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How exactly does the Department calculate the processing time of subclass 887 applications both onshore and offshore?

How does the department arrive at estimated processing times for each application of subclass 887 submitted for grants?

Response:

Each month, the Department publishes visa processing times at the 75th and 90th percentile points on its website at https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times.

These provide an indicative estimate of how long it takes to process a particular visa subclass or stream application globally. The processing time spans from the date a valid application is lodged, to the date it is finalised. Processing times are based on finalisations of primary visa applications for the month and exclude withdrawn visa applications, and secondary visa applicants. The number of days/months at the 75 and 90-percentile position is displayed. The percentiles indicate that 75 per cent of applications, and 90 per cent of applications, are processed within a certain number of days.

Processing times are driven by a range of factors including the number of visa applications, completeness of the applications and the complexity of assessments, including in relation to health, character and national security requirements.