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Professional Year for Accounting Graduates (SMIPA)

“I wish I had thought of SMIPA before I spent up to 4 hours daily for 6 months applying for thousands of jobs without success. I was becoming increasingly frustrated with hearing the same old replies of, “Sorry we are looking for a permanent resident,” or “sorry we want someone with local experience”.

Then one day a friend told me about SMIPA – a program designed to help graduates who are having difficulties finding a job. I started Holmesglen’s SMIPA, and through this course I was offered a practical placement in an accounting firm. The second week into my placement, I was offered an ongoing job with the same company. I can’t tell you how happy I am with the SMIPA course. I highly recommend it!

I have now moved onto another company, but it was thanks to the SMIPA program at Holmesglen that my career got off the ground!”

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Why study your Professional Year at Holmesglen?

Holmesglen is an authorised provider of the Skilled Migration Internship Program – Accounting, a professional program approved by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

Established in 1982, Holmesglen is the largest provider of vocational and higher education in Victoria and was the first educational institution in Australia to obtain International Quality Assurance Certification to ISO9001 standard – a demonstration of its total commitment to quality and academic excellence.

Holmesglen has a reputation as an innovative and dynamic educational institution that maintains the highest standards of instruction and provides a complete student support system, using the latest developments in instructional technology and mentoring and career guidance.

What is SMIPA?

The Skilled Migration Internship Program – Accounting is a professional year program approved by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC). It is available to overseas students who have obtained an Australian accounting qualification as a result of at least two years study in Australia.

The SMIPA program has been jointly developed by CPA Australia, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Australia and the Institute of Public Accountants and can only be delivered by registered providers approved by all three professional accounting bodies.

SMIPA involves:

- A minimum of 44 weeks’ training, including a 10 week internship placement with a relevant host company
- Professional development and practical hands-on learning with an emphasis on workplace preparation: culture, ethics and expectations
- Recognition as a pathway for 485 graduate visa holders seeking permanent residency in Australia under the general skilled migration program
- Under the General Skilled Migration points test, applicants in a relevant occupation will be awarded five points for the successful completion of Holmesglen’s approved
- Professional Year program for accounting graduates. Further information on the Points Test for General Skilled Migration is available at www.immi.gov.au

The high-level skills and specialised knowledge you need for the professional career you want!