



Freedom of Information Request

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1. **Number of overseas non-citizen travel exemption requests from 1 March 2020 to date**
 - *From 20 March when international travel restrictions were introduced to 13 September (inclusive), 119,627 requests were received for inwards exemption from Australia’s travel restrictions. A request may include more than one person*
2. **Number of overseas non-citizen travel exemption requests per category of travel exemption request from 1 March to date categorised as follows:**
 - 2.1 *a non-citizen whose entry would otherwise be in the national interest, supported by the Australian Government or a state or territory government authority*
 - *see table below*
 - 2.2 *travelling for compassionate and compelling reasons*
 - *see table below*
 - 2.3 *a non-citizen travelling for business or investment purposes; and*
 - *this is not a category recorded for inwards travel exemption requests*
 - 2.4 *a non-citizen with critical skills or working in a critical sector in Australia.*
 - *see table below*
3. **Number of grants of overseas non-citizen travel exemptions from 1 March to date**
 - *From 20 March when international travel restrictions were introduced to 13 September (inclusive), 18,427 requests for inwards exemption from Australia’s travel restrictions were approved by the ABF Commissioner or a delegate.*
4. **Number of grants of overseas non-citizen travel exemptions from 1 March to date per categories 2.1 to 2.4 given above.**
 - *see table below*

	Received*	Approved**
National interest (including diplomatic)	0	377
Compassionate / compelling	53212	3894
Critical skills (including business leaders)	17825	6379

* includes persons found to meet an exempt category, requests that were withdrawn, requests that were refused and requests that did not contain sufficient information for referral to the Commissioner of a decision maker

** refers to decisions made by the ABF Commissioner or a delegate to approve an exemption to the travel restrictions