



# Update

Immigration

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### Latest news

#### More power for ATO, police to catch offshore tax cheats

The Australian Taxation Office and federal law enforcement agencies want to intensify their campaign against offshore tax evasion, with increased penalties and greater powers for investigators expected to be considered by the federal government this year (30 January 2012) [More...](#)

#### New labour agreement to help tourism employers

The development of a template labour agreement will help to ease labour and skills pressures by improving the tourism and hospitality industry's ability to attract and retain labour in some of the occupations identified by the industry as being in critical shortage. Minister Ferguson said the template labour agreement will help address critical skills shortages in the tourism and hospitality sectors (24 January 2012) [More...](#)

#### Skill Select Online 2012

SkillSelect is an online system that enables skilled workers interested in migrating to Australia to record their details to be considered for a skilled visa through an Expression of Interest (EOI). Intending migrants could be found and nominated for skilled visas by Australian employers or state and territory governments, or they could be invited by the Australian Government to lodge a visa application (30 January 2012) [The new Skill Select site is live](#)

### Articles

#### How much do we know about the impact of the economic downturn on the employment of migrants?

Author: Dandan Zhang, Sherry Tao Kong, Xin Meng; East Asian Bureau of Economic Research

The employment shock of late 2008 in the Peoples Republic of China could have been a product of three different events (24 January 2012)

[How much do we know about the impact of the economic downturn on the employment of migrants?](#)

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