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Subject: Immigration Update - Skilling Australians Fund Levy (or the Nomination Training Contribution Charge)

Dear clients and friends

SAF (or the Nomination Training Contribution Charge) has received Royal Assent

The Migration Amendment (Skilling Australians Fund) Act 2018 and the associated **Migration (Skilling Australians Fund) Charges Act 2018** received Royal Assent yesterday, on 22 May 2018.

These Acts are however **not yet** in effect. The Skilling Australians Fund levy that applies to a 482, 186 or 187 nomination application will come into effect **from a date fixed by Proclamation or on the day after six months from 22 May 2018.**

This means, unless the government makes a legislative notice specifying the date of effect for the SAF levy before 23 November 2018 (ie six months after 22 May 2018), the SAF levy will come into effect on 23 November 2018.

The table below summarises the amount of SAF levy payable, when the levy is in effect:

	Per 482 nomination	Per 186 or 187 nomination
Businesses with annual turnover of less than \$10 million	\$1,200 per year of nominated employment	\$3,000 (one-off)
Businesses with annual turnover of 10 million or more	\$1,800 per year of nominated employment	\$5,000 (one-off)

Businesses will no longer be obliged to satisfy the current Training Benchmarks A or B when SAF becomes effective. However, until then, Training Benchmark A or B continues so must be met.

The SAF levy applies to nomination applications made **on or after** the levy comes into effect.

Businesses that underpay the SAF levy may be subjected to a civil penalty not exceeding 60 penalty units (ie \$9,420).

Regulations and Policy associated with these SAF Acts are yet to be released. We will write again once we have further detail on how these Acts operate.

In the meantime, if you have any question concerning SAF, please feel free to contact us.

Kind regards
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