



## Freedom of Information Request FA 21/08/01035

### Request:

Please confirm the average processing time by programme year since 2012 for Offshore Partner Visa applications lodged by the citizens of the following countries:

Afghanistan  
India  
Pakistan  
United Kingdom  
United States

### Response:

**Offshore - Prospective Marriage (Subclass 300) and Partner (Subclass 309) visa applications - Processing times since 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2021 – Afghanistan, India, Pakistan, United Kingdom and the United States**

Financial Year	2012-13		2013-14	
Citizenship Country	75th Percentile	90th Percentile	75th Percentile	90th Percentile
Afghanistan	16 Months	23 Months	21 Months	32 Months
India	7 Months	9 Months	8 Months	10 Months
Pakistan	12 Months	17 Months	10 Months	17 Months
United Kingdom	7 Months	8 Months	9 Months	10 Months
United States of America	7 Months	9 Months	9 Months	12 Months

Financial Year	2014-15		2015-16	
Citizenship Country	75th Percentile	90th Percentile	75th Percentile	90th Percentile
Afghanistan	20 Months	26 Months	17 Months	31 Months
India	11 Months	13 Months	12 Months	14 Months
Pakistan	11 Months	15 Months	11 Months	15 Months
United Kingdom	9 Months	10 Months	10 Months	12 Months
United States of America	9 Months	11 Months	9 Months	12 Months

Financial Year	2016-17		2017-18	
Citizenship Country	75th Percentile	90th Percentile	75th Percentile	90th Percentile
Afghanistan	15 Months	30 Months	17 Months	53 Months
India	11 Months	14 Months	9 Months	14 Months
Pakistan	14 Months	21 Months	13 Months	16 Months
United Kingdom	7 Months	10 Months	7 Months	9 Months
United States of America	10 Months	16 Months	14 Months	16 Months

Financial Year	2018-19		2019-20	
Citizenship Country	75th Percentile	90th Percentile	75th Percentile	90th Percentile
Afghanistan	21 Months	42 Months	20 Months	31 Months
India	11 Months	17 Months	15 Months	18 Months
Pakistan	13 Months	17 Months	14 Months	18 Months
United Kingdom	9 Months	11 Months	11 Months	12 Months
United States of America	17 Months	19 Months	14 Months	18 Months

Financial Year	2020-21	
Citizenship Country	75th Percentile	90th Percentile
Afghanistan	36 Months	60 Months
India	20 Months	23 Months
Pakistan	14 Months	19 Months
United Kingdom	13 Months	18 Months
United States of America	12 Months	17 Months

### Caveats:

1. A percentile is a measure used in statistics indicating the value below which a given percentage of observations in a group of observations falls.
2. Partner visa applications involve a two stage process, and the two applications must be lodged together. That is, the offshore Partner (Provisional) (subclass 309) visa is lodged with the Partner (Migrant) (subclass 100) visa; and the onshore Partner (Temporary) (subclass 820) visa is lodged with the Partner (Residence) (subclass 801) visa. The two applications are counted separately, and in the majority of cases decided at different times.
3. A Prospective Marriage (Subclass 300) visa holder is permitted to enter Australia with their spouse and apply for a Partner (Subclass 820/810) visa.
4. Processing times are calculated where the **Client location is offshore for first stage partner only** (Subclass 300, 309) by the **nationalities requested**.