24	Ludhiana (Tuition Market)	11 AM - 5 PM	SCO 8, near New Krishna Mandir, Block -A, Model Town Extension, Market, Ludhiana, Punjab
29th June 24	Ludhiana (Sarabha Nagar)	11 AM - 5 PM	S.C.F. 12 C, above Bikaner Sweets, Sarabha Nagar Main Market, E-Block, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana



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