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- Mr Anuraj Sandhu, of Canam Consultants Ltd. is a member of ICCRC (#R418399) a Canadian government approved regulatory authority for visa consultants. Under Canadian law your visa consultant has to be a member of ICCRC (or a member of the Canadian law society). Any consultant giving visa related advice or handling a visa application without being a member of a Canadian Govt approved licensing body such as ICCRC is committing a crime under Canadian law and thereby compromising on your visa application. Smart students don’t want to ruin their chances of visa and their opportunity for an International career and, therefore, choose Canam Consultants Ltd. - BECAUSE WE ARE LICENCED. Canam has the largest group of visa advisors who are supported, supervised and trained by an ICCRC member and applications are scrutinized and submitted to the CHC through its Licensed visa consultant.
Important Information for Students - Use Legal means for visa application

Planning to study in Canada?
Unauthorized Agents/ Unlicenced are not allowed to assist in visa applications.

Don't Choose an unlicenced consultant.
Always engage an agent licensed by ICCRC, a Govt. of Canada authorised regulatory body for your visa application.

New Canadian Law - Bill C-35
Active since June 30, 2011

New Canadian Law to fight Unauthorized Agents
No unauthorized agent is allowed under the new Canadian law to assist in visa application. Non ICCRC agents should only provide admissions services and if a student needs assistance in visa application they should refer to ICCRC members. Agents who continue to assist in the study permits application and give verbal advise on immigration like post study work permits and PR are committing an offence as per new Canadian laws. If the agent was to be in Canada, he can face imprisonment up to 2 years and fines in thousands of dollars. Many unauthorized agents in countries like India may escape direct persecution for this offence, even as Canada is taking up matters with local government authorities – the quality of visa application may be compromised by these non ICCRC agents – leading to many visa refusals.

Please don't take chances with your Canadian education goals when you have authorized consultants available to assist you in India.

Anuraj Sandhu of Canam Consultants Ltd. is a member of ICCRC.

An FAQ extract from the Canadian Govt. website www.cic.gc.ca.

How does Bill C-35 affect student recruitment activities?
In terms of student recruitment, education agents who, for example, provide advice exclusively related to educational matters and/or services, such as directing someone to the CIC website to find information on immigration programs or to access immigration application forms, will continue to be able to do so.

However, people who previously provided paid advice on immigration matters related to student recruitment, such as applying for a study permit etc. without being recognized as an authorized immigration representative will need to either become authorized or refer relevant cases to an authorized representative such as :
• Members of ICCRC.
• Members of a Canadian law society including paralegals.

Anuraj Sandhu of Canam Consultants Ltd. ICCRC (R418399)

STUDY IN CANADA
Application Fees worth 1000s of rupees waived off

Things to check for Admissions & Visa application

☑ Is the consultant authorised by Universities & Colleges for admissions.

☑ Is the consultant licensed as per Canadian Government laws to represent you officially for visa application. Consultant should be a ICCRC member*.

Canam Consultants Ltd. is authorized for both of the above.

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Immigration Interpretation Bulletin #1
How New Immigration Rules Affect You:
Educational Agents and Institutions
March 1, 2012

Over the past few months, many changes have been made to how various groups can conduct business with Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC). This Interpretation Bulletin has been created to explain clearly what these new rules mean to Educational Agents and Institutions.

Immigration Advisory:

How does Bill C-35 affect Educational Agents and Institutions:
Bill C-35 made it an offence for anyone other than an Authorized Representative to offer immigration services for a fee. Authorized Representatives include: members in good standing of ICCRC (known as Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultants – RCICs), lawyers in good standing with a provincial or territorial law society and notaries who are members in good standing of the Chambre des notaires du Québec. For a list of RCICs, please visit this link - http://www.iccrc-crcic.ca/public/membershiplistFull.cfm.

What are the penalties?
Bill C-35 doubled the penalties from $50,000 to $100,000 and/or imprisonment of up to 2 years for conviction by indictment. Bill C-35 doubled the penalties from $10,000 to $20,000 and/or imprisonment for up to six months on summary conviction.

What Educational Agents and Institutions may do without being an Authorized Representative:
Provide translation services; provide courier services; provide medical services; make travel arrangements; advise an international student on how to select courses or register.

What Educational Agents and Institutions may not do unless they are an Authorized Representative:
Explain/provide immigration advice; complete immigration forms (including study permits); communicate with CIC/CBSA on a client’s behalf or represent clients in an immigration application or proceeding.

How does ICCRC handle complaints?
ICCRC takes all complaints seriously. If we receive a complaint that an Educational Agent or Institution is contravening these rules, ICCRC will collect further evidence, build a case, and submit it to the CBSA or the RCMP.
Open Letter to Canadian Colleges/Universities and Educational Institutions who use International Recruiters to Bring Students to Canada

We are asking Canadian educational institutions to protect international students by encouraging their recruiters to operate within Canadian laws.

As the official body that oversees the regulation of immigration consultants for any immigration matter to Canada, we would encourage all Canadian institutions to be cautious of the type of practices their agents are engaged in.

It has come to our attention that foreign students are often victim of abuse and improper advice. Either they are being coerced into purchasing airline tickets at a higher fee, or they are threatened and intimidated by agents, especially when the students ask for a refund when applications are refused.

