

# OVERSEAS OVERWHELMED

## LET'S GO CANADA

### **International Enrolments Up in P.E.I.**

Post-secondary institutions in at least one Canadian province are already reporting increased enrolment of foreign students after new off-campus work rules passed by the federal government last spring.

Both the University of Prince Edward Island and Holland College, also based in P.E.I., are enjoying markedly increased numbers of international students: 290 at U.P.E.I., up from 227 last year; and 40 at Holland College, up from 32 last year.

Neither school is saying how much of the increase is traceable to the new work rules. But both claim their campaigns to attract more international students—of which lobbying Ottawa for the new visa rules was a part—have been working.

Source: "[More International Students Coming to P.E.I.](#)," CBC, September 19, 2006

## ABROAD PERSPECTIVE

### **Universities U.K. Calls for Extension of Scottish Visa Deal**

When it comes to attracting international students, Scotland has an unfair advantage, say universities elsewhere in Britain.

The Scottish Executive policy—part of a program intended to reverse population decline in Scotland—permits foreigners studying in Scotland to extend their visas by two years. Universities U.K., which represents universities throughout Britain, says the program should be extended across the country.

Rather than arguing that the program should remain exclusive to Scotland, the director of Universities Scotland said he also hoped for a countrywide extension.

The Scottish Executive policy had more than 2,000 successful applicants in its first year.

Source: "[Call to Extend Student Visa Deal Across U.K.](#)," *The Herald*, September 14, 2006

## OVER THE COUNTER

### **In Australia, New Visa Plan Attracts Controversy**

In a move thought likely to make the country more attractive to international students and draw in more workers in knowledge-heavy industries like information technology, the Australian government is planning to introduce new visa rules next July.

Details of the new visas are still being worked out, but a government report has recommended, among other things, a new temporary visa for foreign graduates of Australian universities. The visa holder would be allowed to work for two years in Australia; those gaining one full year of full-time professional work would be eligible to apply for permanent visas.

Australia's opposition Labor party may oppose the new rules, however, arguing they will pose a threat to the jobs of Australians.

Source: "[Short Visa, Lasting Harm](#)," *The Australian*, August 23, 2006

## GLOBE TIPPING

### **New Carry-On Rules Available at a Glance**

Earlier this week, the U.S. Transportation Safety Administration (T.S.A.) announced it was easing its ban, imposed after a series of arrests in London this summer, on the liquids, gels and aerosols passengers are allowed to carry on commercial aircraft.

Canada is adopting similar rules simultaneously, and other governments, including those of the E.U. and the U.K., are expected to follow suit in the coming weeks. The new rules, the T.S.A. said, are expected to last into the foreseeable future.

The rules are a little complex, so if you travel frequently you might find it worth bookmarking the web sites of the [T.S.A.](#) and [Canadian Air Transport Security Authority](#), which have links to handy web pages clearly explaining the new rules.