

## Freedom of Information Request FA 21/11/01225

### Request

1. The top 10 countries of birth (with figures) for subclass 444 Special Category visa holders in Australia (i.e. onshore) at 30 June 2021.
2. The top 10 countries of citizenship (with figures) for subclass 189 (New Zealand stream) visas (primary applicants) granted between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2021.
3. The top 10 countries of citizenship (with figures) for subclass 189 (New Zealand stream) visas (primary applicants) granted in financial year 2020-21.

### Response

#### Question 1

Top 10 Birth Countries recorded for holders of the Special Category visa (subclass 444) visa who were in Australia as at 30 June 2021

Visa Category	Birth Country	30/06/2021
Special Category	New Zealand	228,061
	Australia	12,883
	Samoa	8,521
	England	8,047
	Cook Islands	3,911
	South Africa	3,008
	India	2,357
	Fiji	2,257
	China, Peoples Republic of	2,036
	Philippines	1,484

#### Question 2

Number of Skilled - Independent (subclass 189) (New Zealand Pathway) visas granted between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2021 by top 10 Country of Citizenship

Visa Subclass	Visa Group	Citizenship Country	Total
189 Skilled - Independent	New Zealand Pathway	New Zealand	8,321
		United Kingdom	11
		South Africa	5
		India	5
		Iraq	<5
		Vietnam	<5
		Ireland, Republic of	<5
		Pakistan	<5
		Ethiopia	<5
		Philippines	<5

#### Question 3

Number of Skilled - Independent (subclass 189) (New Zealand Pathway) visas granted between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021 by top 10 Country of Citizenship

Visa Subclass	Visa Group	Citizenship Country	Total
189 Skilled - Independent	New Zealand Pathway	New Zealand	1,471
		United Kingdom	<5
		Ethiopia	<5
		India	<5
		Vietnam	<5
		Iran	<5
		Ireland, Republic of	<5

Data is only available for 7 countries of citizenship - Q3

#### 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: - Q2-3

Note 1: Data includes primary applicants only

Note 2: Data is not available on country of birth. Country of citizenship is used instead as agreed by FOI.