

**Visa applications granted for All visa subclasses between 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 (to 31/12/2020) to compare pre and post COVID-19 Response to FOI request 21/02/00113**

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021 (DD-7771.01)

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Where applicable, with regards to immigration-specific data and as per current privacy guidelines, the Department's policy is to mask numbers which are less than five.

Visa Subclass	Financial Year				
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 to 31/12/2020
100 Partner	20,757	24,846	26,705	22,054	7,523
101 Child	2,273	2,156	1,921	1,363	556
102 Adoption	122	122	115	81	26
103 Parent	1,212	1,310	1,169	521	325
111 Authority to Return/Return Endorsement	521	376	44	< 5	
114 Aged Dependent Relative		< 5	6	< 5	
115 Remaining Relative	77	52	70	40	12
116 Carer	244	250	139	206	110
117 Orphan Relative	341	128	152	110	27
124 Distinguished Talent	102	110	66	521	1,442
132 Business Talent	996	1,164	1,530	916	634
143 Contributory Parent (Migrant)	5,625	5,692	6,026	4,093	2,823
150 Former Citizen			74	41	20
151 Former Resident	457	288	125	92	54
154 Resident Return Class A	< 5				
155 Five Year Resident Return	152,669	154,313	182,634	146,439	33,371
157 Three Month Resident Return	159	74	174	169	66
159 Provisional Resident Return	74	70	< 5		
163 State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner	24	9	< 5		
164 State/Territory Sponsored Senior Executive	7	< 5			
165 State/Territory Sponsored Investor	< 5				
173 Contributory Parent (Temporary)	765	572	406	344	112
175 Skilled - Independent	< 5	< 5			
186 Employer Nomination Scheme	38,889	29,520	33,264	30,461	10,102
187 Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	10,396	6,276	9,057	8,347	615
188 Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional)	6,511	6,492	6,145	3,826	3,186
189 Skilled - Independent	42,826	39,410	34,480	13,425	2,821
190 Skilled - Nominated	19,476	20,773	16,940	22,056	4,212
300 Prospective Marriage	4,001	3,130	2,587	1,667	104
309 Partner (Provisional)	22,029	17,446	15,991	11,702	6,611
400 Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity)	47,932	44,642	43,726	30,343	3,796
401 Temporary Work (Long Stay Activity)	1,829	34	< 5		
402 Training and Research	5,010	30	< 5	< 5	
403 Temporary Work (International Relations)	5,379	9,957	13,981	12,549	2,327
405 Investor Retirement	125	102	98	28	
407 Training	1,529	2,886	4,017	2,809	586
408 Temporary Activity	20,966	64,253	53,952	45,126	13,803
410 Retirement	14	14	170	576	87
416 Special Program	3,384				
417 Working Holiday	191,955	185,450	180,223	122,673	16,425
420 Temporary Work (Entertainment)	10,759				
444 Special Category	1,921,561	1,856,614	1,889,988	1,396,835	14,977
445 Dependent Child	513	591	497	400	202
456 Business (Short Stay)	< 5				
457 Temporary Work (Skilled)	87,580	58,900	15,293	1,012	156
461 New Zealand Citizen Family Relationship (Temporary)	1,919	1,036	1,184	956	278
462 Work and Holiday	19,056	25,006	28,813	26,576	4,514
475 Skilled - Regional Sponsored	< 5				
476 Skilled - Recognised Graduate	1,929	2,768	2,014	2,675	41
482 Temporary Skill Shortage		5,570	66,682	54,048	20,737
485 Temporary Graduate	41,387	51,656	63,994	63,016	31,646
487 Skilled - Regional Sponsored	63	39	5	< 5	< 5
488 Superyacht Crew	191				
489 Skilled - Regional (Provisional)	6,263	8,503	9,342	12,707	569
491 Skilled Work Regional (Provisional)				2,175	4,054
494 Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (Provisional)				97	503
496 Skilled - Designated Area Sponsored (Provisional)	13	9			
500 Student	307,684	377,184	405,481	340,055	120,951
570 Independent ELICOS Sector	3,340	8	< 5		< 5
571 Schools Sector	1,499				
572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	10,891	368	71	18	< 5
573 Higher Education Sector	17,331	534	119	26	< 5
574 Postgraduate Research Sector	1,405	181	67	52	6
575 Non-Award Sector	540				
576 Foreign Affairs or Defence Sector	345	17	< 5	< 5	

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580 Student Guardian	288	< 5			
590 Student Guardian	1,845	2,566	2,349	1,829	527
600 Visitor	1,864,311	2,028,066	2,037,514	1,361,573	63,839
601 Electronic Travel Authority	2,665,720	2,722,321	2,732,518	1,913,643	1,565
602 Medical Treatment	2,601	2,432	2,412	2,118	829
651 eVisitor	815,631	888,780	916,286	781,387	2,649
676 Tourist	21				
771 Transit	55,817	62,082	65,592	59,592	8,817
773 Border	7,432	7,959	6,955	5,183	161
801 Partner	20,164	26,894	26,312	43,506	17,106
802 Child	646	522	744	666	667
804 Aged Parent	141	48	52	150	13
806 Family	< 5				
808 Confirmatory (Residence)	208		5	6	17
816 Special Permanent Entry Permit	< 5				
820 Partner	26,541	23,439	26,475	26,320	12,740
832 Close Ties				< 5	
835 Remaining Relative	< 5	< 5	< 5		
836 Carer	161	120	143	82	30
837 Orphan Relative	11	6	11	5	< 5
838 Aged Dependent Relative	< 5		< 5		< 5
845 Established Business in Australia	< 5				
852 Referred Stay (Permanent)	17	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5
855 Labour Agreement	< 5				
856 Employer Nomination Scheme	18		5		
857 Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	8				
858 Distinguished Talent	106	96	142	2,109	2,238
864 Contributory Aged-Parent (Residence)	339	321	155	160	54
870 Sponsored Parent (Temporary)				1,525	436
884 Contributory Aged-Parent (Temporary)	41	13	5	5	5
885 Skilled - Independent	25	5	< 5	< 5	< 5
886 Skilled - Sponsored	85	17	9	7	
887 Skilled - Regional	5,779	5,068	2,901	6,076	6,081
888 Business Innovation and Investment (Permanent)	448	941	1,824	1,616	2,969
890 Business Owner	590	452	274	222	81
891 Investor	< 5			5	
892 State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner	2,561	2,147	1,173	883	97
893 State/Territory Sponsored Business Investor	300	278	364	211	10
950 Criminal Justice Entry	41	57	49	36	< 5
951 Criminal Justice Stay	47	57	121	56	26
988 Maritime Crew Visa	296,386	289,434	282,152	248,641	124,921
995 Diplomatic (Temporary)	2,938	3,081	3,007	2,504	1,503
998 Australian Declaratory Visa	705	537	445	308	30
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8,814,942</b>	<b>9,078,688</b>	<b>9,229,556</b>	<b>6,843,661</b>	<b>557,839</b>