

Freedom of Information Request FA 21-10-00187

Questions:

1. Processing time for 491 visa (from lodging of visa to visa grant) whereby the sponsoring state is Tasmania for occupation code 2544, and where client is outside of Australia, for the year 2021.
2. Number of 491 visa applications on hand and those granted, from May 2021 to Oct 2021, whereby the sponsoring state is Tasmania for occupation code 2544, and where client is outside of Australia

Response:

Question 1

75th and 90th percentile processing times (in months) for visa subclass 491 Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) offshore applications with a decision made from 1st January 2021 to 31st October 2021 by month.											
Visa subclass	Percentile	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21
491 Skilled Work Regional (Provisional)	75th	10 months	10 months	12 months	N/a	N/a	14 months	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
	90th	11 months	11 months	13 months	N/a	N/a	16 months	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a

Question 2

491 Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa applications granted with a government sponsor state of Tasmania and occupation code is 2544 Registered Nurses for offshore applicants from 1st May 2021 to 30th September 2021 by month.			
Visa subclass	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21
491 Skilled Work Regional (Provisional)	<5	<5	<5

491 Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa applications on hand with a government sponsor state of Tasmania and occupation code is 2544 Registered Nurses for offshore applicants from 1st May 2021 to 30th September 2021 by month.					
Visa subclass	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21
491 Skilled Work Regional (Provisional)	106	106	103	103	103

Caveats:

- It is the responsibility of the area providing Department of Home Affairs information to external stakeholders to ensure that the disclosure is in accordance with the ABF Act, Australian Privacy Principles or other relevant legislation.
- 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.

Notes:

- Note 1: The Department reports visa processing times in percentiles - 75th and 90th percentiles are provided in the response.
- Note 2: Processing times are not available (N/a) for reporting when there are less than 30 decisions made in that reporting period, in this case 'N/a' is provided in the response.
- Note 3: Processing times are not available to be broken down by sponsoring state or occupation code. Processing times for all 491 Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa applications for offshore applicants are provided in this response.
- Note 4: The latest relevant grant and on hand data for subclass 491 is available to 30/09/2021.
- Note 5: Months that contained no visa application grant information have been excluded from this response.