

MIGRATION SERVICES

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A specialist service. Smoothing the transition for migrants and their families to Australia.

Nevett Ford's David Stratton is one of only a few accredited specialists in immigration law. (This accreditation is awarded by the specialisation board of the Law Institute of Victoria). He is also a registered migration agent (No 58007).

We help people understand the law, the responsibilities and complexities associated with coming to Australia. And then we help them with their move.

Creative migration solutions

When acting for migration clients it is important to be able to consider a range of alternatives which may be suitable to their needs. In many cases it will not be possible to immediately achieve the desired outcome and it may then be necessary to devise a staged approach over a period of several years.

Because Nevett Ford is a full service law firm we are able to offer creative migration solutions to client's problems. These solutions may involve the use of company and trust structures and are arrived at, having regard to Australia's taxation, corporation and other laws.

In addition to our own extensive skills base we also have access to a wide range of business based resources and as a result, we can assist prospective migrants in identifying and developing a broad range of business proposals including involvement in real estate development, joint ventures and partnerships and import and export operations.

Decisions about migration are often difficult. Nevett Ford has been involved in this area for so long that we understand the way people feel. We are aware of their

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concerns and fears about a new way of life. So our level of service stretches beyond the law to ensure a smooth transition for our clients and their families.

Migration has many facets.

Business migration

If you are already successful in business and you want to settle in Australia, the business skills category might provide the key.

There are now a variety of visas available for business persons wishing to migrate. Nevett Ford can help you choose the most suitable criteria. If eligible, you would be warmly welcomed in Australia because of the contribution you could make to your new homeland through your expertise and capital.

(And, as always, Nevett Ford does more than merely help in meeting the policy requirements. We can also often break down the barriers to help you establish a successful business).

Employer nomination scheme

Skilled workers are welcome in Australia under the employer nomination scheme. Australian employers can sponsor skilled workers from overseas under this scheme if they can't find a suitable employee in the Australian labour market or through their own training efforts.

Of course, employers have to show that the proposed employee is essential to their business.

(Nevett Ford helps in a number of ways through liaison between the applicant and

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the employer, preparing and completing the necessary requirements on behalf of both parties and dealing with the government to complete the complex formalities).

Independent applicants

Individuals can also be welcomed in Australia if they are of the right age and can demonstrate a level of education and experience readily sought by employers.

Business executives/specialist workers

When local staff can't be found, Australian companies can fill short-term positions with skilled personnel from overseas. We can also help companies intending to relocate or expand within Australia.

Change of status applications

Nevett Ford can advise people already in Australia who want to change from a temporary to permanent resident. This may include, for example, people wishing to change status for business reasons, marriage or through a defacto relationship.

Business investment in Australia

We can give advice on the purchase and sale of businesses. We act for several lending institutions, which finance these business transactions.

In addition, we are able to advise how best to structure a business, whether it be incorporation, trading or family trusts, partnerships or as a sole trader. We also work with other experts such as economists and accountants in the preparation of business plans for submission to financial institutions and to government agencies.

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Appeals

For many reasons, applications for migration are sometimes unsuccessful. But often you will have a right of appeal.

Nevett Ford can help you through the appeal maze.

It may be a simple issue or a complex reason, but finding an answer is where our experience counts. Nevett Ford understands the process of preparing appeal applications to the Migration Internal Review Office, the Immigration Review Tribunal and the Federal Court for review on questions of law.

Fees

In acting as accredited specialists our clients are always advised of the expected legal costs before any action is taken. At Nevett Ford we are committed to providing the highest quality service whilst maintaining costs at an affordable level.

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