

## Changes in the ACS Pre-application Skills Assessment

Effective 01 February 2010

Applicable to the applications received on and after 01 February 2010

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### Key Areas of Knowledge

*Key Areas of Knowledge (KA)* has been developed from the ACS Core Body of Knowledge (CBOK) as a guide for applicants who did not acquire a formal qualification equivalent to an Australian Degree or Diploma but spent a considerable length of time in professional-level ICT employment and wish to apply for PASA via Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) pathway.

**NB:** None of the areas are mandatory: applicants will be allowed an opportunity to address areas of knowledge they acquired through their experience.

Applicants are expected to demonstrate a clear **comprehension** of a number of the individual thematic modules within their chosen knowledge area/s. Applicants should also be able to demonstrate **application** in at least one of the units or modules which should be clearly supported by professional references included and the Project Reports submitted in section 4 of the *PASA-RPL Application Form*.

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### Changes/updates to PIM2 issue 9, 23/02/09

2.1.

Current Version	New PIM2 issue 10, 10/12/09
<p><b>2.4. GROUP C Recent Graduates of an Australian University</b></p> <p>Recent Work Experience Exemption</p> <p>2.4.1. Applicants are assessed in this group when the Application for Skills Assessment submitted to ACS indicates that the applicant is seeking exemption from recent work experience because of study in Australia. Specific details of the <i>study in Australia</i> requirements are available from the DIAC website <a href="http://www.immi.gov.au">www.immi.gov.au</a>.</p> <p>2.4.2. Qualifications of Group C applicants are assessed as specified in Group A with the exception that there is no requirement for work experience.</p>	<p><b>2.4. GROUP C</b></p> <p>2.4.1. Applicants are assessed in this group when the Application for Skills Assessment submitted to the ACS indicates that the applicant is seeking recent work experience exemption under the DIAC provisions currently in place for applicants who meet the Australian study requirement. Applicants are referred to <a href="http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/booklets/1119.pdf">http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/booklets/1119.pdf</a> for more details.</p> <p>2.4.2. Qualifications of Group C applicants are assessed as specified in Group A. (see Section 2.2.1 through 2.2.6) with the exception that there is no requirement for work experience.</p>

The length of study in Australia and the time limit for submitting an application for an Onshore Overseas Student General - Skilled Migration (GSM) visa are not components of the PASA (Pre Application Skills Assessment) and are not assessed by ACS. These requirements are set and assessed by DIAC.

2.4.3. References for ICT professional work experience may also be included in the PASA Application if applicants wish to have their professional ICT experience taken into consideration or be assessed under Migration Occupation in Demand List (MODL) list.

2.4.4. If applicable, the length of study in Australia and the time limit for submitting an application for an Onshore Overseas Student General - Skilled Migration (GSM) visa are not components of the PASA (Pre-Application Skills Assessment) and are not assessed by the ACS. These requirements are set and assessed by DIAC.

2.4.5. Specific details of the study in Australia requirements are available from the DIAC website [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au).

2.2. PIM2 Issue 10 will be maintained as an internal controlled document for Assessors' use only.

**PASA Guidelines for Applicants** document has been developed for public access, and contains all information/procedures/requirements description applicants need for successful PASA.

### 2.3. Changes to Appeal procedure

#### Current:

#### APPEAL PROCEDURES

Applicants have 60 days from the date of advice to appeal the assessment made by ACS. The fee for an appeal is non-refundable.

Applicants who believe that they have grounds for appeal of the assessment made by ACS may lodge with ACS an appropriate application for appeal, payment and such additional documentation as the applicant wishes to submit for consideration.

ACS will decide the appeal by having a different assessment officer assess the skills of the applicant. This assessment is based on the documentation submitted by the applicant with the original application and additional documentation if provided. The appeal will be considered under the same criteria used for the original assessment.

As the outcome of the appeal, ACS will issue an advice.

The applicant will not be entitled to any further appeal and the letter of advice will state that fact.

**New:**

## **RE-ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES**

7.1. Applicants have 60 days from the date of advice to request re-assessment of their skills. Applicants may apply for either a REVIEW of their assessment, or they may APPEAL their assessment outcome.

7.2. Applicants who believe that they have grounds for **review** of the assessment made by the ACS, may lodge with the ACS an appropriate application for review, payment and such additional documentation as the applicant wishes to submit for consideration.

Applicants are eligible for review of their assessment for the following reasons:

- Change of ASCO Code
- The applicants have additional information that was not included in the initial PASA application.
- Full review of assessment, including MODL entitlement.

The ACS will decide the review outcome by having a different assessor assess the skills of the applicant. This assessment is based on the documentation submitted by the applicant with the original application and additional documentation if provided. The review will be considered under the same criteria used for the original assessment.

As the outcome of the review, the ACS will issue an advice.

**The fee for a review is 305.00 AUD and is non-refundable.**

7.3. Applicants who believe that they have grounds for **appeal** the assessment made by the ACS, may lodge with the ACS an appropriate application for appeal, including payment.

The occasions that may give rise for an appeal include, but are not limited to:

- The applicant disagrees with the grounds for unsuitable assessment
- The applicant disagrees with a formal notification of the assessment outcome
- The applicant disagrees with the resolution of a problem report\*

*\*During the application process or during the preparation phase, an applicant may encounter a problem that inhibits or will inhibit their application submission or evaluation. The applicant may file a problem report to obtain resolution to the issue. The types of problems that may be found include:*

- *Errors or ambiguities in the PASA Guidelines for Applicants*
- *Errors in the assessment administrative system, specifically related to the registration process and completion of assessment records*

The ACS will decide the appeal outcome by having Appeal Committee assess the skills of the applicant.

**This assessment is based only on the documentation submitted by the applicant with the original application.** The appeal will be considered under the same criteria used for the original assessment.

As the outcome of the appeal, the ACS will issue an advice.

**The fee for an appeal is 305.00 AUD and is refundable if the applicant receives the outcome he/she is seeking.**

**The fee for an appeal is non-refundable if the outcome remains as originally assessed.**

The applicant will not be entitled to any further appeal and the letter of advice will state that fact

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**Introduction of a new website concept and updates to PASA and PASA-RPL application forms**