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# SASMOA/ASMOF(SA)

## MEMBERS UPDATE

Date: 30th November

Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) Union Outreach Officer

Ms Carolyn Altan has recently joined the Australian Council of Trade Union (ACTU) office in Melbourne as a DIAC Union Outreach Officer.

Carolyn's role includes:

- Providing telephone or email support to unions on visa issues
- Providing material about 457 visa holders' rights for distribution to members
- Providing feedback to the DIAC where policy implementation has unintended outcomes and on emerging areas of concern within particular industries
- Supporting unions to access DIAC information and personnel.

Carolyn has prepared the following information on the 457 visa program for SASMOA for distribution to medical staff as a means of introducing herself.

***Recent changes to the 457 visa program have made it easier for doctors to comply with visa conditions. It is now possible for doctors on 457 visas to work for more than one employer, though they still need one direct employer to be the sponsor.***

***The 457 visa is now a very attractive option for doctors. Unlike the Medical Practitioner (sub class 422) visa, there is no need for the 457 visa application to provide a police clearance in most cases. Sub class 457 visa applications can be lodged on-line, and there are fewer documents required of the sponsor. All of this means that the 457 visas are often granted much more quickly than Medical Practitioner visas.***

***Another recent change to the 457 visa program means that doctors no longer need to obtain a new visa if they change employers. The new employer only needs an approved nomination and the doctor can work out the remaining visa period with the new employer.***

***DIAC has recently posted several Union Outreach Officers to help unions and professional associations to help their members. Immigration Officer Carolyn Altan is working out of the ACTU. She is available to assist SASMOA/ASMOF SA members with visa information and advice Please feel free to contact her at:***

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SASMOA will also place these contact details on the SASMOA webpage.