

Freedom of Information Request FA 21/08/00630

Request:

Statistical data for FY 2019, 2020, 2021 of the:

- (a) total new applications received and total visas granted for each of the listed subclasses/streams for only the top 5 citizenships, and
- (b) total new applications received and total visas granted for each of the listed subclasses/streams for Hong Kong citizens, if Hong Kong is not included in the top 5.

For subclasses/streams:

- Global Talent Independent (subclass 858)
- 188A Business Innovation (provisional)
- 188B Business Investor (provisional)
- 188C Significant Investor Visa (provisional)

Response:

Question A (FY 2019-20)

Global Talent (subclass 858) visas lodged in FY2019-20 by the top 5 countries of citizenship.	
Citizenship Country	Lodged
Bangladesh	634
Iran	559
India	257
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	179
United Kingdom	151

Global Talent (subclass 858) visas granted in FY2019-20 by the top 5 countries of citizenship.	
Citizenship Country	Granted
Bangladesh	493
Iran	368
India	162
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	134
United Kingdom	131

Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional; subclass 188) visas lodged for visa streams Business Innovation, Investor and Significant Investor in FY 2019-20 by the top 5 countries of citizenship.		
Visa Stream	Citizenship Country	Lodged
Business Innovation	China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	2,827
	Iran	1,252
	Vietnam	764
	Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	523
	India	281
Investor	China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	1,354
	Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	1,141
	Vietnam	600
	South Africa	80
	Taiwan	74
Significant Investor	China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	754
	Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	290
	Vietnam	58
	South Africa	19
	United Kingdom	17

Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional; subclass 188) visas granted for visa streams Business Innovation, Investor and Significant Investor in FY 2019-20 by the top 5 countries of citizenship.		
Visa Stream	Citizenship Country	Granted
Business Innovation	China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	1,690
	Iran	211
	Vietnam	143
	India	72
	Malaysia	59
Investor	China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	289
	Vietnam	147
	South Africa	35
	Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	35
	Taiwan	32
Significant Investor	China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	302
	Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	49
	Vietnam	16
	Macau (SAR of the PRC)	9
	United Kingdom	8

Question A (FY 2020-21)

Global Talent (subclass 858) visas lodged in FY2020-21 by the top 5 countries of citizenship.	
Citizenship Country	Lodged
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	1,081
India	861
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	841
United Kingdom	560
Iran	537

Global Talent (subclass 858) visas granted in FY2020-21 by the top 5 countries of citizenship.	
Citizenship Country	Granted
India	701
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	662
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	642
Iran	577
Bangladesh	478

Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional; subclass 188) visas lodged for visa streams Business Innovation, Investor and Significant Investor in FY 2020-21 by the top 5 countries of citizenship.		
Visa Stream	Citizenship Country	Lodged
Business Innovation	China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	2,354
	Iran	1,988
	Vietnam	478
	Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	418
	India	387
Investor	Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	1,089
	China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	1,054
	Vietnam	401
	South Africa	108
	Taiwan	84
Significant Investor	China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	569
	Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	293
	South Africa	51
	United States of America	50
	Vietnam	32

Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional; subclass 188) visas granted for visa streams Business Innovation, Investor and Significant Investor in FY 2020-21 by the top 5 countries of citizenship.		
Visa Stream	Citizenship Country	Granted
Business Innovation	China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	2,888
	Iran	958
	Vietnam	688
	Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	600
	South Africa	221
Investor	Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	772
	China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	430
	Vietnam	103
	South Africa	53
	Malaysia	22
Significant Investor	China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	786
	Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	321
	South Africa	44
	United States of America	22
	Macau (SAR of the PRC)	21

Question A (FY 2021-22, up till the 31 July 2021)

Global Talent (subclass 858) visas lodged in FY 2021-22 (till 31 July 2021) by the top 5 countries of citizenship.	
Citizenship Country	Lodged
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	109
India	72
United Kingdom	68
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	61
Iran	42

Global Talent (subclass 858) visas granted in FY 2021-22 (till 31 July 2021) by the top 5 countries of citizenship.	
Citizenship Country	Granted
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	167
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	130
India	98
Iran	61
United States of America	52

Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional; subclass 188) visas lodged for visa streams Business Innovation, Investor and Significant Investor in FY 2021-22 (till 31 July 2021) by the top 5 countries of citizenship.		
Visa Stream	Citizenship Country	Lodged
Business Innovation	Iran	151
	India	151
	China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	103
	Vietnam	52
	Bangladesh	42
Investor	China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	51
	Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	50
	Vietnam	15
	South Africa	8
	Pakistan	6
Significant Investor	China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	35
	Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	18
	Thailand	< 5
	Sudan	< 5
	Macau (SAR of the PRC)	< 5

Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional; subclass 188) visas granted for visa streams Business Innovation, Investor and Significant Investor in FY 2021-22 (till 31 July 2021) by the top 5 countries of citizenship.		
Visa Stream	Citizenship Country	Granted
Business Innovation	China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	228
	Iran	115
	Vietnam	28
	South Africa	15
	Sri Lanka	11
Investor	Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	181
	China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	28
	Vietnam	24
	South Africa	13
	Korea, South	11
Significant Investor	China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	48
	Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	21
	South Africa	9
	United Kingdom	9
	Canada	< 5

Question B

Global Talent (subclass 858) visas lodged and granted where citizenship country is Hong Kong by financial year.			
Visa status	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (till 31 July 2021)
Lodged	6	1,081	109
Granted	< 5	642	167

Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional; subclass 188) visas lodged for visa streams Business Innovation, Investor and Significant Investor where citizenship country is Hong Kong by financial year.			
Visa Stream	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (till 31 July 2021)
Business Innovation	523	418	12
Investor	1,141	1,089	50
Significant Investor	290	293	18

Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional; subclass 188) visas granted for visa streams Business Innovation, Investor and Significant Investor where citizenship country is Hong Kong by financial year.			
Visa Stream	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (till 31 July 2021)
Business Innovation	49	600	10
Investor	35	772	181
Significant Investor	49	321	21

Caveat:

- 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.