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## Monthly Travel Exemptions Processing Report

	March <sup>1</sup> -July 2020	August 2020	September 2020	October 2020	November 2020	December 2020	January 2021	February 2021	March 2021	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021	August 2021	September 2021	Cumulative <sup>1</sup>																
<b>Travel exemption requests received (a request may include more than one person)</b>																																
Outwards	91,962	24,567	25,373	27,157	23,058	19,502	20,976	22,443	26,599	23,715	26,429	32,019	34,111	37,797	36,592	472,299																
Inwards	87,666	22,070	22,010	23,649	22,910	22,213	20,355	20,637	22,388	20,931	22,505	25,038	24,707	26,344	24,129	407,553																
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Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak	322	56	55	17	33	<5	11	<5	9	<5	8	<5	48	8	43	14	40	22	50	10	61	14	66	21	91	39	85	74	76	37	998	318
Critical industries and business	2,920	350	1,176	172	1,337	140	1,230	50	1,198	69	1,102	135	2,116	710	2,230	954	2,077	1,257	1,950	1,193	2,856	1,205	3,110	1,144	3,169	1,976	3,424	1,467	3,035	1,313	32,930	12,135
Urgent medical treatment	439	152	167	68	103	38	74	35	61	18	38	37	34	102	67	172	60	221	78	126	84	123	61	106	100	247	79	207	105	227	1,550	1,879
Travelling overseas for at least 3 months <sup>3</sup>	-	-	10,202	836	7,303	1,544	13,699	138	11,717	59	8,872	94	4,308	2,343	4,635	3,936	6,380	4,725	5,375	4,205	6,322	3,733	7,561	4,098	9,622	5,524	10,445	4,455	11,402	4,665	117,843	40,355
Ordinarily resident outside Australia <sup>4</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<5	<5	3,832	727	2,142	1,104	5,974	1,831
Urgent and unavoidable personal business	8,060	2,199	1,070	921	920	718	610	311	488	290	538	203	348	519	271	638	335	675	269	427	249	485	345	460	565	906	343	634	197	466	14,608	9,852
Compassionate and compelling grounds	10,781	4,352	5,509	4,233	4,685	4,303	4,385	3,491	3,239	3,308	2,495	3,169	1,609	5,355	2,062	5,590	2,693	4,963	2,028	4,418	2,003	4,305	2,796	4,309	3,758	6,890	2,995	4,748	3,519	4,788	54,557	68,222
National Interest	120	14	11	<5	17	<5	6	<5	<5	<5	17	<5	83	12	97	18	194	6	121	9	305	<5	577	12	1,011	23	142	28	253	38	2,958	168
<b>Total outwards approved/refused</b>	<b>22,642</b>	<b>7,123</b>	<b>18,190</b>	<b>6,250</b>	<b>14,398</b>	<b>6,748</b>	<b>20,015</b>	<b>4,026</b>	<b>16,716</b>	<b>3,744</b>	<b>13,070</b>	<b>3,640</b>	<b>8,546</b>	<b>9,049</b>	<b>9,405</b>	<b>11,322</b>	<b>11,779</b>	<b>11,869</b>	<b>9,871</b>	<b>10,388</b>	<b>11,880</b>	<b>9,868</b>	<b>14,516</b>	<b>10,150</b>	<b>18,316</b>	<b>15,605</b>	<b>21,345</b>	<b>12,340</b>	<b>20,729</b>	<b>12,638</b>	<b>231,418</b>	<b>134,760</b>
Otherwise finalised <sup>5</sup>			6,122		4,357		3,302		2,331		1,883		3,431		2,402		3,022		2,758		3,486		4,189		4,862		3,249		1,481		102,423	
<b>Total finalisations for outwards travel exemptions</b>			<b>30,562</b>		<b>25,503</b>		<b>27,343</b>		<b>22,791</b>		<b>18,593</b>		<b>21,026</b>		<b>23,129</b>		<b>26,670</b>		<b>23,017</b>		<b>25,233</b>		<b>28,856</b>		<b>38,782</b>		<b>36,933</b>		<b>34,848</b>		<b>468,601</b>	
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Compassionate and compelling	2,590	1,614	824	4,150	759	7,351	1,004	8,782	925	9,013	1,204	8,756	502	8,749	718	8,168	673	8,323	638	6,733	713	6,662	993	7,723	1,009	9,769	2,708	7,484	4,116	5,574	19,376	108,851
Critical skills – Medical	539	6	315	18	162	33	116	32	104	46	95	9	48	5	47	<5	61	8	84	<5	30	<5	177	31	318	45	241	32	224	19	2,561	295
Critical skills – other	2,022	77	2,318	191	2,828	1,511	3,179	3,037	2,337	2,955	2,378	2,431	1,843	2,428	2,295	2,996	2,501	3,778	2,328	3,274	2,236	2,957	2,675	4,048	2,431	4,477	3,338	4,366	2,844	3,693	37,553	42,219
National interest (including diplomatic)	239	<5	119	<5	143	<5	228	<5	86	5	124	5	75	<5	176	<5	378	<5	310	9	320	<5	231	<5	664	<5	260	<5	185	<5	3,538	28
Urgent Medical Treatment	99	8	51	6	43	18	44	41	58	67	72	45	53	33	54	45	51	14	48	27	57	62	62	44	36	20	54	42	41	41	823	513
Transit	7,777	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total inwards approved/refused</b>	<b>13,266</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>3,627</b>	<b>4,366</b>	<b>3,935</b>	<b>8,913</b>	<b>4,571</b>	<b>11,892</b>	<b>3,510</b>	<b>12,086</b>	<b>3,873</b>	<b>11,246</b>	<b>2,521</b>	<b>11,216</b>	<b>3,290</b>	<b>11,212</b>	<b>3,664</b>	<b>12,124</b>	<b>3,408</b>	<b>10,047</b>	<b>3,356</b>	<b>9,685</b>	<b>4,138</b>	<b>11,850</b>	<b>4,458</b>	<b>14,312</b>	<b>6,601</b>	<b>11,924</b>	<b>7,410</b>	<b>9,327</b>	<b>71,628</b>	<b>151,915</b>
Otherwise finalised <sup>5</sup>			17,087		9,239		7,047		7,107		6,306		6,197		6,500		7,334		6,598		7,800		8,690		8,753		7,118		6,799		180,069	
<b>Total finalisations for inwards travel exemptions</b>			<b>25,080</b>		<b>22,087</b>		<b>23,510</b>		<b>22,703</b>		<b>21,425</b>		<b>19,934</b>		<b>21,002</b>		<b>23,122</b>		<b>20,053</b>		<b>20,842</b>		<b>24,675</b>		<b>27,520</b>		<b>25,638</b>		<b>23,536</b>		<b>403,612</b>	

These statistics are as at the end of September 2021. Data prior to 1 August 2020 is collated manually from multiple systems. Numbers for past months may differ from previous monthly reports due to small numbers of cases where outcomes changed after initial finalisation.

<sup>1</sup> Figures are since 20 March 2020 for inwards exemptions and 25 March 2020 for outwards exemptions

<sup>2</sup> Refused requests generally failed to support their claims or did not meet the guidelines for an exemption to be approved.

<sup>3</sup> Prior to 30 September 2020, this category was included within "Urgent and unavoidable personal business". "For a compelling reason" was added on 8 January 2021.

<sup>4</sup> Became a discretionary category rather than automatically exempt from 11 August 2021.

<sup>5</sup> Otherwise finalised includes persons found to meet an already exempt category, withdrawn requests and those that did not contain sufficient information for referral to a decision maker.

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