At the same time, some schools refuse to accept new students from Authorized Representatives, referring them to Educational Agents who do not follow Canadian law when it comes to providing immigration advice and services. It does not matter whether they are paid for this advice by the student, because they are compensated by the schools for their work, and are covered under the Act and Regulations.

We would like to raise awareness about this issue in light of new Canadian immigration laws that prohibit such kind of activity from unauthorized representatives. According to Immigration Processing Manuals from CIC (p. 39 Section 5.4 "Other Stakeholders")

Educational agents abroad

Educational agents, who are often engaged by Canadian educational institutions to assist their foreign students, typically charge a fee for their services up to and including sending a signed study permit application to the Canadian Embassy.

Under the Regulations, such agents must be authorized representatives if they provide immigration advice or representation to their clients, even if these activities occur prior to the submission of the application.

Similarly, agents who wish to represent students on immigration matters after their student applications have been submitted need to be authorized representatives.

ICCRC’s mandate is to fairly and effectively regulate immigration consultants with accountability and transparency to protect the public interest, to maintain a public list of registered/regulated consultants and co-administer a stringent complaint and discipline process to crack down on unauthorized providers of immigration services.

For Further Information Please Contact: info@iccrc-crcic.ca
After several meetings between the ICCRC, Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) and other stakeholders; CIC has clarified Section 91 of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* (IRPA) as it affects International Student Advisors in Canada and Education Agents abroad, saying:

*Education agents, recruiters and employees at educational institutions, who are paid to provide services to their clients, are prohibited from providing advice to students… with regard to immigration applications, such as visas or student and work permits. As a result, they may not explain or advise a person on their immigration options, complete and submit immigration forms on a client’s behalf, communicate with CIC on a client’s behalf (except for the direct translation of a client’s written or spoken submissions), represent a client in an immigration application or advertise that they can provide immigration advice.*

This makes clear that IRPA does not permit International Student Advisors or Education Agents to represent or advise students or anyone else on immigration matters. This clarification will enable the ICCRC to better protect students and others seeking immigration-related advice or representation, and ensure that any advice or representation they receive comes only from a representative authorized under IRPA.

For more information please contact ICCRC.

Sincerely,

Bob Brack
President & CEO

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Pour faire suite à plusieurs réunions entre le CRCIC, Citoyenneté et Immigration Canada (CIC) et d’autres partenaires, CIC a clarifié l'article 91 de la *Loi sur l'immigration et la protection des réfugiés* (LIPR), vu qu'il touche les conseillers auprès des étudiants étrangers au Canada et les agents éducationnels à l'étranger, dans ces mots :

*Les agents d'édution, les recruteurs et les employés en poste dans les établissements d'enseignement, qui sont rémunérés pour offrir des services à leurs clients, ne sont pas autorisés à conseiller les étudiants... en lien avec des demandes d'immigration, comme des demandes de visa, de permis d'études ou de permis de travail. Par conséquent, ils ne peuvent pas expliquer à une personne les options d'immigration ni lui fournir des conseils à ce sujet, remplir et soumettre des formulaires d'immigration au nom d'un client, communiquer avec CIC au nom d'un client (sauf pour la traduction directe des soumissions orales ou écrites d'un client), représenter un client dans le cadre d'une demande d'immigration ou annoncer qu'ils peuvent fournir des conseils en matière d'immigration.*
For Immediate Release

Immigration Regulator Launches Multilingual Fraud Awareness Campaign
2017 Fraud Prevention Month Campaign Targets Audiences in Europe, Africa, Middle East and Asia

BURLINGTON, March 1, 2017 – The Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council (ICCRC) is launching a worldwide multilingual campaign to encourage the public to take extra measures to ensure that individuals offering immigration and citizenship assistance are authorized. March is Fraud Prevention Month in Canada, and 2017 marks ICCRC’s fourth consecutive annual campaign.

“Our 2017 theme is ‘Not Licensed? Not Legal!’ and this year we are truly going global,” said Lawrence Barker, Acting President and CEO of ICCRC. “In addition to reaching out to our audiences across Canada, our messages will be viewed by millions in English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Punjabi and Mandarin throughout Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia.”

ICCRC is the national regulatory body that governs Canadian immigration and citizenship consultants as well as international student advisors. A member of Canada’s Fraud Prevention Forum, the Council joins the federal Competition Bureau and hundreds of businesses and organizations to warn consumers of fraud. ICCRC recommends that people who seek immigration or citizenship advice visit the “Find an Immigration Professional” page on its website (www.iccrc-crcic.ca) to determine whether an immigration consultant is a lawful practitioner. Anyone not authorized should be reported to the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) Border Watch Toll-Free Line at 1-888-502-9060.

Federal law requires anyone providing Canadian immigration or citizenship advice for a fee or other consideration must be a member in good standing of a provincial or territorial law society (a lawyer or an authorized paralegal in Ontario), the Chambre des notaires du Québec, or ICCRC. Anyone providing any immigration or citizenship services, who is not a member of one of these organizations, is acting in contravention of the law and should be reported. Punishment can include a fine of up to $100,000, and/or imprisonment up to two years.

ICCRC’s daily Fraud Prevention Month campaign messages can be followed on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn and at www.immigrationfraud.ca.

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