

To
The Visa Officer
High Commission of Australia

Sub: Application in support of student visa application ID:360655190

Dear Sir/Madam,

I, Ravi Teja, a Civil Engineer hailing from Telangana, India, would like to express my sincere gratitude to you for providing me with this opportunity to once again exhibit my eminent desire to pursue higher education in Australia. I have opted for a Master of Project Management at CQUniversity, Melbourne, Australia. I would like to gladly share with you that I have been presented with a Letter of Offer on September, 2021. I am an engineering professional and an avid learner, looking forward to expanding my knowledge pool and enhancing my skill sets in order to explore better career avenues through the aforementioned program. I am unhappy to inform you that my visa application dated July 22nd, 2021 was previously rejected by dignitaries on August 8th, 2021 for not complying with clause 500.212 in Schedule 2 of the Migration Regulations 1994.

1. The applicant's circumstances in their home country, including the applicant's economic situation, political and civil unrest in the applicant's home country, the extent of the applicant's personal ties to their home country, whether the applicant has sound reasons for not studying in their home country if a similar course is available, and military service commitments that would present as a significant incentive for the applicant not to return to their home country

I hereby declare that my sole purpose behind visiting Australia is to completely immerse myself in this once-in-a-lifetime educational opportunity and equip myself with extensive insights and progressive skill sets related to the highly in-demand field of project management. Civil engineering involves undertaking tasks and activities at construction sites that require using refined project management skills due to the high degree of complexity of the construction projects. It involves planning, managing, executing, and monitoring at each and every step with no scope for error. Thus, it was during my academic and professional undertakings that I was introduced to the vast domain of project management. Upon carefully examining the value an international credential holds in the Indian job marketplace, I was even more certain that at this stage in my career I needed to gain global exposure and a degree that is valued tremendously in my home country. Pursuing my higher education in Australia would not only add the necessary value to boost my career but would also give me an advantage over other professionals back home.

India is a great nation and is home to excellent colleges and universities. However, the education system in India does not suit my needs and will not contribute to the achievement of my goals in any form. India follows a merit-based education system that is theoretically inclined with minimal value to practical application. The inflexible and conventional teaching methodologies will not allow me to equip myself with the required skills, as merely theoretical knowledge is insufficient in project management. It is a vast field requiring a solid grip on the knowledge and skills to excel as a project management professional in this constantly evolving realm. Australian education, on the other hand, emphasizes experiential learning and imparts industry-specific knowledge and skills. I am confident that Australia's pragmatic approach, unparalleled infrastructural facilities, and globally valued credentials will work wonders for me.

My incentives to return to my home country are also backed by my strong family ties. I am part of a close-knit family consisting of my father, mother, and elder brother. My father is a central government employee and works as a Railway Officer, my mother is a homemaker, and my brother works as a Manager at Bank of Baroda. I share a cordial bond with all my family members and relatives. Being the younger child, I have received immense love and support from my family. I am fortunate to be surrounded by people who have always encouraged me, supported me in all my endeavors, and taught me the value of education. I have grown to understand my responsibilities towards them and cannot leave them to settle in Australia. I will therefore return to India and continue living with my parents and taking care of them and supporting them in every way possible.

2. The applicant's potential circumstances in Australia, including the extent of the applicant's ties with Australia that present as a strong incentive to remain in Australia, evidence that the student visa program may be used to circumvent the intention of the migration program, whether the Student visa or the Student Guardian is being used to maintain ongoing residence, the applicant's knowledge of living in Australia, and whether the primary and secondary applicants have entered into a relationship of Concern.

There are several English-speaking countries in the world that offer similar programs based on project management. However, I was particularly inclined towards pursuing my studies in Australia. Though countries such as the USA, UK, Canada, and Australia are amongst the top preferences for international students, I found out that only Australia seemed to have fulfilled all my requirements in terms of facilities, expenses, education system, study environment, and much more. The USA is undoubtedly an impressive country and has excellent infrastructural facilities and scope, but the rising concerns in terms of safety and over-expensive living expenses and tuition fee is a cause of concern for me as an international student. When it comes to the UK, finding accommodation at affordable rates is a challenge in itself, with the added disadvantage of unpredictable weather.

