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Number of Iranian Nationals granted travel exemptions to travel to Australia from January 1, 2020 until November 30, 2020.

104 requests for travel exemptions for travel to Australia was approved for Iranian citizens between 1 August 2020 and 30 November 2020. This includes 49 people found to be already exempt (such Australian citizens, Permanent Residents and their immediate family members) and 55 were approved for an exemption at the discretion of the ABF Commissioner or an authorised decision maker.

Note:

- From 1 February 2020, the Government has progressively announced travel restrictions to curb the introduction and spread of COVID-19 in Australia. Travel restrictions did not apply before this date.
- It is not possible to provide the data prior to 1 August 2020 without undertaking examination of individual requests which would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

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Iranian arrivals summary by subclass

From 1 January to 30 November 2020

	Visa class		Visa subclass	
			Totals	2,270
BF	Transitional Permanent	124	Distinguished Talent	54
ВХ	Distinguished Talent	858	Distinguished Talent	</td
DF	Business Skills (residence)	890	Business Owner	</td
DF	Business Skills (residence)	892	State/territory Sponsored Business Owner	31
EA	Business Skills - Business Talent (permanent)	132	Business Talent	22
EB	Business Skills (provisional)	188	Business Innovation And Investment (provisional)	247
EC	Business Skills (permanent)	888	Business Innovation And Investment (permanent)	12
EN	Employer Nomination (permanent)	186	Employer Nomination Scheme	110
GA	Temporary Work (short Stay Specialist)	400	Temporary Work (short Stay Specialist)	8
GG	Temporary Activity	408	Temporary Activity	70
GK	Temporary Skill Shortage	482	Temporary Skill Shortage	119
PE	Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (provisional)	494	Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (provisional)	<5
PS	Skilled Work Regional (provisional)	491	Skilled Work Regional (provisional)	<5
RN	Regional Employer Nomination (permanent)	187	Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	13
SI	Skilled - Independent (permanent)	189	Skilled - Independent	602
SN	Skilled - Nominated (permanent)	190	Skilled - Nominated	585
SP	Skilled - Regional Sponsored (provisional)	489	Skilled - Regional (provisional)	150
UC	Temporary Business Entry	457	Temporary Work (skilled)	26
UR	Business Skills Provisional	163	State/territory Sponsored Business Owner	5
VB	Skilled (residence)(onshore)	887	Skilled - Regional	36
VC	Skilled (provisional)(onshore)	485	Temporary Graduate	107
VE	Skilled (migrant) (offshore)	175	Skilled - Independent	15
VF	Skilled (provisional) (offshore)	476	Skilled - Recognised Graduate	49