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- administer a permanent migration program of 185 000 places
- facilitate almost 30 million crossings of the border
- welcome 14 000 refugee and humanitarian entrants
- 120 000 people will become Australian citizens

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Finding you the right Australian Visa

Australian Visa Wizard

The Visa Wizard can help you find the Australian visa most likely to meet your specific circumstances.

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Information to help you learn about settling in Australia, learning English and Australia's diversity and values.



Becoming a Citizen

Information to help you apply for Australian citizenship.



Visas, Immigration and Refugees

For people who want to visit, work, study or live in Australia. Includes details of Australia's Refugee and Humanitarian Program. Includes information for employers about sponsoring skilled people to work in Australia.

Citizenship

How to become an Australian citizen, as well as information on special events and resources.

Managing Australia's Borders

Australia's entry requirements and other information for air or sea travellers. Encouraging compliance, preventing illegal migration, and managing detention facilities.

Business Services

Information services for agencies and organisations who work with the department.

News

- [Update of the Skilled Occupation List effective from 1 July - 13 June 2012](#)
- [Population flows—Immigration aspects 2010–11 edition is now available - 28 May 2012](#)
- [Short online survey - Is language a barrier? - 25 May 2012](#)
- [Business Skills Program Reforms to be implemented 1 July 2012 - 25 May 2012](#)
- [Opening statement to Legal and Constitutional Committee, Budget Estimates hearing - 21 May 2012](#)

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Acting Secretary of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.	The department provides recreational facilities and a program of activ...	Aerial view of the Wickham Point IDC. Once greenfields, all facilities h...	When completed, the Wickham Point facility will have capacity to accommo...

Video

 <p>Houston Skills Expo VNR #1</p>	 <p>Houston Skills Expo VNR #2</p>	 <p>Wickham Point Immigration Det...</p>	 <p>First stage of Portville IDC ...</p>
Australian employers and state government officials sought to sign up sk...	Australian employers and state government officials sought to sign up sk...	Facilities and services of the Wickham Point Immigration Detention Cent...	The first stage of the Portville Immigration Detention Centre north of H...

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Access to high resolution files is available to authorised media representatives only.

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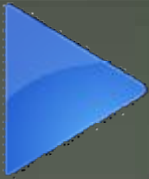
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The screenshot shows a Facebook interface for a live chat event. At the top, the Facebook logo and search bar are visible. The user profile 'Billy Dunham' is in the top right. The event title is 'Live chat - What is SkillSelect?' and it is a public event by the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship. The event is scheduled for Thursday, May 31, 2012, from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. A description invites participants to chat with Peter Speldewinde about migration changes. A map shows the location in Australia with an 'Add a place?' input field. Below the map is a 'Write Post' section with options for adding photos, videos, or asking questions. A list of participants is shown, including Nandika Perera, Vinoth Kumar, Michael Jonathan, and Noel Opabola, each with their profile picture and a 'going' status. On the right side, there are sponsored ads for Sony Pictures Australia, HBOau, Jeanswest, and a job listing for Australia Residents.

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SkillSelect Facebook live chat

By Henry on 30 May 2012 10:24am Uncategorized

If you want to find out about SkillSelect and the upcoming changes to our skilled migration program, join us on Thursday 31 May between 4.00 – 5.00pm AEST to chat with the Assistant Secretary Labour Market Branch Peter Speldewinde.

While Peter can't respond to questions unrelated to the live chat, including individual case inquiries, he will be able to answer general questions about how SkillSelect will work and how changes to the skilled migration program will affect you.

To join in, you need to 'like' the department's [Facebook](#) page.

Twitter users can also join our live chat by tweeting [@SandiLogan](#).

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March 2012 quarterly visitor visa statistics now available

By david on 16 May 2012 11:34am Visitor

The [Visitor Visa Program Quarterly Report](#) for the period ending 31 March 2012 is now available at: www.immi.gov.au/media/statistics/visitor.htm.

For the nine visitor visa subclasses, the report provides information on applications, grants, arrivals and processing times. Highlights from the report include:

- Tourism Visitor visa application lodgements fell by 0.6 per cent in 2011-12 to 31 March compared to the same period in 2010-11 (down from 2 540 382 to 2 526 231). However, lodgements by Chinese citizens continued to grow (up 28.2 per cent to 260 450).
- There were 356 815 Business Visitor visa applications lodged in 2011-12 to 31 March. This was a three per cent increase compared to the same period in 2010-11 (348 371). It can be partially attributed to an increase in applications from the United States of America (up 8.6 per cent to 62

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