



Australian Government

Department of Home Affairs

## Freedom of Information request: FA21/02/00451

**Between 01/08/2019 to 31/01/2020 -For Hong Kong Residents ONLY; -Total No. of Student Visa Applications for Vocational and higher Education courses; and -Total No. of Student Visa granted; and -Total No. of Student Visa refusal based on the GTE requirement (500.212);**

**-Within the total no. of refusal cases based on the GTE, how many cases are applying for a Vocational course and how many cases are applying for a higher education (at least bachelor degree) course?**

**-Within the total no. of refusal cases based on the GTE, and applying for the Vocational course, how many cases are the primary applicants below 35 years old and how many are the primary applicants above 35 years old?**

**-Within the total no. of refusal cases based on the GTE requirement and applying for the higher education course, how many cases are the primary applicants below 35 years old and how many are the primary applicants above 35 years old? The same statistical data for the period between 01/08/2020 to 31/01/2021.**

The Department has publicly available data on student visa lodgements, grants and grants rates by citizenship. These can be accessed at <https://data.gov.au/dataset/ds-dga-324aa4f7-46bb-4d56-bc2d-772333a2317e/details>

The Department does not provide publicly available data on refusal rates however the grant rate is a reasonable indication of what the refusal rate would be (refusal rate = 100 minus the grant rate). The Department does not report on grounds for visa refusal however the student program advises that over 95% of student visa refusals across all ages, nationalities and sector are on ground on not meeting the Genuine Temporary Entrant criterion.