



Freedom of Information Request

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1) The number of travel exemptions that have issued for different visa subclasses coming to Australia from March 2020 to May 2021?

Inwards travel exemption requests approved between 1 August 2020 and 8 May 2021, by client-declared visa subclass applied for or held.

Visa subclass	Travel Exemptions approved
482 - Temporary Skill Shortage	9,080
Not recorded *	8,483
400 - Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist)	4,989
408 - Temporary Activity	1,714
500 - Student	1,699
600 - Visitor	1,612
651 - eVisitor	694
601 - Electronic Travel Authority	486
407 - Training	483
602 - Medical Treatment	448
Other visas	3,488
Total	33,176

2) The number of exemptions that have released for 489 visa holders from March 2020 to May 2021?

Between 1 August 2020 and 8 May 2021, 430 requests for an inwards travel exemption were approved for persons who declared they had applied for or held a subclass 489 – Skilled – Regional (Provisional) visa.

Notes:

- i. 'Requests' means individuals who sought an exemption. An individual may submit more than one request.
- ii. Processing of travel exemption requests moved to the Travel Exemptions Portal from 1 August 2020. Travel exemption data cannot be disaggregated by visa subclass prior to this date.
- iii. * Visa subclass "Not recorded" includes:
 - a. Secondary travellers on requests made before 3 December 2020
 - b. Individuals who declared they did not require, did not hold or had not applied for a visa.



3) The data for the number of travelers based on their citizenship coming to Australia from March 2020 to May 2021?

International movements summary

From 1 March 2020 to 1 May 2021

Arrivals

Traveller type	Air	Sea
AFGHANISTAN	3,343	0
ALBANIA	122	10
ALGERIA	527	20
Ambiguous Value	<5	0
ANDORRA	<5	<5
ANGOLA	16	<5
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	10	0
ARGENTINA	2,322	54
ARMENIA	37	<5
AUSTRALIA	677,073	9,276
AUSTRIA	1,488	233
AZERBAIJAN	59	32
BAHAMAS	26	0
BAHRAIN	122	0
BANGLADESH	3,269	2,574
BARBADOS	24	<5
BELARUS	450	70
BELGIUM	1,869	117
BELIZE	<5	0
BENIN	<5	0
BERMUDA	<5	0
BHUTAN	434	<5
BOLIVIA	133	0
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA	505	54
BOTSWANA	69	<5
BRAZIL	6,302	270
BRITAIN	28	<5
BRITISH OSEAS CITZ	5	0



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BRITISH SUBJECT	8	0
BRIT NATIONAL OSEAS	782	<5
BRIT OVERSEA TERRCIT	<5	0
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	1,613	0
BULGARIA	490	1,362
BURKINA FASO	6	0
BURMA	<5	0
BURUNDI	41	0
CABO VERDE	<5	5
CAMBODIA	1,028	<5
CAMEROON	33	<5
CANADA	15,311	726
CAPE VERDE	6	<5
CHAD	<5	0
CHILE	3,524	48
CHINA	71,950	99,474
CHINA (SO STATED)	19	18
COCOS (KEELING) ISL	0	9
COLOMBIA	2,479	56
COMOROS	5	0
CONGO, DEM RUPUBLIC	101	10
CONGO, REPUBLIC OF	12	0
COSTA RICA	209	12
COTE DIVOIRE	14	0
CROATIA	780	3,672
CUBA	46	21
CYPRUS	203	88
CZECHIA (CZECH REP)	711	53
CZECH REPUBLIC	437	0
DENMARK	2,108	175
DJIBOUTI	6	0
DOMINICA	33	<5
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	19	6
ECUADOR	237	7



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EGYPT	2,561	183
EL SALVADOR	200	34
ENGLAND	<5	0
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	<5	0
ERITREA	94	0
ESTONIA	372	100
ESWATINI	6	0
ETHIOPIA	472	296
FAROE ISLANDS	0	<5
FIJI	4,658	183
FINLAND	1,074	22
FRANCE	13,660	1,418
FYR MACEDONIA	248	5
GABON	<5	0
GAMBIA	10	<5
GEORGIA	77	632
GERMANY	58	0
GERMANY, FED REP OF	16,016	1,057
GHANA	323	96
GREECE	1,344	7,425
GRENADA	16	<5
GUATEMALA	110	9
GUINEA	8	0
GUINEA-BISSAU	<5	0
GUYANA	<5	<5
HAITI	<5	<5
HKSAR OF THE PRC	11,703	91
HONDURAS	50	325
HUNGARY	822	71
ICELAND	150	<5
INDIA	64,923	44,402
INDONESIA	18,915	10,720
IRAN	2,004	6
IRAQ	1,237	20



