



Data Access Request - DA25/04/00156

Processing times for SID sponsorship and nomination applications

The March 2025 median processing times for subclass 482 Skills in Demand (including legacy Temporary Skilled Shortage) sponsorship and nomination applications, was 41 days for sponsorship applications and 31 days for nominations applications.

Skills in Demand (SID) (subclass 482) Activity: Finalised Visa Nominations & Visa Applications Activity Period: 7 December 2024 to 4 April* 2025 Count of all applicants

Nominations	Outcome	Totals
Temporary Resident (Skilled Employment)	Approved	22,125
	Refused	1,233
		23,358
Visa Applications	Outcome	Totals
Temporary Resident (Skilled Employment)	Granted	17,391
	Refused	129
		17,520

See Note 2

Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS) (subclass 186) Nomination Outcomes - Approvals and Refusals Visa Application Outcomes: Grants and Refusals Activity Period: 01 July 2023 to 31 March 2025

Nominations	Outcome	
186 Employer Nomination Scheme	Approved	27,769
	Refused	580
Visa Applications	Outcome	
186 Employer Nomination Scheme	Granted	71,325
	Refused	988

Subclass 858 visa grants and refusals from 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2025

Visa subclass	Granted	Refused
Subclass 858	9,438	185

See Notes 3, 4 and 5

Total number of National Innovation Visa Expressions of Interest received as at 10 April 2025: 5,195

Breakdown by Priority Sector	Total
Critical technologies	972
Renewables and low emission technologies	424
Health Industries	709
Agri-food and AgTech	288
Defence Capabilities and Space	51
Education	441
Financial Services and FinTech	490
Infrastructure and Transport	359
Resources	148
Sport	131
The arts	111
Other (specify)	1,071

See Notes 3 and 4

Total number of invitations to apply for a National Innovation Visa issued as at 10 April 2025: 72

Breakdown by Priority Sector	Total
Critical technologies	23
Renewables and low emission technologies	9
Health Industries	23
Agri-food and AgTech	8
Defence Capabilities and Space	<5
Infrastructure and Transport	<5
Sport	5
The arts	<5

See Notes 3 and 4

Notes:

1. Source: Department of Home Affairs
2. Monthly reporting to 4 April 2025 is the closest available data date aligning with this request
3. Source: EOI data from launch of National Innovation program to date
4. As data is drawn from a dynamic environment, the information is correct at the time of publication and figures may differ slightly from previous or future reporting.
5. Includes both primary and secondary applicants

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