



# Freedom of Information Request

## FA 21/08/00861

### Question:

- 1) The number of applications lodged for an Inwards Travel Exemption for Critical Skills in the financial year 2020-2021 (1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021)
- 2) The number of applications granted for an Inwards Travel Exemption for Critical Skills in the financial year 2020-2021 (1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021)
- 3) The number of applications lodged for an Inwards Travel Exemption for Critical Skills in the financial year 2020-2021 (1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021) per Critical Sector
- 4) The number of applications granted for an Inwards Travel Exemption for Critical Skills in the financial year 2020-2021 (1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021) per Critical Sector

### Answer:

- 1) Between 1 August 2020<sup>1</sup> and 30 June 2021, 65,730 requests<sup>2</sup> for an inwards travel exemption were received for Enquiry Type 'Critical Skills'.
- 2) Between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, 29,458 requests for an inwards travel exemption were approved under the Discretionary Category 'Critical Skills'.

<sup>1</sup> Processing of travel exemption requests moved to the Travel Exemptions Portal on 1 August 2020. Travel exemption data for received requests cannot be disaggregated by enquiry type prior to this date

<sup>2</sup> An individual may submit more than one request

3) Table 1: Inwards travel exemption requests received between 1 January 2021<sup>3</sup> and 30 June 2021 for Enquiry Type 'Critical Skills', by Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) code.

ANZSIC Code	Requests received
Q - Health care and social assistance	7,481
M - Professional, scientific and technical services	6,150
C - Manufacturing	3,302
E - Construction	2,748
S - Other services	2,213
B - Mining	2,078
J - Information media and telecommunications	1,735
A - Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,641
P - Education and training	1,289
H - Accommodation and food services	1,273
I - Transport, postal and warehousing	1,263
K - Financial and insurance services	1,119
R - Arts and recreation services	1,004
D - Electricity, gas, water and waste services	946
G - Retail trade	847
F - Wholesale trade	308
N - Administrative and support services	201
O - Public administration and safety	192
L - Rental, hiring and real estate services	71
Not recorded	543
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35,861</b>

<sup>3</sup> The Travel Exemptions portal commenced capturing ANZSIC codes from January 2021

4) Table 1: Inwards travel exemption requests approved<sup>4</sup> between 1 January 2021 and 30 June 2021 under the Discretionary Category 'Critical Skills', by Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) code.

ANZSIC Code	Requests approved
Q - Health care and social assistance	2,822
M - Professional, scientific and technical services	2,420
C - Manufacturing	1,451
B - Mining	1,251
E - Construction	1,211
S - Other services	938
R - Arts and recreation services	800
A - Agriculture, forestry and fishing	680
I - Transport, postal and warehousing	533
J - Information media and telecommunications	476
D - Electricity, gas, water and waste services	456
K - Financial and insurance services	339
P - Education and training	292
G - Retail trade	154
F - Wholesale trade	112
H - Accommodation and food services	90
O - Public administration and safety	67
N - Administrative and support services	22
L - Rental, hiring and real estate services	16
Not recorded	297
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,427</b>

<sup>4</sup> 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.