

Proposed rise in immigration fees

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Foreign workers, backpackers and migrants hoping to come to Australia face higher visa charges which have been announced as part of the government's release of the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook; the new pricing model will increase visa charges in areas of significant demand.

Changes to Australia's visa pricing system make for a fairer 'user-pays' approach of charging for visas, the Acting Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Senator Kate Lundy, said today.

The visa rises expected to be unveiled this week include increasing charges for:

- **Partner visas allowing for people already in Australia to enter or remain on the basis of their married or de facto relationship, to increase from \$3060 to around \$4000.**
- **Partner visas (offshore) from \$2060 to about \$2700 for people living overseas who want to migrate to be with a husband, wife, fiancé or fiancée.**
- **Skilled Graduate visas to increase from \$315 to around \$1260 for the highly-valued post-study work rights for people in Australia on a student visa.**
- **The 457 temporary skilled worker visas to increase from \$350 to around \$455.**
- **Working Holiday maker visas will increase from \$280 to around \$360.**

Senator Lundy said the government had already made some changes to visa pricing in the last year as part of the move to the fairer user-pays system.

If you or your employees are considering your visa options and these increases will affect you, please contact ISA Group today to ensure your visa is lodged before December 31, 2012.

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