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Employer Nomination Scheme (subclass 186 visas) primary applications lodged and refused for financial years 2014/15 to 2016/2017

Lodged	Year		
Subclass	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
186	28,824	20,404	22,874

Refused	Year		
Subclass	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
186	309	352	740

Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS) (subclass 187 visas) primary applications lodged and refused for financial years 2014/15 to 2016/2017

Lodged	Year		
Subclass	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
187	7,858	8,423	9,775

Refused	Year		
Subclass	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
187	397	304	645

General Skilled Migration (subclasses 189, 190, 489) <u>primary</u> applications lodged for financial years 2014/15 to 2016/2017

Lodged	Year		
Subclass	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
189	22,341	23,823	25,335
190	8,578	8,947	9,444
489	4,112	3,113	3,668

Refused	Year		
Subclass	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
189	574	460	530
190	168	114	158
489	91	87	130

Business Skills visas (subclasses 188, 888, 132) primary applications lodged for financial years 2014/15 to 2016/2017

Lodged	Year		
Subclass	**2014/2015**	**2015/2016**	**2016/2017**
132	252	342	718
188	3,269	2,184	3,605
888	15	38	226

Refused	Year		
Subclass	**2014/2015**	**2015/2016**	**2016/2017**
132	15	21	23
188	280	301	207
888	<5	<5	<5

For financial years 2014/15 to 2016/2017 (inclusive) A list of:

1. The total number of applications received, broken down into these categories:

- Parent Visas (all subclasses) (2014/15 = 24,384, 2015/16 = 16,131, 2016/17 = 19,534

- **Partner Visas** (all subclasses)) (2014/15 = 62,996, 2015/16 = 52,177, 2016/17 = 56,333

2. The total number of decisions to refuse applications broken down into the same categories mentioned in item 1

Refused Parent Visas – 2014/15 = 585, 2015/16 = 950 , 2016/17 = 571

Refused Partner Visas- 2014/15 = 6,689, 2015/16 = 6,190 , 2016/17 = 5,799

Lodgements:

Sum of Lodged		Financial Year		
Visa Category	Visa Subclass	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Visitor	600 Visitor	1,561,114	1,789,348	2,046,638
	601 Electronic Travel Authority	2,226,345	2,467,890	2,666,341
	651 eVisitor	661,691	714,437	827,181
	676 Tourist	2,260	322	6
Visitor Total		4,451,410	4,971,997	5,540,166
Grand Total		4,451,410	4,971,997	5,540,166

Refusals:

Sum of Granted		Financial Year		
Visa Category	**Visa Subclass**	**2014-15**	**2015-16**	**2016-17**
Visitor	456 Business (Short Stay)	<5	<5	
	600 Visitor	115,744	138,462	146,994
	601 Electronic Travel Authority	286	219	513
	651 eVisitor	6,794	6,580	9,197
	676 Tourist	34	5	
	679 Sponsored Family Visitor		<5	
	686 Tourist (Long Stay)	<5	<5	<5
Visitor Total		**122,860**	**145,270**	**156,705**
Grand Total		**122,860**	**145,270**	**156,705**

For financial years 2014/15 to 2016/2017 (inclusive)A list of:

1. The total number of applications received, broken down into these categories:
- Temporary Work (Skilled) subclass 457 - Standard Business Sponsorship approval, nomination of position and subclass 457 visas.

Lodged (primary applicants)

Subclass	Element	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
457	Sponsorship	18,565	20,106	17,290
	Nomination	71,573	69,314	68,986
	Visa	55,309	53,931	55,787

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2018 (BP0013.12)
Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2018 (BP0013.01)
Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2018 (BP0004.01)

2. The total number of decisions to refuse applications broken down into the same categories mentioned in item 1

Refused (primary applicants)

Subclass	Element	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
457	Sponsorship	1,594	2,195	2,167
	Nomination	4,939	6,477	5,964
	Visa	1,881	2,116	2,357

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2018 (BP0013.12)
Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2018 (BP0013.01)
Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2018 (BP0004.01)

For students and temporary graduate visas, data is publicly available at:

https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about/reports-publications/research-statistics/statistics/study-in-australia

Refusals – Student and Temporary Graduate (subclass 485) visas. Taken from BP001

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18 to 31/03/2018
Student	26,793	32,448	32,275	29,614
Temporary Graduate	543	921	1,835	1,318