Down Under Visa Guidebook - Making It Easier

TOPICS

Section 1 - Cross-cultural information and avoiding problems

- Cross-Cultural Understanding and Misunderstandings
- Cultural Differences in Communication Styles
- Interdependence versus Independence
- “Face”, shame, and the opinions of others
- Communication
- Tampo....the great sulk
- Alternatives to Tampo and to the other forms of evasiveness
- Gender roles
- “Moral Flexibility” - Western and Eastern Contrasts
- Family involvement

Section 2 - Obtaining documents and visa requirements in Philippines

- Passports
- Birth Certificates (National Statistics Office, aka “NSO”), Certificate of No Marriage (Cernomar), Marriage Certificates and/or Death Certificates
- Pre-Departure Guidance and Counseling Services - Commission for Filipinos Overseas (CFO)
- National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) Clearance
- Police Clearance

Section 3 - Preparing for the embassy interview

- The Interview
- Why do they want to interview me?
- Evidence of “met”
- Evidence of “known to each other personally”
- Cross-Cultural Problems

Section 4 - Life in Australia (some is specific to students, but useful to all)

- Welcome to Australia
- Before you leave
- Packing
- Insurance
- Health Insurance
- Short-term accommodation
- Arriving in Australia
- Clearing Immigration and Customs checkpoints
- Quarantine matters!
- Leaving the airport
- Visa requirements
- Visa conditions
- Non-compliance
- Extending your visa
- Accommodation
- Renting accommodation and tenancy agreements
- Getting around
- Public transport
- Traveling interstate
- Money
- Cost of living and budgeting
- Banking and insurance
- Health and wellbeing
- Personal safety
- Living in Australia
- Multicultural community groups
- Culture and society
- Culture shock
- Australian laws
- Working and student visa conditions
- Studying in Australia
- Emergencies