Canada has emerged as an educational hub but as beautiful and safe as it might be, the weather conditions are too extreme for me to survive because as a south Indian I am not used to such harsh weather and I personally don't like winters. Australia is an ideal place for me as the weather, study environment, affordable yet valuable education, and infrastructural facilities all suit my requirements.

Australia is a beautiful country with stunning picturesque locations and has emerged as one of the most popular destinations both in terms of tourism and education. It is a top choice for many international students due to its excellent education system. The country is a melting pot of diverse cultures and its natives are really friendly and welcoming, which has created a warm and inclusive environment for outsiders. The overall vibe of the country is relaxed and its friendly environment will give me a sense of belonging, making it easier for me to stay during my authorized period of visit. The Australian education system is world-renowned and is globally recognized for its high-quality educational programs. Australian universities and colleges have something to offer to everyone through their carefully designed and diverse range of programs. Interacting and studying with people from all over the world of various cultures and nationalities will allow me to grow as a person and improve my communication skills while also boosting my confidence abundantly. Not only will studying in Australia help me push my boundaries, but it will also lead to my holistic growth, which will prove to be beneficial for me when I return to my home country seeking employment opportunities.

Having worked as a site supervisor for almost five years now, I feel that my growth has stagnated as I do not see much scope for exploration with the degree I possess. I have realized that I need to explore new avenues and upgrade my knowledge and skills in order to boost my career and scale new heights. Being introduced to the field of project management and having discovered my managerial streak, I desire to embark on a fruitful career in the same. Hence, I have enrolled in the Master of Project Management program at CQUniversity to venture into a new domain and emerge as a successful professional. The two-year full-time program is a perfect way to develop and hone my technical and soft skills, which are essential for a project manager. The program aligns seamlessly with my learning objectives and is meant for professionals like me who intend to develop advanced skills and extensive knowledge to become eligible to lead and manage complex projects spanning various industries. I was intrigued by the university's belief that project management is not just another regular skill but a lifestyle that is capable of improving the world in the years to come. The program has received accreditation from the Project Management Institute-Global Accreditation Center for Project Management Education Programs (GAC-PMI) and thus all the course materials are as per the global standards aligned to the PMI. It also allows students to specialize in one of the four minors: Information Systems, Information Technology, Management, and Hospital and Health Services Management.

The program comprises 11 core units and 1 of the minor units or four electives. The core units include subjects such as initiating and planning projects, executing and closing projects, complex project management, contract, and procurement management, and leading lean projects, among many others. The final semester will give me an opportunity to apply my project management knowledge and skills in the workplace as a part of the Project Management Internship which is included in the course curriculum. This fantastic learning experience will allow me to critically reflect on my learning and discover my strengths and weaknesses. I believe that completing this program will not only equip me with apt project management skills but will also allow me to develop analytical and problem-solving skills, critical thinking, and strategic thinking, all of which will turn me into an expert in this field.

CQUniversity is one of the top-notch universities in Australia, which is known for its high standards of education and easy accessibility to all. The world-class university has flourished in various global rankings and ratings and has also received five stars from the QS Stars Rating System for its facilities, teaching, internationalization, and facilities. The university imparts work-integrated learning and immaculately constructed industry-aligned courses, all of which make the students industry-ready and well-rounded professionals. CQUniversity's highly inclusive and diverse environment will allow me to study amongst students from diverse backgrounds yet with similar learning interests, which will be an incredible experience for me. The unsurpassed infrastructure, innumerable student facilities, erudite faculty, and industry-forward curriculum make the university an ideal choice for me.

