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The average processing time for offshore Skilled Work Regional - Provisional (subclass 491) and Skilled - Nominated (subclass 190) visa applications between 1 September 2020 to 1 September 2021.

**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.

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021 (internal documents).

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.

**Response:**

75th and 90th percentile processing times in months for Skilled - Nominated (subclass 190) visa offshore applications with a decision made from 1 September 2020 to 30 September 2021 by month		Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21
Visa subclass	Percentile													
190 Skilled - Nominated	75th	13 months	N/a	18 months	N/a	N/a	14 months	15 months	16 months	17 months	22 months	N/a	N/a	N/a
	90th	14 months	N/a	23 months	N/a	N/a	16 months	19 months	17 months	19 months	25 months	N/a	N/a	N/a

75th and 90th percentile processing times in months for Skilled Work Regional - Provisional (subclass 491) offshore applications with a decision made from 1 September 2020 to 30 September 2021 by month		Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21
Visa subclass	Percentile													
491 Skilled Work Regional (Provisional)	75th	N/a	8 months	9 months	9 months	10 months	10 months	12 months	N/a	N/a	14 months	N/a	N/a	N/a
	90th	N/a	8 months	9 months	9 months	11 months	11 months	13 months	N/a	N/a	16 months	N/a	N/a	N/a