

**\*\*Generic Migration Glossary**—*Note that entries are written as per federal Hansard style*  
(Glossary to be updated in late 2004)

**\*Looking for something? Search for it electronically or try the acronym first eg ADR = alternative dispute resolution**

457s; long-stay visa class 457 (up to 4 years)  
ABCI = Australian Bureau of Criminal Intelligence  
ACC = area consultative committee  
ACM = Australasian Correctional Management  
ACMF = Australian Child Migrant Foundation  
ACS = Australasian Correctional Services  
ACS = Australian Customs Service  
ACV = Australian Customs vessel  
ADR = alternative dispute resolution  
ALRC = Australian Law Reform Commission  
AMEP = Adult Migrant English Program; AMEP Research Centre  
AOS = assurance of support (DIMIA)  
AQIS = Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service  
ART = Administrative Review Tribunal  
Ashmore Islands; Ashmore Reef: *the territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands comprises West, Middle and East Islands of Ashmore Reef, Cartier Island and the 12 nautical mile territorial sea generated by those islands*  
Asylum Seekers Interagency (NSW)  
AUSTRAC = Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre  
Australia Catholic Social Welfare Commission  
Australian Catholic Bishops Committee for Migrants and Refugees  
Australian Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes  
Australian Tourist Commission  
BIMPR = Bureau of Immigration, Multicultural and Population Research  
CAT = Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment  
Catholic Episcopal Migration and Welfare Association  
C-BERSS = Christian Brothers Ex-Residents and Students Services (*formerly CBER'S*)  
CEMWA = Catholic Episcopal Migration and Welfare Association  
CERD = Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination  
Child Migrant Friendship Society of WA  
CLAN = Care Leavers of Australia Network  
CLCs = community legal centres  
CMC = Catholic Migrant Centre, Perth  
CMT = Child Migrants Trust (not Child Migrant Trust)  
Coalition Against Trafficking in Women  
Committee on the Rights of the Child  
Commonwealth Law Enforcement Board  
Commonwealth/State Working Party on Long-Term Skilled Migration Options  
Community Legal Services Program  
Community Link Australia  
Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea = SOLAS convention  
Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees  
CRICOS = Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students  
CrimTrac  
CROC = Convention on the Rights of the Child  
CRSS = Community Refugee Settlement Scheme  
CSSS = Community Settlement Services Scheme  
EBA category = established business in Australia category (DIMIA)  
Egon Kisch case = a famous 1930s case involving a Czech communist  
ENS = **Employer** Nomination Scheme (DIMIA)  
ESL = English as a second language  
ESL New Arrivals (program)  
ESOS Act = Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000  
ETA = electronic travel authority  
Fairbridge Foundation  
FECCA = the Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia  
FEDCAMS = Federal Court case management system  
Federal Catholic Immigration Committee  
FIRB = Foreign Investment Review Board

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FMD countries = foot-and-mouth disease  
 HREOC = Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission  
 IAAAS = Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Scheme  
 ICCPR = International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights  
 ICESCR = International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights  
 ICJ = International Court of Justice  
 IELTS = international English language testing system  
 Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Services  
 International Association of former Child Migrants and their Families  
 IOM = International Organisation for Migration  
 IRPCs = immigration reception and protection centres  
 IRT = Immigration Review Tribunal (*merged with the MIRO to become the Migration Review Tribunal*)  
 ISS = International Social Service  
 LA = labour agreements (DIMIA)  
 LE = locally engaged (staff members)  
 LSIA = longitudinal survey of immigrants to Australia  
 MARA = Migration Agents Registration Authority  
 MIA = Migration Institute of Australia  
 Migration Agents Code of Conduct  
 MIRO = Migration Internal Review Office (*this merged with the IRT to create the MRT*)  
 MRA = Migration Reform Act 1992  
 MRA = mutual recognition agreement  
 MRCs = migrant resource centres  
 MRT = Migration Review Tribunal (*the IRT and the MIRO merged to create the MRT*)  
 Multicultural Tasmania  
 National Forum of Services for Survivors of Torture and Trauma  
 National Program on Refugees and Displaced People, Christian World Service, National Council of Churches in Australia  
 National Refugee Team, Amnesty International Australia  
 NISS = National Integrated Settlement Strategy (DIMIA)  
 NOM = net overseas migration  
 non-refoulement = principle enshrined in Refugee Convention prohibiting nations from returning ('refouling') a refugee to a country where his or her life or freedom would be threatened  
 ORE = occupations requiring English  
 PDR = primary dispute resolution  
 PIAC = Public Interest Advocacy Centre  
 PILCH = Public Interest Law Clearing House  
 PSCC = Protective Services Coordination Centre  
 PSO = protective service officer  
 PV = protection visa  
 Queensland Migrant Settlement Plan; Queensland Migrant Settlement Planning Committee  
 RACS = Refugee Advice and Casework Service  
 RCOA = Refugee Council of Australia  
 REBA = regional established business in Australia category (DIMIA)  
 refoule; refoulement (see non-refoulement for explanation)  
 Refugee Resettlement Advisory Council  
 regional linked = category (DIMIA)  
 RHQ agreements = regional headquarters agreements  
 RPL = recognition of prior learning  
 RRT = Refugee Review Tribunal  
 RSMS = Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (DIMIA)  
 SAC = special assistance category (DIMIA – part of humanitarian program)  
 SAL = skilled Australia linked (DIMIA - category)  
 SCAG = Standing Committee of Attorneys-General  
 SDB = settlement database (DIMIA)  
 SHP = Special Humanitarian Program (DIMIA)  
 SIEV = suspect illegal entry vessel or suspected illegal entry vessel (both are used)  
 SMD = skill matching database  
 SOL = skilled occupations list (DIMIA)  
 SOLAS = safety of life at sea  
 SOLAS convention = [International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea](#)  
 SRS = skilled regional sponsored category (DIMIA)  
 SSBS = state sponsored business skills category (DIMIA)

SSMM = state-specific migration mechanisms  
STNI = State/Territory Nominated Independent Scheme (DIMIA)  
SUNCs = suspected unlawful non-citizens  
Tasmanian Migration Service  
TPV = temporary protection visa  
UNHCR = United Nations High Commission for Refugees