3. The value of the course to the applicant's future, including the course's consistency with the applicant's current education level, whether the course will assist the applicant to gain employment in their home country, the relevance of the course to the applicant's past or future employment in their home country or a third country, and remuneration and career prospects in the applicant's home country or a third country to be gained from the course

In March 2012, I completed my matriculation studies and secured an overall 85 percent. Thereafter, I completed my 12th grade at _ in March 2014 and secured an overall 84.4 percent. For my undergraduate studies, I enrolled in a Bachelor of Technology in Civil Engineering program at ITM University, which I completed in 2018 with first division. My professional journey began in June 2018, when I was hired by Civil Info Systems as a Site Supervisor. Since then, I have been working here and have undertaken many job responsibilities, including planning, coordinating, and managing operations and safety programs for building construction, infrastructure, and public work projects, coordinating site investigations, planning and developing work schedules for team members, identifying and implementing strategic plans, communicating with vendors, etc. Through the years, engaging in these activities made me realize the significance of management, and upon further research, I was introduced to the field of project management which inculcated a deep desire in me to learn about the field comprehensively.

As a project management graduate, I can meander into different sectors as project management professionals are required in every industry. I can find suitable employment opportunities in not just Engineering but Business, IT, Transportation, Construction, Health, Government, and many more. Additionally, as mentioned earlier, completing the program will help me gain robust knowledge and advanced skills with an increased understanding of this highly in-demand field. Graduating from such an esteemed university and possessing Australian credentials and exposure will build a strong base for me and make me preferable to employers back in my home country. The Indian employment marketplace is a very competitive and crowded place where graduates from elite universities and colleges in India are preferred over others. However, an international degree holds significant value in the eyes of employers. I am sure that my enhanced profile will enable me to stand out from the rest, and my industry-centric updated knowledge and skills will allow me to secure my desired job position.

As much as I am thrilled to be visiting Australia and attaining higher education in your wonderful country, it is not possible for me to leave everything in my home country and settle comfortably in Australia. One of the most important factors which led me to pursue my studies in Australia is the immense value its credential holds in my home country. After completing my studies and having added this feather to my cap, I see no other reason to stay back rather than to return to India and enjoy the fruit of my hard work. I can only stay for the duration of my program and will willingly return to my country for various personal and professional reasons.

I am determined to return to my home country as soon as I complete my program. There is a massive scope for project management in India. As per the report published by the Project Management Institute (PMI), India is the fastest-growing market for project management-related employment. PMI's report also states that India would require 60 lakh project managers by the upcoming decade and an expected 22 million new project management job openings by 2029. With India set to become the second largest producer of project-management jobs, I see no reason to stay in Australia and miss out on these amazing employment opportunities which I can secure by being in my home country. Thus, I will return to India and leverage my knowledge, skills, and experience to encash these employment opportunities and become a well-established professional. Though I can venture into different industries, I am specifically looking forward to securing a lucrative job position in one of the revered engineering and construction-related companies such as Larsen & Toubro, NCC Limited, Tech Mahindra, Epiroc Mining India Ltd., Burns & McDonnell, Atkins, Siemens, etc. I intend to contribute to the growth of the company I get associated with and climb up the organizational ladder to reach the pinnacle of success. I am confident that I will definitely be able to carve a niche for myself in the project management industry in India.

4. The applicant's immigration history, including visa and travel history for Australia and other countries, previous visa applications for Australia or other countries, and previous travels to Australia or other countries.

I have no travel history as of now and I have not traveled anywhere outside India. This will be my first time in Australia as well. Considering this would be the first time I would be leaving my home country to travel internationally, I am well aware of all the immigration rules and regulations. I hereby declare that I am familiar with the Australian visa conditions and I assure you that:

- I will maintain overseas student health coverage (OSHC) during my stay in Australia.
- I will inform my education provider/DHA of the address where I live in Australia within seven days of arriving in Australia and notify them if I change my address or contact details within 7 days.
- I will maintain 80% attendance for the entire duration of my course.
- I will maintain a 50% pass grade in each term.
- I will not change my course or institution for six months upon enrolment.
- I can do part-time when my course is in session.

5. If the applicant is a minor, the intentions of a parent, legal guardian, or spouse of the applicant.

I am 28 years old and my date of birth is 27-09-1994. I am not a minor. Please find attached a valid age proof alongside the application for your reference.

Conclusion

I hope I have been able to justify myself as a bona fide student and will be provided with the required visa permit in order to make the most of this wonderful educational opportunity. I thank you once again for patiently reviewing my application.

Sincerely,
Ravi Teja