

INSIDE IMMIGRATION



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WITH all the talk of health care and unemployment in the news, it seems like a good time to draw attention to a health care dilemma across the border. There is currently a shortage of health care professionals in Canada. Due to this shortage, Canada is offering immigration opportunities for those who have experience and education in various health care fields. Canada is a country that takes health care very seriously. One of the defining

aspects of Canadian society is that it provides free universal health care to every Canadian citizen and permanent resident. This means that there are great demands placed on the system. Hence, the Canadian Government is always in search of more talented medical professionals. The Canadian Government is attempting to recruit more foreign trained medical professionals by making it easier to immigrate to Canada. Currently medical professionals that are on the Government's list can apply for Permanent Resident status without getting a job in Canada first. The following health care occupations are currently eligible for this program: Registered Nurses

Licensed Practical Nurses
Head Nurses and Supervisors
Occupational Therapists
Physiotherapists
Medical Radiation Technologists
General Practitioners and Family Physicians
In order to apply the applicant needs to have one year of continuous work experience in their occupation. The applicant must also meet the educational requirements and be able to prove that they have performed the necessary job duties. This immigration option is being offered through the Federal Skilled Worker Program. This means that unlike other employment based immigration programs; Can-

ada is offering Permanent Residency to those that are approved. Canadian Permanent Residency is often confused with traditional work visas. Canadian Permanent Residency differs from standard work permits in various ways. Canadian Permanent Residents have access to most of the social benefits available to Canadian Citizens, including health care coverage. Permanent Residents can also live and work anywhere in Canada, this means that the applicant is not tied to a specific employer. Permanent Residents can also apply for full Canadian Citizenship after three years of living full time in Canada. It is also important to note that Permanent Residency is not only given to the principal applicant. A qualifying spouse and dependent children are also given full Permanent Residency. This

means that the applicant's spouse and dependent children have the ability to work and study in Canada without restriction. Another element that distinguishes Permanent Residency from traditional work visas is that Permanent Residents have the ability to sponsor eligible family members. This provides immigrants with options for bringing their aging parents and grandparents along with them to Canada. And if the family members are approved, they are also granted Permanent Resident Status. The processing time for the Federal Skilled Worker Program is relatively quick. With the introduction of the new Federal Skilled Worker Program in 2008, the Canadian Government is trying to process all applications within 6 to 12 months. Therefore, it is a good time for foreign trained health

care professionals to start looking more seriously at Canadian immigration options. This article is not intended to provide legal advice, but to provide general information on the Canadian Federal Skilled Worker Program. This article was brought to you by Darren Silver & Associates. Our firm consists of both US and Canadian Licensed Attorneys. The Firm has concentrated and excelled in the area of immigration law for over 15 years. *** Please contact the office for Free Consultation: Darren Silver and Associates Address: 3699 Wilshire Boulevard Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90010 Telephone: 1-800-971-7013 or 213-384-1900. E-mail: info@darrensilver.com Go to www.darrensilver.com and sign up for a free newsletter (Advertising Supplement)

FROM YOUR LIFE COACH, BING



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ON the scale of 1 to 10, 1 being the lowest and 10 being the highest. How satisfied are you with your work? Do you wake up early in the morning with a smile on your face ready to go to work? Or how you wish the days were the weekends? If you are feeling of the latter, you are not alone! This year's survey shows only 45.3 percent of workers say that they are satisfied with their jobs compared to 61 percent in 1987. The Conference Board, nonprofit organization, produced the report. It was based on a survey of 5,000 US households. What are your passions? What job feeds and nourishes one or more of your passions? What actions do you take to keep your zeal alive and well at work? Finding your special niche can definitely infuse your job with enthusiasm. How can you do that? Writing down the things that you like to do can help guide you toward your passion. A start could be asking your friends and family like, "What are the things that I do well?" We all know that this is a journey. Once

Does your current job feed your passions?

