



# Freedom of Information Request

## FA21/11/00152

**Request:**

- 4.Total number of travel exemptions granted to primary 457/482 visa applicants and holders [both onshore and offshore]: From 1 July to 31 October 2021; in FY2021; in FY2020; in FY2019.
- 5.Total number of travel exemptions granted to primary 457/482 visa applicants and holders [offshore only]: From 1 July to 31 October 2021; in FY2021; in FY2020; in FY2019.

**Answer:**

Travel exemption requests approved <sup>1</sup> where the person declared they had applied for or held a subclass 457 Temporary Work (Skilled) or 482 Temporary Skill Shortage visa <sup>2</sup> .		
Period	Total approvals (all locations) <sup>3</sup>	Total approvals (offshore only)
1 August 2020 <sup>4</sup> – 30 June 2021	11,497	10,698
1 July – 31 October 2021	7,063	6,577

<sup>1</sup> Excludes persons found to meet an already exempt category, requests that did not contain sufficient information for consideration by a decision maker, withdrawn and refused requests.

<sup>2</sup> Based on client declarations. It is not possible to disaggregate the primary visa holder/applicant from dependant visa holders/applicants in travel exemption data. It is not a requirement for a primary visa holder/applicant to travel with dependant visa holder/applicants.

<sup>3</sup> Based on client declaration of their location. 'Offshore only' excludes individual who stated their current location as Australia.

<sup>4</sup> Travel exemption data cannot be disaggregated by visa subclass prior to 1 August 2020, when processing of travel exemption requests moved to the Travel Exemption Portal. Prior to 3 December 2020 visa information was only collected for the main traveller in a request.