

# SeldonGill

---

## INTERNATIONAL

### New changes to the Working Holiday Maker Scheme

There is some good news for thousands of backpackers planning on holidaying in Australia and working under the federal government's Working Holiday Maker Scheme. Recent changes mean travelers can work twice as long in a job.

There are 19 countries legible for in the scheme whereby a working holiday visa holder can stay in one job from three months to six months now. This change only impacts visas issued after 1 July 2006.

Lauren Marchant, who works with international candidates coming to Australia at Seldon Gill, said "this change is a help to employers and potential candidates.

"Previous restrictions meant not only were candidates required to move on after three months and not gain valued work experience, but employers were unable to retain quality workers who are generally well-educated, highly skilled and experienced.

"Also, costs involved with training new staff and other administrative obligations meant it was uneconomical for firms to employ people who were only able to stay three months."

Australia is a popular destination for many international candidates, especially those from the UK.

"These changes mean furthering their career here is a more realistic option and firms are able to benefit from their skills and talent for a longer period," Lauren said

**If you are interested to find out where your career can take you, please call Lauren Marchant on +61 3 8611 8104 or email [lauren.marchant@seldongill.com](mailto:lauren.marchant@seldongill.com)**