

Australian Government is very close to passing a legislation which will change the lives of many students and graduates waiting decision on their residency who have legally come to Australia to study and with the hope to make this country as a place of residence. They are proposing to TERMINATE the applications of many existing visa applicants. In parliament at the moment is a bill that will allow the minister to allocate a certain amount of places to each occupation in the points test (whether that be Accountant, Cook, Nurse etc) and then when that quota is met, he seeks to be able to then not just stop processing in that occupation for the rest of the program year but much worse, actually return those applications back to visa applicants. In other words your application will be just AXED even if you have been waiting a year, 2 years, 3 or more years for a decision. This is potentially going to affect many thousands of people who have been waiting and details are below in the transcript from parliament this week.

This law will clearly take away the basic right to apply for PR after conforming to the points test from the immigrants. I have studied for 3 years paying 60,000\$ as fees. after surviving in the toughest situations for 3 years, I finally felt a sense of achievement and relief that I will be able to get PR. suddenly a new rule comes up asking everyone to get 7 bands each to complete 120 points for PR. they made the test tougher than ever. still I took it as challenge and in the first attempt I achieved 8.5 bands each and got 120 points and applied for PR. Now I come to know that by this law they can terminate my PR application without any consideration.

This is unfair and the students are made victims of unfair laws as they are easy targets. We don't have the power to vote, so the government does not care if we are treated fairly or not. The students who have applied for PR after conforming to the points test should not be terminated. Those professions who are not in demand in present economy, those applications should be kept in pool and those applicants should be given a fair chance to find job in their respective field instead of terminating their applications. I oppose the law and suggest for better alternative to improve the situation.