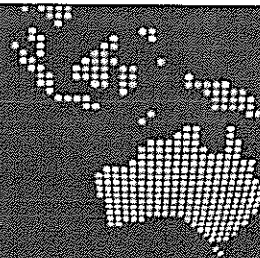




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Information Session

What's new for 457 visa holders and sponsors

On 14 September 2009 major integrity-focused reforms to the Subclass 457 visa program came into force. These reforms include:

- a new sponsorship obligations regime
- a new system for the payment of salary to subclass 457 visa holders
- a stronger sanctions regime, including civil penalties
- new arrangements for the payment of health costs for 457 visa holders.

The reforms are designed to enhance the integrity of the program and ensure the program continues to provide industry with the necessary skills while not undermining local training and employment opportunities.

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship will be providing a free information session which will provide an overview of these changes and the impact the changes will have on employers, visa holders and other stakeholders.

This is a good opportunity to hear about these changes, gain an understanding about how this program will now operate and ask questions about these changes.

When: Wednesday 9 December 2009

Where: Mackay Regional Council

Corner Gordon and Wellington Street (back entrance)

Time: 5.30pm-6.30 pm

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