



Australian Government  
Department of Home Affairs

# Freedom of Information request: FA19/10/00624

For each of the visa categories in the permanent migration listed below could I please find out:

- (1) How many applications are yet to be finalised at this time, how many were yet to be finalised as of 31 June 2019, 31 June 2018, 31 June 2017, 31 June 2016 and 31 June 2015?
- (2) How many visas have been granted to date this financial year, and how many were granted in 2018-19, 2017-18, 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15?
- (3) How many applications have been rejected to date this financial year and how many were rejected in 2018-19, 2017-18, 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15?

Visa categories:

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|---------------------|---|
| Skill stream        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Employer sponsored</li><li>• Skilled Independent</li><li>• Regional - Skilled Employer Sponsored</li><li>• Regional - Skilled Work Regional</li><li>• State/Territory Nominated</li><li>• Business Innovation and Investment</li><li>• Global talent</li><li>• Distinguished talent</li></ul> |
| Family stream       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Partner</li><li>• Parent</li><li>• Other family</li></ul>   |
| Special Eligibility |   |
| Child               |   |

**Table 1: Migration program activity: Onhand visa applications by visa stream, category and subcategory**  
**Onhand at end of program years (at 30 June 2015 to 30 June 2019) and 2019-20 program year at 30 November 2019**

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2019.

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Data is based on snapshot, eg applications onhand at the specified dates.

Note 3: Data in previous program year periods is reported against current (2019-20) category groupings.

Note 4: Activity data excludes second stage permanent migration applications.

Sum of On hand			Application onhand as at					
Visa Stream	Visa Category	Visa subcategory	30/06/2015	30/06/2016	30/06/2017	30/06/2018	30/06/2019	30/11/2019
Skilled	Business Innovation & Investment		10,422	9,482	14,882	18,897	23,002	25,688
	Distinguished Talent		222	196	275	362	412	451
	Employer Sponsored		22,714	27,690	34,400	30,975	19,581	10,590
	Skilled Independent		15,047	14,468	19,603	13,769	13,322	12,683
	State/Territory Nominated		22,390	9,376	10,958	11,415	14,667	13,374
	Regional	Skilled Work Regional	10,279	2,789	4,215	5,883	8,816	10,848
		Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional	8,893	12,184	18,700	23,698	9,932	4,815
	<b>Regional Total</b>		19,172	14,973	22,915	29,581	18,748	15,663
	Global Talent (Independent)		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	41
<b>Skilled Total</b>			<b>89,967</b>	<b>76,185</b>	<b>103,033</b>	<b>104,999</b>	<b>89,732</b>	<b>78,490</b>
Family	Partner		74,214	69,709	71,497	78,730	88,648	88,315
	Parent		77,814	81,075	97,065	99,965	102,854	105,169
	Other Family		10,082	9,871	14,573	9,938	9,277	9,026
<b>Family Total</b>			<b>162,110</b>	<b>160,655</b>	<b>183,135</b>	<b>188,633</b>	<b>200,779</b>	<b>202,510</b>
Special Eligibility	Special Eligibility		53	124	18	9	8	<5
Child	Child		2,563	2,312	2,840	2,980	3,112	3,459
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>254,693</b>	<b>239,276</b>	<b>289,026</b>	<b>296,621</b>	<b>293,631</b>	<b>284,463</b>

**Table 2: Migration program activity - visa applications granted by visa stream, category and subcategory**

Program years 2014-15 to 2019-20 as at 30 November 2019

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2019.

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Data in previous program year periods is reported against current (2019-20) category groupings.

Note 3: Activity data excludes second stage permanent migration applications.

Granted			Program Year					
Visa Stream	Visa Category	Visa subcategory	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 to 30/11/2019
Skilled	Business Innovation & Investment		6,550	7,483	7,545	7,668	7,679	3,251
	Distinguished Talent		206	202	208	206	208	81
	Employer Sponsored		36,914	36,883	38,911	29,520	33,269	20,187
	Skilled Independent		44,880	44,720	42,852	39,417	34,483	4,694
	State/Territory Nominated		21,848	21,652	19,561	20,790	16,949	10,429
	Regional	Skilled Work Regional	8,000	8,129	6,340	8,551	9,347	7,079
		Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional	12,115	12,394	10,404	6,276	9,057	5,611
	Regional Total		20,115	20,523	16,744	14,827	18,404	12,690
	Global Talent (Independent)		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	85
Skilled Total			130,513	131,463	125,821	112,428	110,992	51,417
Family	Partner		52,018	51,849	52,571	44,015	45,053	17,984
	Parent		9,763	9,654	8,122	7,956	7,813	2,723
	Other Family		843	845	838	563	525	230
Family Total			62,624	62,348	61,531	52,534	53,391	20,937
Special Eligibility	Special Eligibility		260	363	457	288	125	32
Child	Child		3,871	3,685	3,554	3,391	3,277	1,162
Total			197,268	197,859	191,363	168,641	167,785	73,548

**Table 3: Migration program activity - visa applications refused by visa stream, category and subcategory**

**Program years 2014-15 to 2019-20 as at 30 November 2019**

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2019.

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Data in previous program year periods is reported against current (2019-20) category groupings.

Note 3: Activity data excludes second stage permanent migration applications.

Refused		Program Year					
Visa Stream	Visa Category	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 to 30/11/2019
Skilled	Business Innovation & Investment	1,198	1,099	822	1,184	1,406	565
	Distinguished Talent	63	113	21	109	64	10
	Employer Sponsored	667	812	1,719	5,149	3,173	1,423
	Skilled Independent	2,347	991	1,160	1,268	1,729	479
	State/Territory Nominated	639	471	460	488	551	128
	Regional						
	Skilled Work Regional	549	352	284	364	602	268
	Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional	707	577	1,319	3,984	5,272	3,151
	<b>Regional Total</b>	1,256	929	1,603	4,348	5,874	3,419
	Global Talent (Independent)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
<b>Skilled Total</b>		<b>6,170</b>	<b>4,415</b>	<b>5,785</b>	<b>12,546</b>	<b>12,797</b>	<b>6,024</b>
Family	Partner	4,641	4,292	4,973	4,869	4,688	1,928
	Parent	541	921	539	538	537	734
	Other Family	1,097	990	844	1,104	1,212	577
<b>Family Total</b>		<b>6,279</b>	<b>6,203</b>	<b>6,356</b>	<b>6,511</b>	<b>6,437</b>	<b>3,239</b>
Special Eligibility	Special Eligibility	<5	7	10	<5		5
Child	Child	380	280	352	381	440	130
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>12,831</b>	<b>10,905</b>	<b>12,503</b>	<b>19,440</b>	<b>19,674</b>	<b>9,398</b>