

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

*Migration Regulations 1994*

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR TEMPORARY WORK (SHORT STAY ACTIVITY)**

**(SUBCLASS 400) VISA APPLICATIONS 2015**

*(Item 1231)*

1. Instrument IMMI 15/036 is made under subregulation 2.07(5) of the *Migration Regulations 1994* (the Regulations) for item 1231 of Schedule 1 to the Regulations.
2. The Instrument revokes IMMI 15/036 (F2015L00565), signed on 18 April 2015, under subsection 33(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.
3. The purpose of the Instrument is to add passport holders from the countries of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Russian Federation; Syrian Arab Republic; and holders of United Nations Organisation/United Nations Agency issued Laissez-Passer travel documents in addition to previously specified passport holders listed in the Schedule attached to the Instrument.
4. The Instrument operates to specify the approved forms that classes of applicants must use for making valid applications and addresses for lodgement and the manner in which applications must be made for making valid applications.
5. External consultation was undertaken with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade when making the change to this Instrument.
6. The Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) has advised that a Regulatory Impact Statement is not required (OBPR Reference 16837)
7. The Senior Executive Service, Band two, Visa and Citizenship Management Division was delegated the powers contained in subregulation 2.07(5) of the Regulations for item 1231 of Schedule 1 to the Regulations in Instrument of Delegation DEL 15/090, signed on 30 June 2015.

*IMMI 15/121*

8. Under section 44 of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*, the Instrument is exempt from disallowance and therefore a Statement of Compatibility with Human Rights is not required.
9. The Instrument, IMMI 15/121, commences on 1 October 2015.