



Travel Exemptions – request for information response

Question:

FOI request FA 21/07/00776 received on 12 July 2021 seeking:

1) *The number of Inbound Travel Exemptions given to Prospective Marriage Visa (subclass 300) holders from 22/03/2020 till 01/07/2021*

2) *The number of Travel Exemption rejections given to Prospective Marriage Visa (subclass 300) holders from 22/03/2020 till 01/07/2021*

3) *The number of approved Prospective Marriage Visa (subclass 300) holders as of 01/07/2021*

4) *The number of Prospective Marriage Visa's (subclass 300) that received an extension of validity to 31/03/2022*

Answer:

1. Between 22 March 2020 and 1 July 2021, 263 inwards requests* for a travel exemption were approved where the person declared they had applied for or held a subclass 300 (Prospective Marriage) visa**. Of this figure:
 - 234 requests were assessed as automatically exempt under the category Immediate Family member of an Australian citizen or permanent resident
 - 29 exemptions were approved by a decision maker on Compassionate and compelling grounds or due to critical skills.

2. Between 22 March 2020 and 1 July 2021, 1,944 inwards requests for a travel exemption were refused where the person declared they had applied for or held a subclass 300 (Prospective Marriage) visa.

Notes

- i. *Data excludes otherwise finalised (withdrawn requests, or requests that did not contain sufficient information for referral to a decision maker)*
- ii. ** An individual may submit more than one request*
- iii. *** Based on client declarations. It is not possible to accurately disaggregate visa holders from visa applicants in travel exemption data.*

3) The number of approved Prospect Marriage Visa (subclass 300) holders as of 01/07/2021

There were 1,900 Prospective Marriage (subclass 300) visas granted between 01/03/2021 to 01/07/2021 as the table below refers.

Prospective Marriage (Subclass 300) visa grants

Sum of Finalised Activity Month	Financial Year 2020-21 to 30/06/2021
31/03/2021	388
30/04/2021	583
31/05/2021	512
30/06/2021	417
Grand Total	1,900

Source: BP0001

4) The number of Prospective Marriage Visa's (subclass 300) that received an extension of validity to 31/03/2022

While there is no systems based reporting available for this data, a manual count of visa holders eligible to be provided with an extension of validity to 31 March 2022, on 10 December 2020, was 230 subclass 300 Prospective Marriage visa holders.