

FA 19/11/00883

Questions	Response
1. The Total number of visas lodged (total number of undecided visas applications), Total visas granted and total number of visas rejected in each month since January 2019 for subclass 189	Tables 1 - 3
2. The cap on subclass 189 visas being issued in 2019-20 for applications lodged in 2018-19, and how many more spots are available for 2019-20 as at 30/10/2019	Migration program places are not allocated based on lodgement date. Migration program planning levels for Skilled Independent visas can be viewed at <a href="https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/what-we-do/migration-program-planning-levels">https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/what-we-do/migration-program-planning-levels</a>
3. The Total number, irrespective of state of subclass 190 visas lodged (total number of undecided visas applications), granted and rejected in each month since January 2019	Tables 1 - 3
4. The Total number of subclass 489 visas lodged (total number of undecided visas applications), granted and rejected in each month since January 2019.	Tables 1 - 3
5. The number of 489 visas awaiting decision as at 16/11/19.	Table 4 - NOTE: Data provided from closest report period available (onhand as at 15/11/2019).
6. The Total number subclass 500 visas lodged (total number of undecided visas applications), granted and rejected in each month since January 2019.	Tables 5-6

<b>Table 1: Visa subclasses 189, 190 and 489</b>
<b>Applications onhand as at 31 December 2018</b>
Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2019

Visa Subclass	Total Onhand at 31/12/2018
189 Skilled - Independent	25,968
190 Skilled - Nominated	10,213
489 Skilled - Regional (Provisional)	8,600

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Subclass 189 includes both points-tested and New Zealand pathway streams.

<b>Table 2: Visa applications lodged - subclasses 189, 190 and 489</b>
<b>from 31 January 2019 to 31 December 2019</b>
Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2019

Lodged Visa Subclass	Activity Month											
	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19
189 Skilled - Independent	3,746	2,791	2,840	1,491	794	609	850	1,000	767	991	892	683
190 Skilled - Nominated	1,422	1,500	2,036	1,897	2,221	2,587	1,701	1,257	1,291	2,333	2,619	1,989
489 Skilled - Regional (Provisional)	1,094	893	895	820	934	1,014	944	1,898	3,779	2,620	175	65

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Subclass 189 includes both points-tested and New Zealand pathway streams.

**Table 3: Visa applications granted and refused - subclasses 189, 190 and 489  
from 31 January 2019 to 31 December 2019**  
Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2019

Finalised Visa Subclass	Outcome	Activity Month											
		Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19
189 Skilled - Independent	Granted	4,099	4,441	5,393	3,625	3,656	2,800	1,826	887	1,133	678	170	771
	Refused	41	186	209	153	285	258	192	136	74	55	19	17
190 Skilled - Nominated	Granted	1,836	1,818	1,499	473	901	591	590	543	764	4,142	4,380	2,999
	Refused	13	54	53	49	61	40	24	18	21	20	45	39
489 Skilled - Regional (Provisional)	Granted	1,229	1,192	1,118	537	751	446	563	1,066	1,225	2,311	1,942	1,301
	Refused	6	83	33	14	58	71	52	68	51	54	43	47

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Subclass 189 includes both points-tested and New Zealand pathway streams.

**Table 4: Visa subclass 489  
Applications onhand as at 15 November 2019**  
Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2019

Visa Subclass	Total Onhand at 15/11/2019
489 Skilled - Regional (Provisional)	11,921

Note: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

**Table 5: Subclass 500 Student visa applications lodged, granted and refused between 01 January 2019 and 31 October 2019**  
Source: Department of Immigration and Border Protection, 2019 (RFI 23760.07)

Activity Month	Lodged	Granted	
31/01/2019	46,823	41,161	4,084
28/02/2019	42,371	38,597	4,214
31/03/2019	46,138	34,507	4,403
30/04/2019	29,319	29,111	3,333
31/05/2019	41,570	37,656	5,033
30/06/2019	46,414	38,731	3,724
31/07/2019	41,231	40,346	5,626
31/08/2019	42,593	34,393	4,725
30/09/2019	35,229	30,215	2,939
31/10/2019	30,230	32,616	3,093
Total	401,918	357,333	41,174

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

**Table 6: Subclass 500 Student visa applications on hand as at 31 October 2019**  
Source: Department of Immigration and Border Protection, 2019 (RFI 23760.08)

Visa Subclass	43769
500-Student	42,907
Total	42,907

*Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.*

Caveats:

- With regards to Immigration data, the Department's current policy is to mask numbers which are less than five as <5, noting we are reviewing the confidentiality method for the future.