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PRESS RELEASE

BASHED AND LEFT FOR DEAD BY NEO-NAZIS. KICKED OUT OF THE COUNTRY MINH DUONG BECOMES AN AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN AND COMPLETES THE CPA AUSTRALIA PROGRAM IN 2022.



In June 2012 Minh Duong an **international student** studying in Melbourne became the victim of a vicious, unprovoked, racial attack by three members of a Neo-Nazi group. On his way home from work one night he was savagely kicked, punched and stabbed before being bashed with a brick with such force that the brick broke in two. He was left to die in the gutter.

Music teacher **Adrian De Luca** heard of the attack on the news and contacted Minh to offer him free piano lessons. Adrian organised a trip to Vietnam for Minh to visit his mother in **Vietnam**.



At the airport Minh's student visa was ripped up and was ordered to leave Australia banning him from returning.

Immigration lawyer **David Bongiorno** offered pro-bono representation.

A petition collecting **89,740 signatures** was presented to then Australian Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, **Scott Morrison**, who responded personally to Minh Duong's case.

In 2015 Minh graduated with a **Bachelor of Business in Accounting** from **Swinburne University**.

Over the next few years;

Minh completed his professional year in Accounting and began working for **Navitas Professional**, where he was sponsored for permanent residency.

In July 2021, with the help of **David Bongiorno** Minh become an Australian citizen.

On May 2, 2022, Minh Duong will celebrate with his peers at an upcoming Certificate Presentation Ceremony for **CPA Australia** at **Crown Promenade Melbourne**.



Minh plans to tour **Australia** inspiring others with this incredible story.