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Q1. Date 188 visas became exempt from travel restrictions.

Q2. Number of Prospective Marriage (subclass 300) visas granted in same period.

Q3. Number of Prospective Marriage (subclass 300) visa holders granted a travel exemption in same period.

Q4. Covid-19 Health Risk Assessment of Prospective Marriage (subclass 300) visa holders.

Response:

Q1. The date Business Innovation visa (subclass 188) became exempt from travel restrictions was 2 September 2020.

Q2.

Number of Prospective Marriage (subclass 300) visas granted in same period.

Sum of Finalised		Financial Year
Visa Subclass	Outcome	2020-21 to 30/06/2021
300 Prospective Marriage	Granted	2,038
300 Prospective Marriage Total		2,038
Grand Total		2,038

Q3.

Between 1 August 2020 and 30 June 2021, 254 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:

- 226 requests were assessed as automatically exempt under the category Immediate Family member of an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- 28 exemptions were approved by a decision maker on Compassionate and compelling grounds or due to critical skills.

Q4.

Covid-19 Health Risk Assessment of Prospective Marriage (subclass 300) visa holders.

Covid-19 Health Risk Assessment is not considered in the assessment of a Prospective Marriage (Subclass 300) visa application. A negative COVID-19 test result is generally required for travelling to or transiting through Australia.

On 18 August 2021, the Government announced changes to travel exemption settings, to allow Prospective Marriage visa holders to enter Australia with an approved travel exemption.

Prospective Marriage visa holders, who lodged their visa application at least 12 months ago, will be eligible to apply for a travel exemption to enter Australia under the compassionate and compelling category.

For more information on travel restrictions and exemptions please refer to the Department's website at: [covid19.homeaffairs.gov.au/travel-restrictions](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/travel-restrictions)