



Freedom of Information Request FA 21/09/00615

1. a) The total number of Prospective Marriage visas (PMV) granted from 1 March 2020 to 31 August 2021.

Prospective Marriage (subclass 300) visa applications granted 1 March 2020 to 31 August 2021

Visa Subclass	Activity Month	Total
300 Prospective Marriage	31/03/2020	177
	31/05/2020	<5
	30/06/2020	5
	31/07/2020	<5
	31/08/2020	7
	30/09/2020	13
	31/10/2020	26
	30/11/2020	28
	31/12/2020	26
	31/01/2021	12
	28/02/2021	22
	31/03/2021	388
	30/04/2021	583
	31/05/2021	512
	30/06/2021	417
	31/07/2021	240
31/08/2021	259	
300 Prospective Marriage Total		2,722
Grand Total		2,722

As data is drawn from a dynamic system environment, the information is correct at the time of clearance and figures may differ slightly from previous or future reporting.

1. b) The number of PMVs granted from 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021.

Prospective Marriage (subclass 300) visa applications granted 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021

Visa Subclass	Activity Month	Total
300 Prospective Marriage	30/09/2020	13
	31/10/2020	26
	30/11/2020	28
	31/12/2020	26
	31/01/2021	12
	28/02/2021	22
	31/03/2021	388
	30/04/2021	583
	31/05/2021	512
	30/06/2021	417
	31/07/2021	240
31/08/2021	259	
300 Prospective Marriage Total		2,526
Grand Total		2,526

As data is drawn from a dynamic system environment, the information is correct at the time of clearance and figures may differ slightly from previous or future reporting.

1. c) The number of exemption requests approved for Prospective Marriage (subclass 300) visa holders since the Department of Home Affairs deemed PMV holders eligible to travel to Australia on 18 August 2021.

Between 18 August and 13 September 2021, 1,168 requests* for a travel exemption were approved** where the person declared they had applied for or held a Prospective Marriage (subclass 300) visa***.

Of these:

- 1,156 exemptions were approved by a decision maker on the grounds of having lodged a subclass 300 visa at least 12 months before submitting their travel exemption request, or other compassionate & compelling grounds
- 12 requests were either found to be immediate family members of an Australian citizen or permanent resident, or approved on other compassionate grounds.

Notes

*i. * An individual may submit more than one request*

*ii. ** Excludes otherwise finalised (withdrawn requests, or requests that did not contain sufficient information for referral to a decision maker)*

*iii. *** Based on client declarations. It is not possible to accurately disaggregate visa holders from visa applicants in travel exemption data.*

iv. The Department's current policy is to mask numbers which are less than five as <5, noting that we are reviewing the confidentiality method for the future.