



Australian Government

Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority

REGISTRATION OF FORMER MIGRATION AGENT CANCELLED

Jingyi WANG, a former Sydney based registered migration agent, had his registration cancelled on 22 August 2013. It is believed that Mr Wang has returned to China.

A registered migration agent whose registration has been cancelled must not be registered within 5 years of the cancellation.

The Office of the Migration Agents Registration (the Authority) cancelled Mr Wang's registration after the investigation of two complaints (affecting 12 clients). The Authority found that the agent had failed to act in accordance with his clients' instructions by lodging applications to a skills assessing body without his clients' knowledge, consent or authority. The Authority was satisfied that the agent's conduct was designed to enable international students to obtain positive skills assessments based on fraudulent information to then apply for permanent residency visas under the Department of Immigration and Border Protection's skilled visa program.

In Australia, only persons registered as migration agents with the Authority can give immigration assistance and charge a fee or reward for doing so. Registered migration agents are bound by a Code of Conduct (the Code) and are required to provide immigration assistance services in accordance with the professional standards of conduct as set out in the Code.

Currently there are more than 4,800 registered migration agents in Australia and overseas, who are registered by the Authority, who can provide immigration assistance. Anyone needing immigration assistance for travel to Australia can check if their agent is registered by visiting the Authority's website at www.mara.gov.au.

Consumers should obtain a contract or a statement of services and fees from their agent and ensure that they are provided with a receipt for their payments.