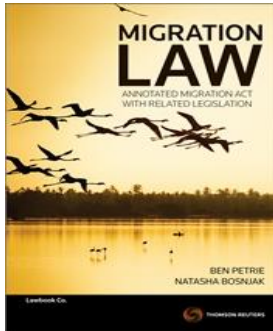


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Migration to this country, whether temporary or permanent, has been and continues to be a prominent subject for discussion. Therefore, it may come as a surprise to those who do not have professional involvement in migration law that the principal legislation governing how Australia currently regulates those who enter this country was enacted in 1958. The *Migration Act* and subsequent Regulations have, however, been the subject of numerous amendments since then.

The authors' stated objective is a rigorous exposition of the *Migration Act*, which has not previously been done and which they easily achieve.

The text begins with a table of amending legislation and then sets out the Act section by section. The annotations or "commentary" to the sections of the Act are particularly impressive, the "concepts" for each section provides clear statements of the law while the "practice notes", including cross referencing to the Migration Regulations, will be helpful to practitioners. Reference to explanatory memoranda and second reading speeches by ministers provide context and interpretive assistance. The authors should be proud of producing this readable, accessible, scholarly and comprehensive text.

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