

# Australia's Latest Policy Shifts: Immigration, Social Media, and Defence Under

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**1. As of July 1, 2024, the Temporary Skilled Migration Income Threshold (TSMIT) in Australia was increased. What is the new TSMIT figure?**

- A) \$70,000
- B) \$73,150**
- C) \$75,000
- D) \$78,200

**2. The "Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Act 2024" in Australia prohibits minors under a certain age from holding social media accounts. What is this minimum age?**

- A) 13
- B) 14
- C) 15
- D) 16**

**3. Australia announced changes to its migration program in May 2024, aiming to address specific skill shortages, particularly in regional areas. Which visa category saw a reduction in its work experience requirement from two years to one year?**

- A) Skilled Independent Visa
- B) Family Visa Stream
- C) 482 Temporary Skill Shortage (TSS) visa**
- D) Global Talent Visa

**4. Australia's 2024-25 migration program includes a new initiative starting from November 1, 2024, to encourage young Indian nationals with specific skills to live and work in Australia. What is this initiative called?**

- A) India-Australia Skilled Mobility Arrangement
- B) MATES (Mobility Arrangement for Talented Early-professionals Scheme)**
- C) Australia-India Professional Exchange
- D) Talent Bridge for Indian Nationals

**5. In response to global tensions, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese expressed significant concern regarding escalating Middle East conflict. What event prompted his latest statements?**

- A) A naval blockade in the Red Sea
- B) Fresh US airstrikes on Iran**
- C) A cyberattack on Australian infrastructure
- D) The downing of a commercial airliner

**6. Australia has committed to a significant emissions reduction target under the Paris Agreement. What is the revised target for reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, compared to 2005 levels?**

- A) 35%
- B) 43%**
- C) 50%
- D) 60%

**7. Starting July 1, 2024, certain visa holders in Australia are no longer permitted to apply for a Student (Subclass 500) visa while within the country. Which of the following visa types is subject to this change?**

- A) Temporary Graduate Visa (Subclass 485)
- B) Skilled Nominated Visa (Subclass 190)
- C) Working Holiday Visa (Subclass 417)
- D) All of the above**

**8. Australia's defense budget for the current year has seen an increase. Approximately how much has Australia unveiled for its defense budget, with a ramp-up in AUKUS spending?**

- A) \$30.2 billion
- B) \$35.7 billion
- C) \$45.2 billion**
- D) \$50.9 billion

**9. The Australian Government has introduced legislation that will impose monetary penalties on social media companies failing to prevent minors under 16 from having accounts. By what date are social media platforms expected to have systems in place to enforce these age restrictions?**

- A) End of 2024
- B) End of 2025**
- C) End of 2026
- D) End of 2027

**10. In a significant High Court ruling on June 10, 2026, the federal government's defense against a damages claim brought by an Austrian citizen was rejected. This ruling potentially paves the way for hundreds more similar cases related to what issue?**

- A) Unlawful taxation
- B) Unlawful immigration detention**
- C) Breach of environmental regulations
- D) Defamation of character

**11. As of July 1, 2024, the Superannuation Guarantee (SG) rate in Australia increased. What is the new SG rate?**

- A) 11%
- B) 11.5%**
- C) 12%
- D) 12.5%

**12. Australia has recently signed a treaty with Papua New Guinea, described as a 'mutual defense treaty'. Who are the Prime Ministers of Australia and Papua New Guinea who announced this treaty?**

- A) Scott Morrison and James Marape
- B) Anthony Albanese and James Marape**
- C) Anthony Albanese and Peter O'Neill
- D) Scott Morrison and Peter O'Neill