



Freedom of Information Request FA 25/05/01800

Skilled Regional Visa (subclass 887) and Permanent Residence (Skilled Regional Visa, subclass 191) applicant numbers, including year of lodgment and global processing times from 2022 until 2025.

1. Total number of visa applicants for the Skilled Regional Visa (subclass 887) awaiting processing by year of lodgement.

Total number of subclass 887 visa applications onhand as at 31/05/2025 by lodgement year										
Visa Subclass	Lodgement Year									Total Onhand as a 31/05/2025
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
887 Skilled - Regional	6	17	5	15	24	24	66	1,185	1,014	2,356

Note:

- Onhand data is reported as an end of month snapshot, the snapshot for the latest month requested has been provided in this response.
- Not all onhand applications will be granted; the granting of an application is subject to meeting relevant requirements'

2. Total number of visa applicants for the Skilled Regional Visa (subclass 887) granted in last 3 years

Total number of subclass 887 visa application grants between 2022-23 and 2024-25 (up to 31/05/2025) by lodgement year													
Visa Subclass	Program Year of Grant	Lodgement Year											Total
		2014	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
887 Skilled - Regional	2022-23	-	<5	<25	26	49	2,985	10,408	5,799	361	-	-	19,655
	2023-24	<5	-	<20	65	37	107	393	440	1,080	176	-	2,320
	2024-25 (up to 31/05/2025)	-	-	<5	<10	20	5	11	17	232	1,192	46	1,533

Processing times for subclass 887 between 2022-23 and 2024-25 (up to 31/05/2025)				
Visa Subclass	Program Year	50th Percentile (Median)	75th Percentile	90th Percentile
887 Skilled - Regional	2022-23	17 Months	23 Months	27 Months
	2023-24	6 Months	19 Months	27 Months
	2024-25 (up to 31/05/2025)	8 Months	11 Months	12 Months

3. Total number of visa applicants for the Permanent Residence (Skilled Regional)(subclass 191) awaiting processing

Total number of subclass 191 visa applications onhand as at 31/05/2025 by lodgement year					
Visa Subclass	Lodgement Year				Total Onhand as at 31/05/2025
	2022	2023	2024	2025	
191 Permanent Residence (Skilled Regional)	<5	5	8,443	6,429	14,876

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4. Total number of visa applicants for the Permanent Residence (Skilled Regional)(subclass 191) granted in last 3 years

Total number of subclass 191 visa application grants between 2022-23 and 2024-25 (up to 31/05/2025) by lodgement year						
Visa Subclass	Program Year of Grant	Lodgement Year				Total
		2022	2023	2024	2025	
191 Permanent Residence (Skilled Regional)	2022-23	195	38	-	-	233
	2023-24	22	5,898	104	-	6,024
	2024-25 (up to 31/05/2025)	-	158	4,175	476	4,809

Processing times for subclass 191 between 2022-23 and 2024-25 (up to 31/05/2025)				
Visa Subclass	Program Year	50th Percentile (Median)	75th Percentile	90th Percentile
191 Permanent Residence (Skilled Regional)	2022-23	77 Days	3 Months	4 Months
	2023-24	57 Days	3 Months	4 Months
	2024-25 (up to 31/05/2025)	7 Months	10 Months	12 Months

1. Source: Department of Home Affairs

Caveats:

- This information is provided for the specific purpose of this request.
- It is the responsibility of the area providing the 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.
- Current program year 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

Notes:

- Includes both primary and secondary applicants.
- Data provided is the most up-to-date available.