

Salaams Everyone,

As I said there were lots of good news to share and here is part 2!

The appointment at **DIMIA** went extremely well, as well! It was certainly Shoeb Bhai and Mukti's lucky day yesterday! We met up with Louise Walton, the A/G manager (acting general manager?) of DIMIA and she was very nice. She arranged for us to meet with an officer straight away by the name of Veena, who was again very helpful. She would personally take our application when we are ready to lodge it which should speed up the process. She also said she has talked to Louise and as a favour to Shoeb bhai & Mukti they have decided that

- Right now we wont need to submit a police clearance, or IELETS for Mukti. The case officer would let us know if its required.
- We can also skip the assurance of support right now, but we should have someone ready to do it if needed. It needs to be someone with annual taxable income (I.e. what the tax office is aware of) of approx \$75k or higher and they would be required to lodge a term deposit with the CBA for 2 years (at the end of 2 years you get your money back with a little interest. 3% I think). The term deposit amount is \$5, 000 maximum. might be **much** lower.
- Because there are a lot of documents to photocopy and certify, Veena mentioned that we just need to take the original and the photocopies to her and she would personally certify them all at the time of lodgement.
- Once we lodge the application with her, veena would provide Mukti and Sameeha with the bridging visa papers straightaway so we wont need to wait.
- Veena would also get the Medicare papers and give it to Multi right after lodgement. This is a paper Medicare card which is fully functional and could be used while the actual one arrives in the mail. So, Mukti could start and get Sameeha immunised, checked up and everything.
- She kindly stamped Shoeb Bhai's passport with the residency visa seal, as well.

So, the documents to submit are (I have left all the forms with Mukti with the check boxes ticked of the documents we need to submit)

1. Passports of both of them
2. Birth certificates of everyone including Sameeha
3. Proof of Shoeb bhais residency (again, his passport)
4. 2 photos each of everyone.
5. Marriage Certificate
6. Completed form 40SP by Shoeb Bhai. (he is the sponsor)
7. Completed 47SP form
8. Proof that relationship is genuine. Veena said this was the **MOST IMPORTANT** to get right under the circumstances; this needs
 - bank statements showing Shoeb bhais name and address
 - bills showing Shoeb bhais name and address
 - tenancy agreement showing Shoeb bhais name and address
 - letters addressed to mukti at the same address

- joint bank account statement. not sure how this can be arranged. Ideas???
- Mukti's personal bank account statement showing the same address. Apparently Mukti can open an account within 6 weeks of arriving in Australia with a passport only. So, she needs an account set up ASAP.
- History of relationship from Mukti and Shoeb bhai. Now, I mentioned to veena that shoeb bhai is unable to write. So, if one of you can type it up and sheob bhai can sign it apparently that would be sufficient.
- 2 stat decs from friends/family saying the relationship is genuine

All this should not be that hard to organise. Only the proof of relationship is a bit of a work. But Since a lot of bhaia's in this email have done this before, I know this wont be a problem! If you could arrange these few documents within the next few days we can lodge it by end of next week. Veena said they get a lot of cases a year, and its probably in our best interest to submit it by next week. She did not guarantee it but said 'possibly' they could look into speeding up the process for them but NO GUARANTEE. Banks in Bankstown are open on the weekends so Mukti should be able to open account and can get all the statement at the same time and take the photos. Im not sure how Sheob bhais photos can be arranged.

The staff there kept on saying Minul must have some pretty good friends (one of them said 'heavy duty' friends) to have made this journey simply with the help of friends. Veena said you guys should take a pat on the back as it was most unusual that friends have done so much to bring the family of another over to Australia on a tourist visa!

Take a bow!

Regards

AB's Friend