

Freedom of Information Request FA 21/11/00277

1. The number of onhand Skilled - Regional (Provisional; subclass 489) visa applications, based on state and territory, as of 31 October 2021.
2. The number of onhand Skilled - Regional (Provisional; subclass 489) visa applications for onshore and offshore applicants as of 31 October 2021.
3. The number of onhand Skilled - Regional (Provisional; subclass 489) visa applications from primary, and secondary applicants as of 31 October 2021.
4. Minimum and maximum processing times by calendar days for Skilled - Regional (Provisional; subclass 489) visa applications, processed in the month of October 2021.

Notes:

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

Not specified values for intended residence represent applications where the applicant has not declared their intended residence at the time of lodging their application.

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

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

2021-22 figures are subject to variation. The data is sourced from our global departmental systems. There can be delays in transmission of information, therefore data for current program year should always be considered provisional.

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

Response:

Question 1

Skilled - Regional (Provisional; subclass 489) visas onhand by intended residence state/territory as at 31 October 2021	
Intended Residence	Onhand
New South Wales	582
Northern Territory	125
Queensland	164
South Australia	2,934
Tasmania	284
Victoria	122
Western Australia	11
Not Specified	<5

Question 2

Skilled - Regional (Provisional; subclass 489) visas onhand by client location as at 31 October 2021	
Client Location	Onhand
In Australia	363
Outside Australia	3,860

Question 3

Skilled - Regional (Provisional; subclass 489) visas onhand by applicant type as at 31 October 2021	
Applicant type	Onhand
Primary applicant	1,582
Secondary applicant	2,641

Question 4

Processing times for Skilled - Regional (Provisional; subclass 489) visa applications in October 2021 are not available for reporting as there were fewer than 30 primary applicant decisions made in that period.

Information on processing times effective to 31 October 2021 for Skilled - Regional (Provisional; subclass 489) visa are available on the Department of Home Affairs webpage at: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-regional-provisional-489>

Please note that the Department only reports 75th and 90th percentile processing times.