



Freedom of Information request - FA 19/10/01836

For Australian citizenship lodged and finalised statistics for Chinese nationals:

- A yearly breakdown of number of Citizenship by conferral made by applicants whose country of origin are China (Excluded Taiwan and Hong Kong SAR) from 2012 to the currently 2019 financial year.

Number of Australian citizenship by conferral applications* lodged by Chinese** nationals, by financial year (1 July 2012 to 30 September 2019)	
Financial year	No. of applications
2012-13	9,791
2013-14	10,915
2014-15	10,065
2015-16	9,243
2016-17	12,406
2017-18	14,707
2018-19	7,999
2019-20 (to 30 Sep)	1,987

* includes counts of children under 16 years of age who were included on a responsible parent's application form.

** "Chinese" denotes mainland China only and does not include the special administrative regions of Hong Kong and Macau.

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Source: Department of Home Affairs - internal citizenship DB2 database.

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- Yearly breakdown of number of approval of Australian Citizenship by conferral made by applicants whose country of origin are China (Excluded Taiwan and Hong Kong SAR) from 2012 to the current 2019 financial year.
- Yearly breakdown of number of refusal of Australian Citizenship by conferral made by applicants whose country of origin are China (Excluded Taiwan and Hong Kong SAR) from 2012 to the current 2019 financial year.
- Yearly breakdown of the number for withdraw of Australian Citizenship by conferral made by applicants whose country of origin are China (Excluded Taiwan and Hong Kong SAR) from 2012 to the current 2019 financial year.

Number of Australian citizenship by conferral applications* finalised for Chinese** nationals, by decision type and financial year (1 July 2012 to 30 September 2019)						
Financial year	Decision type					Total
	Approved	Refused	Invalid	Withdrawn	Other***	
2012-13	8,376	224	928	54	21	9,603
2013-14	9,275	341	1,459	68	16	11,159
2014-15	8,145	318	1,661	72	7	10,203
2015-16	6,415	272	1,358	57	<5	8,104
2016-17	6,061	207	906	50	<5	7,225
2017-18	400	280	735	84	<5	1,502
2018-19	10,387	473	153	175	0	11,188
2019-20 (to 30 Sep)	8,760	110	16	129	<5	9,016

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*** "other" includes minor numbers of administrative finalisations.

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