

Freedom of Information Request FA 21-10-00982

Questions:

Please provide for each subclasses: 124, 858, 189, 190, 489, 491, 887

1. Number of pending visas applications at 01/07/2020
2. Number of visas applications lodged between 01/07/2020 and 30/06/2021
3. Number of visas applications Granted between 01/07/2020 and 30/06/2021
4. Number of visas applications Refused between 01/07/2020 and 30/06/2021
5. Number of visas applications Withdrawn between 01/07/2020 and 30/06/2021
6. Average processing time for visas applications decided between 01/07/2020 and 30/06/2021

Response:

Question 1

Visa applications on hand at 30th June 2020 for visa subclasses 124, 189, 190, 489, 491, 858 and 887.	
Visa Subclass	30/06/2020
124 Distinguished Talent	609
189 Skilled - Independent	11,215
190 Skilled - Nominated	13,095
489 Skilled - Regional (Provisional)	5,580
491 Skilled Work Regional (Provisional)	6,606
858 Global Talent	1,245
887 Skilled - Regional	7,537

Question 2

Visa applications lodged for visa subclasses 124, 189, 190, 489, 491, 858 and 887 between 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021												
Visa Subclass	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21
124 Distinguished Talent	183	284	350	421	221							
189 Skilled - Independent	1,070	1,192	993	822	598	518	471	475	542	514	642	692
190 Skilled - Nominated	1,103	255	505	1,248	923	662	614	771	1,464	1,617	2,645	4,097
489 Skilled - Regional (Provisional)	33	33	38	33	32	25	27	37	25	18	20	24
491 Skilled Work Regional (Provisional)	2,456	1,108	426	870	708	590	589	983	1,476	1,571	2,194	3,048
858 Global Talent	424	384	326	241	524	817	536	823	1,022	953	1,040	1,163
887 Skilled - Regional	710	672	766	707	681	674	701	683	992	959	828	787

Question 3

Visa applications granted for visa subclasses 124, 189, 190, 489, 491, 858 and 887 between 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021												
Visa Subclass	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21
124 Distinguished Talent	179	188	208	300	363	204	151	48	45	35	26	13
189 Skilled - Independent	523	506	685	290	363	206	126	370	1,016	1,059	1,311	828
190 Skilled - Nominated	582	265	478	549	1,093	1,021	721	901	2,052	1,618	2,755	2,419
489 Skilled - Regional (Provisional)	82	90	82	259	84	111	248	61	125	263	195	91
491 Skilled Work Regional (Provisional)	410	423	329	1,145	969	802	623	709	1,137	570	829	984
887 Skilled - Regional	1,759	1,832	1,485	698	149	158	290	19	283	30	7	11
858 Global Talent	597	445	285	305	316	290	515	436	861	826	897	875

Question 4

Visa applications refused for visa subclasses 124, 189, 190, 489, 491, 858 and 887 between 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021												
Visa Subclass	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21
124 Distinguished Talent		9	7								<5	<5
189 Skilled - Independent	65	43	21	8	13	6	15	<5	<5	<5	11	16
190 Skilled - Nominated	19	22	30	16	31	10	7	17	<5	<5	<5	10
489 Skilled - Regional (Provisional)	28	10	19	20	12	7	9	17	<5	<5		<5
491 Skilled Work Regional (Provisional)	14	8	12	11	11	24	12	26	<5		<5	
887 Skilled - Regional	51	47	31	29	10	8		8		<5		
858 Global Talent	8	7	<5	8	<5		<5	<5				8

Question 5

Visa applications withdrawn for visa subclasses 124, 189, 190, 489, 491, 858 and 887 between 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021												
Visa Subclass	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21
124 Distinguished Talent				<5	<5	6	5		<5	<5	<5	
189 Skilled - Independent	11	15	24	32	24	15	<5	7	13	29	31	22
190 Skilled - Nominated	20	<5	11	13	11	<5	9	8	12	21	13	20
489 Skilled - Regional (Provisional)	8	17	<5	14	8	15	5	<5	5	21	6	<5
491 Skilled Work Regional (Provisional)	15	7	18	9	19	9	<5	6	13	6	14	21
887 Skilled - Regional	25	19	24	23	13	14	8	5	19	<5	<5	<5
858 Global Talent	18	<5	5	<5	<5	5	<5	<5	9	<5	<5	<5

Question 6

Visa processing times (in days) for subclasses 124, 189, 190, 489, 491, 858 and 887 between 1st July 2020 and 30th June 2021 by month.		Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21
Visa Subclass	Processing Time												
124 Distinguished Talent	75th Percentile	86	89	63	59	78	74	96	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	90th Percentile	115	171	119	89	261	135	160	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
189 Skilled - Independent	75th Percentile	352	358	317	304	471	446	778	404	405	456	441	476
	90th Percentile	511	609	576	696	757	733	933	496	524	719	663	790
190 Skilled - Nominated	75th Percentile	144	191	281	308	309	302	197	288	361	392	413	356
	90th Percentile	236	288	356	386	401	358	301	433	438	477	517	540
489 Skilled - Regional (Provisional)	75th Percentile	576	N/A	N/A	454	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	658	698	676
	90th Percentile	745	N/A	N/A	577	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	765	858	824
491 Skilled Work Regional (Provisional)	75th Percentile	64	64	72	195	172	179	238	293	311	250	345	317
	90th Percentile	99	108	118	235	260	274	304	329	366	375	414	394
887 Skilled - Regional	75th Percentile	496	354	300	325	685	594	652	N/A	467	N/A	N/A	N/A
	90th Percentile	604	534	457	513	743	799	778	N/A	707	N/A	N/A	N/A
858 Global Talent	75th Percentile	53	76	74	94	88	58	59	73	64	65	67	64
	90th Percentile	91	114	149	144	135	122	95	100	87	99	95	104

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: On hand visa applications are reported by end-of-month figures. The number of on hand visa applications are reported at 30/06/2020 in this response as the closest date with data available.

Note: Distinguished Talent (subclass 124) visas were closed to new primary applicants from 14/11/2020.

Note: Skilled - Regional (Provisional; subclass 489) visas were closed to new primary applicants on 15/11/2019 - any lodgements after this date would be from the extended stay pathway and/or the subsequent entry pathway

Note: Skilled - Regional (Provisional; subclass 489) visas are not available to be categorised by pathway, responses include all pathways within the subclass.

Note: The Department reports visa processing times in percentiles - 75th and 90th percentiles are provided in the response

Note: 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.