



Freedom of Information request: FA 21/05/01049

Question: I am seeking to receive the number of health waivers both applied for and granted to Subclass 200, 201, 202, 203, and 204 applicants who have failed the health requirement in applications between 2011-2021.

Response:

Under Migration Health Policy, all subclass 200 series visa applicants who do not meet the health requirement due to significant cost are automatically granted a health waiver.

Offshore Refugee and Humanitarian Waivers, Program Years 2011–12 to 2019–20

Subclass	2011–12	2012–13	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20
200 - Refugee	60	95	90	77	93	180	138	120	81
201 - In-country special Humanitarian	0	0	<5	<5	<5	15	25	24	15
202 - Global Special Humanitarian	6	9	71	43	95	225	91	106	74
203 - Emergency Rescue	0	<5	0	<5	<5	0	0	0	<5
204 - Woman At Risk	10	18	24	21	50	39	42	41	20

Data notes:

- 2016-17 and onwards
 - All figures in the below table were produced retrospectively in November 2020.
 - Numbers in the table 'Refugee and Humanitarian Waivers, 2016–17 to 2019–20' counts the number of health waivers, which resulted in a visa grant. The financial year in which a case is counted is based on the date of the health waiver. While a visa can be granted in a subsequent financial year for this purpose it is counted in the year the health waiver was given.
 - The method of producing visa data changed for 2016-17 and onwards following the de-commissioning of the database previously used.

- Pre 2016-17:
 - Numbers in the table 'Refugee and Humanitarian Waivers, 2011–12 to 2015–16' count visa applications that were granted during the year in question.
 - The numbers have been drawn from reports produced from DIBP Visa Application computer systems recording the number of health waivers exercised.
 - It is the responsibility of the area providing Department of Home Affairs information to external stakeholders to ensure that the disclosure is in accordance with the ABF Act, Australian Privacy Principles or other relevant legislation.
 - With regards to Immigration data, the Department's current policy is to mask numbers which are less than five as <5, noting we are reviewing the confidentiality method for the future.