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IRELAND	7,486	169
IRELAND (SO STATED)	17	0
ISRAEL	779	47
ITALY	5,967	1,465
JAMAICA	169	30
JAPAN	23,451	2,327
JORDAN	668	124
KAMPUCHEA	167	0
KAZAKHSTAN	485	10
KENYA	1,626	16
KIRIBATI	158	1,084
KOREA, SOUTH	9,235	8,183
KOSOVO	27	0
KUWAIT	127	<5
KYRGYZSTAN	193	13
LAO PEOPLES DEM REP	183	<5
LATVIA	265	644
LEBANON	1,639	<5
LESOTHO	9	0
LIBERIA	28	7
LIBYA	71	<5
LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRI	10	0
LIECHTENSTEIN	6	<5
LITHUANIA	467	197
LUXEMBOURG	67	12
MACAU	<5	0
MACAU SPCL ADMIN RGN	99	0
MADAGASCAR	32	70
MALAWI	42	0
MALAYSIA	31,479	2,334
MALDIVES	84	60
MALI	11	0
MALTA	207	<5
MARSHALL ISLANDS	<5	0



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MAURITANIA	<5	0
MAURITIUS	829	113
MEXICO	1,322	134
MICRONESIA, FED STAT	<5	<5
MOLDOVA	225	37
MONACO	7	6
MONGOLIA	315	0
MONTENEGRO	122	835
MOROCCO	1,473	7
MOZAMBIQUE	35	<5
MYANMAR	1,578	13,713
NAMIBIA	51	<5
NAURU	774	0
NEPAL	7,308	38
NETHERLANDS	6,609	488
NEW CALEDONIA	10	0
NEW ZEALAND	154,829	1,143
NICARAGUA	16	17
NIGER	<5	0
NIGERIA	592	17
NORTHERN MARIANA ISL	0	<5
NORTH MACEDONIA	176	22
NORWAY	1,505	139
OMAN	356	21
PAKISTAN	8,865	598
PALAU	<5	17
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	88	0
PANAMA	91	42
PAPUA	5	5
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	3,558	320
PARAGUAY	80	<5
PERU	560	298
PHILIPPINES	19,692	202,468
PITCAIRN	0	<5



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POLAND	2,638	1,869
PORTUGAL	2,538	129
PUERTO RICO	0	<5
QATAR	233	0
REFUGEE	22	0
ROMANIA	2,189	4,478
ROMANIA PRE 1/2/2002	440	0
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	2,936	6,992
RWANDA	28	0
SAINT LUCIA	7	11
SAMOA	693	37
SAN MARINO	<5	0
SAUDI ARABIA	1,220	0
SENEGAL	72	0
SERBIA	1,915	223
SEYCHELLES	71	<5
SIERRA LEONE	32	0
SINGAPORE	33,158	279
SINT MAARTEN (DUTCH)	<5	0
SLOVAKIA	634	29
SLOVENIA	293	26
SOLOMON ISLANDS	1,110	5
SOMALIA	88	0
SOUTH AFRICA	9,802	511
SOUTH SUDAN	52	0
SPAIN	4,248	779
SRI LANKA	8,090	2,879
STATELESS PERSON	121	0
ST KITTS AND NEVIS	<5	0
ST VINCENT/GRENADINE	6	7
SUDAN	284	<5
SURINAME	<5	0
SWAZILAND	<5	0
SWEDEN	2,590	239



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SWITZERLAND	2,489	554
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	529	15
TAIWAN	10,934	4,006
TAJIKISTAN	26	0
TANZANIA	102	39
THAILAND	12,527	1,301
TIMOR-LESTE	415	36
TOGO	5	0
TOKELAU	0	<5
TONGA	2,365	24
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	126	<5
TUNISIA	1,311	10
TURKEY	1,398	3,275
TURKMENISTAN	17	<5
TUVALU	35	31
UGANDA	239	0
UKRAINE	2,737	16,730
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	1,324	10
UNITED KINGDOM	65,903	2,270
UNITED NATIONS AGENCY	6	0
UNITED NATIONS ORG	15	0
UNITED STATES	65,981	4,526
UNKNOWN	4,863	27
UN REFUGEE	9	0
URUGUAY	474	9
U.S.S.R.	0	<5
UZBEKISTAN	227	<5
VANUATU	2,358	101
VATICAN CITY STATE	<5	0
VENEZUELA	326	20
VIETNAM	11,928	5,612
YEMEN, FORMER	10	0
YEMEN, REPUBLIC OF	131	49
ZAMBIA	131	<5



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ZIMBABWE	805	38
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Within this report the following 'Traveller type' definitions have been applied in this order, without double counting:

- 'Crew' counts Operational crew, Crew Travel Authority (subclass 942) and Maritime Crew (subclass 988) visa movements, regardless of their citizenship or visa status.
- 'Australian citizens' counts movements on Australian passports.
- 'Permanent residents' counts movements with Australian visa subclasses in the 100, 200 and 800 series.
- 'Transit visa holders' counts movements on Transit (subclass 771) visas.
- 'Other foreign nationals' counts all other movements, not separately defined in this report.

The current policy is to mask those numbers extracted from Immigration data which are less than five, as '<5' to minimise the identification of individuals and their circumstances.