you know what you want to do, the next step is to take action on that. You could look for another job or you might recognize that you want to start your own business or perhaps take a new position in your existing company. This will be the process of your transition. It is not easy but if you believe in yourself. No one can stop you from chasing your dreams! What if you love your work but not your surroundings? A client of mine loved her work but she did not like her colleagues because of their attitudes. She felt choked when ever she was with them. We then explored a different attitude that she might have at work. It's the "St. Ambrose perspective." When in Rome, do as the Romans do. With that in mind, she lowered her expectations of herself and adapted to her co-workers' standards. She became open to them. She adjusted herself around their strengths and weaknesses. Eventually, she was praised on how she was with them because her being was showing. Later, she felt differently towards them. Being an employee or being a business owner has advantages and disadvantages. You will never be in a perfect position in either of these two. However, if you love what you are doing, it will truly make a difference. I used to

be an employee and I know how challenging it can be to deal with your employers, colleagues, (and for me) parents and students. It took a lot out of me, not to mention doing all the prep work for my lesson plans, research, etc. In spite of those tasks from September through June, I still loved being a teacher! I know in my heart, I am still a teacher. Now, I fell in love with the coaching profession because it is an opportunity for me to be an intimate part of my clients' life and a chance to show my teaching skills as a trainer. And being a writer at Asian Journal is an added bonus. From an employee I became a business owner! Passion can be your driving force, whether you are a worker or employer. The bottom line is to have fun at work. Once you have that, you forget that you are actually working. With that note, I want to leave you with this quote, "Above all, be true to yourself, and if you cannot put your heart in it, take yourself out of it." *** Bing (Carlyne Odicta-Kohner) was trained as a Life Coach here in the US from the Coaches Training Institute (CTI). She is a member of International Coaching Federation (ICF). She owns Limitbusters Coaching & Training, Inc. (LCT). Please visit her at www.limitbusters.net or email her at bingkohner@limitbusters.net.

ON FENG SHUI



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PEOPLE have different priorities, circumstances, and karma. They also have various standards, goals, potentials, desires, and budgets. When it comes to making personal and feng shui adjustments, the more compatible the adjustments are to a person on their unique level, the more effective they will be, so it is vital to understand the person for whom we are making feng shui recommendations. One way to better understand a person is with an astrological birth chart reading called the Zi Wei Do Shu. These high-level birth charts are maps providing detailed insight into your life journey. Not only does the Zi Wei Do Shu birth chart reveal your whole life in ten-year cycles, it covers twelve key aspects of your life including: personality, career, wealth, karma, marriage, children, parents, siblings, friends, travel, health, and property. It also reveals compatible colors, elements, symbols, mantra charms, and numerology that promote you, which are important for personalizing your adjustments. Sometimes, a person enters a crucial ten-year cycle in their life that brings either challenging experiences or great potential. For instance, if negative stars are in your Friend Sector, you may be prone to the influences of bad people. If positive stars are in your Wealth Sector, you may be prone to financial boom. The chart is highly detailed

Star of power waves

and can reveal what types of trouble or relationships you may have. During a weak ten-year period, you may be prone to making poor decisions because your energies are unstable. This could lead to stress, illness, self-doubt, or confusion. On the positive side, if you find out you are in a strong ten-year period, you can take action that propels your life forward, knowing that you have the extra advantage of the Stars in your favor, giving you confidence and energy to succeed. One of the reasons people shy away from a birth chart reading is because they are afraid of finding out anything negative. Although birth charts can be quite accurate, the future is ultimately in your own hands. Gaining foresight is a very effective way to create the life you want. How many times have you thought, "if I only knew then, what I know now, I would've done things differently." Inevitably, clients going through a rough ten-year period ask how they can improve their situation. Obviously, there are some common sense ways such as eating right, getting proper exercise, and adjusting your feng shui. However, sometimes you need powerful adjustments that transverse different dimensions and attract energy to help you overcome karma and stimulate changes in your current life. An example of a very powerful adjustment is a Chi Art personally designed for you by Grand Master Chi Jen Liu that is based on your birth chart. Covering ten-, twenty-, or thirty-year cycles, Grand Master Liu encodes mantra charms, secret codes, and constellations within the art to release obstacles or negative stars, and strengthen positive

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