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FOI Request - FA 21/09/00461

Request:

1. *From 2020-09-01 to 2021-08-31: The monthly number of applications received (1. from Hong Kong citizens; 2. from mainland China excl. SARs; and 3. from all over the world) for each subclass of Visa on the Priority Migration Skilled Occupation List (subclass 482, subclass 494, subclass 186 and subclass 187).*
2. *From 2020-09-01 to 2021-08-31: The monthly number of applications processed (1. from Hong Kong citizens; 2. from mainland China excl. SARs; and 3. from all over the world) for each subclass of Visa on the Priority Migration Skilled Occupation List (subclass 482, subclass 494, subclass 186 and subclass 187).*
3. *From 2020-09-01 to 2021-08-31: The average number of processing days for the application (1. from Hong Kong citizens; 2. from mainland China excl. SARs; and 3. from all over the world) for each subclass of Visa on the PMSOL (subclass 482, subclass 494, subclass 186 and subclass 187).*
4. *From 2020-09-01 to 2021-08-31: The average number of processing days for the application (1. from Hong Kong citizens; 2. from mainland China excl. Hong Kong; and 3. from all over the world) for ALL Visas on the PMSOL (subclass 482, subclass 494, subclass 186 and subclass 187).*

Response:

1. Please see tables one, two, three and four below.
2. Please see tables five, six, seven, and eight below.
3. The specific data requested is not available in existing reports. The Department does average processing times. The Department's website publishes processing times for 90th percentiles for most visa subclasses, including the ENS (subclass 186) visa proce
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Global visa processing times can be located at:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visapro>

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Table 1: Employer Nominated Scheme (subclass 186) visa applications received

Month	China	Hong Kong	All Countries
September 2020	9	<5	380
October 2020	15	<5	313
November 2020	14	Nil	309
December 2020	17	Nil	379
January 2021	11	<5	300
February 2021	19	<5	408
March 2021	17	<5	469
April 2021	19	<5	467
May 2021	26	<5	491
June 2021	31	<5	615
July 2021	24	<5	494
August 2021	25	6	672

Table 2: Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (subclass 187) visa applications received

Month	China	Hong Kong	All Countries
September 2020	Nil	Nil	9
October 2020	Nil	Nil	<5
November 2020	Nil	Nil	7
December 2020	Nil	Nil	5
January 2021	Nil	Nil	5
February 2021	Nil	Nil	5
March 2021	Nil	<5	7
April 2021	Nil	Nil	<5
May 2021	<5	Nil	5
June 2021	Nil	Nil	6
July 2021	Nil	Nil	6
August 2021	Nil	Nil	5

Table 3: Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (subclass 494) visa applications received

Month	China	Hong Kong	All Countries
September 2020	Nil	Nil	<5
October 2020	Nil	Nil	5
November 2020	Nil	Nil	<5
December 2020	Nil	Nil	<5
January 2021	Nil	Nil	12
February 2021	Nil	Nil	<5
March 2021	Nil	<5	11
April 2021	Nil	Nil	6
May 2021	<5	Nil	5
June 2021	Nil	Nil	7
July 2021	Nil	Nil	6
August 2021	Nil	Nil	<5

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Table 4: Temporary Skill Shortage (subclass 482) visa applications received

Month	China	Hong Kong	All Countries
September 2020	36	<5	777
October 2020	22	<5	588
November 2020	20	<5	634
December 2020	37	8	825
January 2021	26	<5	693
February 2021	30	6	814
March 2021	85	6	989
April 2021	46	<5	773
May 2021	43	6	886
June 2021	34	7	1080
July 2021	28	6	1075
August 2021	60	7	1103

Table 5: Employer Nominated Scheme (subclass 186) visa applications finalised

Month	China	Hong Kong	All Countries
September 2020	18	Nil	246
October 2020	23	<5	331
November 2020	15	<5	355
December 2020	17	<5	327
January 2021	15	Nil	342
February 2021	14	<5	283
March 2021	18	<5	426
April 2021	19	<5	436
May 2021	18	Nil	536
June 2021	21	<5	523
July 2021	36	<5	528
August 2021	22	<5	421

Table 6: Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (subclass 187) visa applications finalised

Month	China	Hong Kong	All Countries
September 2020	<5	Nil	7
October 2020	<5	Nil	7
November 2020	Nil	Nil	5
December 2020	<5	Nil	7
January 2021	Nil	Nil	11
February 2021	<5	Nil	5
March 2021	Nil	Nil	9
April 2021	Nil	Nil	<5
May 2021	<5	Nil	7
June 2021	Nil	Nil	7
July 2021	<5	Nil	13
August 2021	<5	Nil	10

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Table 7: Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (subclass 494) visa applications finalised

Month	China	Hong Kong	All Countries
September 2020	Nil	Nil	<5
October 2020	Nil	Nil	<5
November 2020	Nil	Nil	9
December 2020	Nil	Nil	7
January 2021	Nil	Nil	<5
February 2021	Nil	Nil	<5
March 2021	Nil	Nil	10
April 2021	Nil	Nil	5
May 2021	Nil	Nil	6
June 2021	<5	Nil	10
July 2021	Nil	Nil	9
August 2021	Nil	Nil	7

Table 8: Temporary Skill Shortage (subclass 482) visa applications finalised:

Month	China	Hong Kong	All Countries
September 2020	61	5	1333
October 2020	21	6	927
November 2020	18	<5	823
December 2020	10	10	901
January 2021	19	6	800
February 2021	18	8	756
March 2021	26	5	1062
April 2021	25	0	847
May 2021	28	<5	862
June 2021	12	<5	855
July 2021	25	7	1319
August 2021	6	6	1107

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