

Visa Applications granted for subclasses 887 between 01/11/2020 and 31/12/2020
Response to FOI request 21/02/00050

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021 (DD-7801.01)

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Visa Subclass	Activity Month	
	30/11/2020	31/12/2020
887 Skilled - Regional Total	149	158

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Visa Subclass	Activity Month	
	30/11/2020	31/12/2020
887 Skilled - Regional Total	677	670

Visa Applications onhand for subclasses 887 as at 31/12/2020
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Visa Subclass	Snapshot Date
	31/12/2020
887 Skilled - Regional Total	5,445

FOI Questions:

Question 4 - Number of case officers assigned to process 887 subclass visa applications for the months September 2020, October 2020, November 2020, December 2020 and January 2021

Question 5 - Number of Case officers planned to be assigned for visa 887 for January 2021, February 2021, March 2021, April 2021, May 2021, June 2021, July 2021, August 2021, September 2021, October 2021, November 2021 and December 2021

Question 6 - Number of visa 887 grants planned to be granted for January 2021, February 2021, March 2021, April 2021, May 2021, June 2021, July 2021, August 2021, September 2021, October 2021, November 2021 and December 2021

Question 7 - Any further increases in processing time for visa 887 as planned by the department for 2021. Current processing time is 23 months to 24 months.

Responses:

Question 4:

Subclass 887 Skilled Regional – case processing
Case officers assigned 1 September 2020 to 31 January 2021 (average number assigned each day)

Note: Information reflects time spent processing subclass 887 applications; case officers processed other subclasses as well during the report period.

Month	Average case officers assigned each day
September 2020	5.03
October 2020	2.9
November 2020	1
December 2020	1
January 2021	1

Question 5:

Since November 2020 and foreseeable future there will only be 1.0 FTE Case Officer working on 887s.

Question 6:

The subclass 887 is a demand driven visa, as such there are no targets for visa grant.

Question 7:

The Department of Home Affairs is prioritising applications for immediate family members of Australian Citizens and permanent residents with an urgent need to travel and applicants providing critical or specialist skills in support of the Government's response to COVID-19 and economic recovery. This may mean that some visa may experience above average processing timeframes.