



### Freedom of Information Request: FA 21/02/00427

Percentage of rejection reasons of Student Visa Subclass 500 sector wise of Pakistani nationals from 2015-16 to 2020-21 (Jul 20 – Dec 20)

Visa Type	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 to 31/12/2020
Foreign Affairs or Defence Sector refusal rate	5%	2%	2%	5%	0%	0%
Higher Education Sector refusal rate	46%	25%	15%	11%	7%	6%
Independent ELICOS Sector refusal rate	95%	72%	75%	25%	56%	
Non-Award Sector refusal rate	12%	13%	13%	7%	4%	0%
Postgraduate Research Sector refusal rate	23%	12%	3%	5%	1%	2%
Schools Sector refusal rate	89%	76%	48%	65%	29%	0%
Vocational Education and Training Sector refusal rate	45%	53%	51%	47%	33%	21%
<b>Total refusal rate</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>12%</b>

Across all nationalities and sectors, by far the most common clause for refusal of a student visa is what is commonly referred to as the “Genuine Temporary Entrant” requirement (relevant clause below):

500.212

The applicant is a genuine applicant for entry and stay as a student because:

- (a) the applicant intends genuinely to stay [in Australia](#) temporarily, having regard to:
  - (i) the applicant’s circumstances; and
  - (ii) the applicant’s immigration history; and
  - (iii) if the applicant is a minor—the intentions of a [parent](#), [legal guardian](#) or [spouse](#) of the applicant; and
  - (iv) any other relevant matter; and
- (b) the applicant intends to comply with any conditions subject to which the visa is granted, having regard to:
  - (i) the applicant’s record of compliance with any condition of a visa previously held by the applicant (if any); and
  - (ii) the applicant’s stated intention to comply with any conditions to which the visa may be subject; and
- (c) of any other relevant matter.