

# THE PROFESSIONAL BAR & RESTAURANT SCHOOL

New Zealand's premier hospitality management institute

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## Welcome!

The *Professional Bar and Restaurant School* would like to extend a warm welcome and wish you a Happy New Year to all our Agents and Students.

The Professional Bar & Restaurant School established in 1993 is regarded as New Zealand's Premier Hospitality School.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

- Abel Janszoon Tasman was the first European explorer to see New Zealand in 1642, but it was Captain James Cook who first set foot on New Zealand soil in 1769
- New Zealand's (and Australasia's) highest mountain is Aoraki Mount Cook. It is 3,754 metres (12,316 ft) high.
- New Zealand voted top country (again) by the readers of UK-based travel publication *Wanderlust*.
- Wellington has more cafes, bars and restaurants per capita than New York

## Luella Bartlett: Student visas need speeding up

(Managing Director of the Professional Bar and Restaurant School)

Indian students have waited up to five months to get confirmation of a student visa, despite having already been accepted for courses of study in New Zealand, and therefore having a "positive profile" for immigration purposes. The same task is completed by the British and Australian immigration bureaucracies (despite their heightened level of concern about security) in one and two weeks respectively.

Both countries also have an "authorised agent" system, which offers approvals of visas online within 24 hours (for Britain) or six hours (for Australia).

Not surprisingly, many Indian students lose patience and opt to study in Australia, Britain, Canada and the United States.

In recent months our Immigration Service has managed to speed up the process to enable approval within six weeks. However, this does little for our ranking within the pack. Our slow processing time is putting a cap on growth in the Indian market which is worth \$200 million a year to New Zealand.



To read the official article printed in the New Zealand National Newspaper, *The Herald*, please visit [www.herald.co.nz](http://www.herald.co.nz).

## New Zealand – The Safest Country in the World



For 2 years running New Zealand - this spectacular country has been once again voted as the best country in the world.

New Zealand is diverse, sophisticated, and boasts a vibrant multicultural society. The honesty, friendliness, and openness of Kiwis will impress you and make you feel right at home. So what's so special about New Zealand?

### It's Safe

Clearly now as never before students and their parents are keenly interested in choosing not only a high-quality educational school to study with, but also a safe and welcoming country to live in while they study is of paramount importance.

New Zealand is regarded as the world's safest travel destination. Over many years New Zealand has earned a reputation as well as numerous accolades and awards for its safety as a travel destination, and for its social and cultural harmony. New Zealand is currently ranked number one in the Global Peace Index as the Safest Place in the World to live [www.visionofhumanity.org](http://www.visionofhumanity.org).

The Professional Bar and Restaurant School has a very comprehensive international student pastoral care program that ensures all students needs are catered for on an individual basis. From the very first day of arrival in New Zealand we ensure all PBRS international students are integrated into their school, studies, accommodation and wider community, as well as ongoing counselling and assistance with their studies and living in New Zealand.

### It's Stunningly Beautiful

New Zealand has hundreds of outstanding locations across the country. You will be amazed at this clean, green, unpolluted environment.

### It's Pure Adventure

New Zealand is world renowned as place of adventure - bungy jumping, back country horse trekking, jet boating, Four Wheel Drive safaris, hot air ballooning, kayaking and canoeing, glaciers and more.

## PBRS Scholarships

PBRS has an exciting scholarship scheme available to international students. The program is offered on a case by case basis. Minimum requirements are:

- 5 years experience in the Hospitality industry AND/OR
- Hospitality related qualification at a minimum of Diploma Level

## Next Enrolments & Course Start Dates:

### PBRS Diploma in Hospitality Management Level 5

#### Auckland

22<sup>th</sup> February 2010  
22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010  
19<sup>th</sup> April 2010  
17<sup>th</sup> May 2010

#### Wellington

26<sup>th</sup> January 2010  
2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010  
13<sup>th</sup> April 2010  
25<sup>th</sup> May 2010

