

Dear sir/madam

I came to Australia on student visa as a PhD student in 2011. Since then I tried my best to do scientific research and publish as many quality articles as I can. And I believe I was successful because of many publications with many citations I had in my research career. After that, I joined a company to make use of my expertise in an R&D section and I have been working there til now.

I got my permanent residency in March 2016. However, I was eligible to apply for permannet residency years before that date. The only reason I didn't apply til then was because I was fully focused on my PhD research. In April 2017 I got eligible to apply for citizenship and then suddenly the government changed the rules! I need to wait 3 more years to apply for citizenship based on the new rules. I even started my application on 15 April, but because I wanted to fill in all forms before submission, I only applied a day after that date. At the time of submitting my application, I still didn't know that I am not eligible anymore.

When I was coming to Austraia, I had a plan: Do my best at my research, and then become a citizen of Australia to serve this country as a good person. I am sure many had the same plan. I have had no criminal history whatsoever, I paid tax and has helped many others. I believe changing the rules in just one day does not make sense and is not fair and not Australian as well. I kindly request to at least give the current migrants a fair go and let them be considered based on the previous rules (1 year after PR and 4 years on valid visa, not 4 years after PR). This has had a very very bad effect on us and had made our lives miserable and it has ruined all our plans for life. I am sure you understand our situation and will make a good decision regarding our case, as it is obvious that this is not fair.

Thanks for your cooperation