



Freedom of Information Request FA 21/05/01402

Outbound travel exemption requests received per month between 1 December 2020 and 31 May 2021

Month	Exemption requests received
December 2020	19,502
January 2021	20,939
February 2021	22,441
March 2021	26,598
April 2021	23,713
May 2021	26,426

Outbound travel exemption requests approved* between 1 December 2020 and 31 May 2021, by discretionary category, by month

Discretionary category	Month					
	December 2020	January 2021	February 2021	March 2021	April 2021	May 2021
Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak	8	48	43	40	50	61
Critical industries and business	1,102	2,116	2,230	2,077	1,950	2,856
Urgent medical treatment	38	34	67	60	78	84
Travelling overseas for at least 3 months	8,872	4,308	4,635	6,380	5,375	6,319
Urgent and unavoidable personal business	538	348	271	335	269	249
Compassionate and compelling grounds	2,495	1,609	2,062	2,692	2,028	2,002
National interest	17	83	97	194	121	305
TOTALS	13,070	8,546	9,405	11,778	9,871	11,876

Notes:

- 'Requests' refers to system transactions. An individual may submit more than one request.
- * Excludes persons found to meet an already exempt category, requests that did not contain sufficient information for consideration by a decision maker, withdrawn and refused requests.

Inwards travel exemption requests received per month between 1 December 2020 and 31 May 2021

Month	Exemption requests received
December 2020	22,213
January 2021	20,392
February 2021	20,639
March 2021	22,389
April 2021	20,933
May 2021	22,508

Inwards travel exemption requests approved* between 1 December 2020 and 31 May 2021, by discretionary category, by month

Discretionary Category	Month					
	December 2020	January 2021	February 2021	March 2021	April 2021	May 2021
Compassionate and compelling	1,204	502	718	660	638	709
Critical skills – Medical	95	48	47	61	84	30
Critical skills – other	2,378	1,843	2,295	2,513	2,328	2,236
National interest (including diplomatic)	124	75	176	378	310	319
Urgent Medical Treatment	72	53	54	51	48	57
TOTALS	3,873	2,521	3,290	3,663	3,408	3,351

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