



# Advice to Registered Migration Agents – Enhancements to GSM eVisa

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As part of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship's *Systems for People* program, a number of enhancements have been made to the functionality of the General Skilled Migration (GSM) eVisa service. These enhancements have been made to improve the useability of this service for Registered Migration Agents and are to come into effect on 21 January 2008.

Details of the enhancements are set out below.

## Known user electronic authorisation

The 'authorised recipient' functionality has been redesigned to remove the requirement for a third party electronic authorisation email request for known users such as Registered Agents.

Currently, both known and unknown eVisa users have to complete a process where an email is sent to the nominated email address for the third party to give permission to elect to receive electronic communication. Registered Agents who are logged in, have provided an email address and have answered 'Yes' to receiving correspondence electronically will no longer be required to send an email to seek permission to communicate electronically.

## Migration agent details

Migration Agents may now include their own reference number on the "Migration Agent details" page. It is optional for a Migration Agent to include their reference number. The reference will be included in correspondence to the Migration Agent.

The Migration Agent Registration Number (MARN) or offshore Agent ID (if allocated by DIAC) is restricted to seven (7) numerical characters.

## Wording changes

Both the "Acknowledgement regarding social security and employment" page and the "Declaration for all applicants" page have minor wording changes to bring them inline with the Paper Form 1276.

The "Personal details" page has minor wording changes in the State/Territory Government Agency Section, the State/Territory Agency or Regional Certifying Body Section and the Sponsored by Relative Section.

## **Document Checklist**

For each applicant included in the application, if certain criteria are met Form 80 will appear in the Document Checklist.

## **Visa Subclass 175, 176 and 475**

For Visa Subclass 175,176 and 475, questions regarding Work Experience and Two Year Study have been reordered. The wording within the questions has not changed.

## **Other family members**

Other family member types (i.e. new relationship to primary applicant for other family members) have been added to the drop down list and include: Child, Step Parent, Sibling, Step Sibling, Step Child, Adopted Child, and Child of Interdependent Partner.

## **Health details**

Currently applicants can only provide information regarding completed health checks. Applicants will now be able to provide details of future examination bookings, including a booking reference number.

## **Further assistance**

If you have any feedback, questions or would like more information, please contact the Department via the Agents Gateway at [www.immi.gov.au/gateways/agents/feedback/index.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/gateways/agents/feedback/index.htm)