



## Freedom of Information Request FA 21/01/01168

- There were 105,028 travel exemptions to depart Australia approved between 25 March and 31 December 2020. This does not include people found to meet a non-discretionary exemption category.
- Data by intended departure port is not available prior to 1 August 2020, when the Travel Exemption Portal was introduced. Between 1 August and 31 December 2020, there were 82,386 travel exemptions to depart Australia approved.

By intended departure port, these were:

Sydney	35,446
Melbourne	24,233
Brisbane	10,814
Perth	7,531
Adelaide	2,340
Others	2,022
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,386</b>

- The following table shows approved travel exemptions to depart Australia approved between 25 March and 31 December 2020, by exemption category:

Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak	438
Critical industries and business <sup>1</sup>	8,963
Urgent medical treatment not available in Australia	882
Travelling overseas for at least 3 months <sup>2</sup>	51,793
Urgent and unavoidable personal business	11,686
Compassionate and compelling grounds <sup>3</sup>	31,091
National interest	175
<b>Total</b>	<b>105,028</b>

<sup>1</sup> includes business travel, FIFO workers and those fulfilling an existing work contract

<sup>2</sup> includes students commencing or continuing their education overseas for at least 3 months

<sup>3</sup> includes those travelling for the death or serious illness of a close family member and parents travelling for surrogacy/adoption/pick up a minor child overseas

- Australian citizens and permanent residents who are usually resident in a country other than Australia are exempt from outbound travel restrictions. This can be assessed at the airport on departure and statistics are not available on total travellers who departed under this category.
- Data is not available on people travelling to an Australian territory outside the migration zone.
- Exemption requests for people with an exemption approved where reason for travel has not changed are finalised as duplicate requests, and not counted again in statistics.