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Processing times (calendar days) for primary visa applications decided between 2017-18 and 2018-19 by visa subclass

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2019 (RFI 23626.01)

Note 1: Applications decided is based on visas granted or refused.

Note 2: For subclass 801 Partner (permanent) visa and 100 Partner (permanent), visa processing times are calculated from date of eligibility (2 years after the 820/801 or 309/100 application is lodged) to the original refusal, if there is one, else the decision date.

Note 3: For all other visa subclasses, the processing time is calculated from the date of lodgement to the date of the original refusal, if there is one, else the decision date.

Note 4: Figures are from a dynamic source and are subject to variations.

Visa Subclass	2017-18			2018-19		
	75th Percentile (Calendar days)	Average Processing time (Calendar days)	Decisions	75th Percentile (Calendar days)	Average Processing time (Calendar days)	Decisions
100 Partner	567	485	21,834	526	434	23,799
101 Child	267	229	2,336	297	245	2,177
102 Adoption	259	215	169	290	231	142
103 Parent	3,435	3,397	835	3,590	3,442	767
111 Authority to Return/Return Endorsement	0	2	375	0	0	44
114 Aged Dependent Relative	2,756	2,430	<5	2,977	1,766	15
115 Remaining Relative	2,682	1,676	75	3,227	2,497	120
116 Carer	1,583	1,289	221	1,916	1,708	131
117 Orphan Relative	1,186	907	406	1,035	976	503
119 Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	2,142	2,142	<5			
124 Distinguished Talent	336	273	55	418	324	33
132 Business Talent	443	395	372	589	518	507
143 Contributory Parent (Migrant)	1,128	881	3,849	1,373	1,040	3,989
151 Former Resident	0	5	168	2	3	69
155 Five Year Resident Return	6	9	154,607	4	19	183,568
157 Three Month Resident Return	86	74	75	183	147	174
159 Provisional Resident Return	171	153	70	487	486	<5
163 State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner	93	151	15	368	204	<5
164 State/Territory Sponsored Senior Executive	156	134	<5			
173 Contributory Parent (Temporary)	1,110	1,065	391	1,402	1,260	303
186 Employer Nomination Scheme	310	231	15,376	344	278	17,106
187 Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	490	350	4,638	622	482	7,039
188 Business Innovation and Investment (Provisio	477	402	2,092	573	488	2,068
189 Skilled - Independent	206	172	20,000	204	174	17,935
190 Skilled - Nominated	183	157	9,568	210	185	8,126
300 Prospective Marriage	351	299	3,073	391	334	2,705
309 Partner (Provisional)	336	286	15,635	391	323	14,847
400 Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity)	12	9	45,549	15	10	44,918
401 Temporary Work (Long Stay Activity)	885	512	7	1,846	1,846	<5
402 Training and Research	454	385	27	1,103	872	<5
403 Temporary Work (International Relations)	6	6	9,664	4	5	13,688
405 Investor Retirement	265	229	64	313	252	56
407 Training	70	55	2,283	58	44	3,333
408 Temporary Activity	14	12	63,010	18	15	52,972
410 Retirement	50	218	10	48	36	105
416 Special Program	791	578	<5			
417 Working Holiday	15	12	187,735	18	15	183,720
420 Temporary Work (Entertainment)	894	894	<5			
445 Dependent Child	269	212	633	295	227	513
457 Temporary Work (Skilled)	164	119	34,020	383	311	9,154
461 New Zealand Citizen Family Relationship (Ten	312	253	1,113	720	477	1,265
462 Work and Holiday	29	23	25,636	33	25	29,550
476 Skilled - Recognised Graduate	88	75	2,853	169	152	2,341
482 Temporary Skill Shortage	43	24	2,646	38	29	35,080
485 Temporary Graduate	61	49	40,020	79	67	49,092
487 Skilled - Regional Sponsored	2,773	2,516	5	3,288	3,261	<5
489 Skilled - Regional (Provisional)	221	181	3,518	232	201	3,950
496 Skilled - Designated Area Sponsored (Provisic	3,601	3,601	<5			
500 Student	37	26	364,401	34	24	392,689
570 Independent ELICOS Sector	686	655	8	903	903	<5
571 Schools Sector	943	1,040	<5			
572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	828	716	141	1,015	1,040	43
573 Higher Education Sector	811	704	78	1,029	977	32
574 Postgraduate Research Sector	762	565	6			
575 Non-Award Sector				1,112	1,112	<5
576 Foreign Affairs or Defence Sector				1,067	1,067	<5
580 Student Guardian	629	505	<5	1,513	1,165	<5
590 Student Guardian	60	46	2,956	67	47	2,682
600 Visitor	16	12	2,232,938	17	12	2,291,650
602 Medical Treatment	23	17	2,998	26	18	2,995
651 eVisitor	0	0	900,731	0	0	927,971
676 Tourist				2,446	2,244	<5
771 Transit	5	3	63,766	8	7	73,158
785 Temporary Protection	501	421	56	840	712	32
790 Safe Haven Enterprise	455	366	370	777	651	219
801 Partner	501	418	27,272	593	438	26,095
802 Child	338	289	601	329	300	855
804 Aged Parent	3,696	3,211	53	4,039	2,762	114
820 Partner	548	437	23,232	626	497	26,118
833 Certain Unlawful Non-Citizens	6,664	6,664	<5			
835 Remaining Relative	446	561	79	612	677	81
836 Carer	1,425	905	186	1,172	745	253
837 Orphan Relative	411	359	15	470	349	23
838 Aged Dependent Relative	645	620	23	648	607	57
852 Referred Stay (Permanent)	245	184	<5	83	60	<5
856 Employer Nomination Scheme				2,891	2,891	<5
857 Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	1,533	1,533	<5	2,269	2,269	<5
858 Distinguished Talent	380	289	94	392	319	67
864 Contributory Aged-Parent (Residence)	647	561	250	896	597	125
884 Contributory Aged-Parent (Temporary)	951	743	16	1,011	615	8
885 Skilled - Independent	2,850	2,608	6	3,762	3,381	<5
886 Skilled - Sponsored	3,061	2,871	11	3,463	3,305	<5
887 Skilled - Regional	226	191	2,075	450	394	1,154
888 Business Innovation and Investment (Permane	274	218	289	300	263	564
890 Business Owner	535	497	143	659	623	94
892 State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner	488	456	637	616	598	365
893 State/Territory Sponsored Business Investor	496	454	73	592	570	100
950 Criminal Justice Entry	4	6	58	8	16	49
951 Criminal Justice Stay	14	12	166	21	20	166
988 Maritime Crew Visa	2	1	295,045	3	4	287,630
995 Diplomatic (Temporary)	0	1	1,599	0	1	1,444
998 Australian Declaratory Visa	15	12	549	16	19	500

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