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High Application Numbers Close *Work & Ski Canada* Early

The tightening international job market does not seem to have deterred young Australians from embarking on working holidays, according to the recent increase in applications for International Exchange Programs (IEP) *Work & Ski Canada Job Fair* program.

The Job Fairs, which allow eligible Australians to interview with Canadian winter employers in Brisbane, Sydney or Melbourne during August have proven so popular for the 2009/2010 season that IEP has been forced to close applications a month early to avoid overbooking interviews.

The surge in new applications could be credited to the fact that the program offers the security of a job and housing assistance before departing Australia, which is an appealing option when moving to a new country in the middle of the financial crisis.

IEP's Marketing Manager, Tennille Balaz said enquiries about working holidays have remained steady although there is an increase in questions about finding work overseas, "*Aussies will always want to travel and for the most part, the GFC isn't going to stop them doing so,*" Ms Balaz said, "*all IEP programs offer assistance for the job hunt and it is this aspect of our support that is proving very popular and keeping our current program application numbers up.*"

The *Work & Ski Canada Job Fairs* are an annual event that invites Canadian employers to visit Australia to recruit for the winter season ahead. Employers attending this year's job fairs include Fairmont Chateau Whistler, Panorama Mountain Resort, Asessippi Ski Area and Resort, The Russell Inn Hotel and Conference Centre, The Banff Centre, Sunshine Village and Grouse Mountain. They will be hiring for a range of positions including lift operations, snow making, guest services, food and beverage, snowboard instructors, housekeeping and more.

People eligible for a Canadian working holiday visa but who miss out on the Job Fair option this year are encouraged to apply to the year round *Work Canada Fully Loaded* program, which offers employment assistance once in Canada. It is still possible to find a job for the winter season on this program, but it is recommended that participants plan to enter Canada at the very beginning of October to increase their chances of landing ski resort jobs and housing.

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