



Freedom of Information Request – FA 25/12/01008

Number of Bridging E visa grants with condition 8566 imposed from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2025	
Calendar year	Grants
2020	5,181
2021	4,787
2022	4,706
2023	6,277
2024	6,246
2025	6,454
Total	33,651

Total number of visa cancellations under s 116(1)(b) of the *Migration Act 1958* for Bridging Visa E holders who had condition 8655 imposed at the time of cancellation from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2025

There have been no visa cancellations of Bridging visa E (BVE) holders in the reporting period using s116(1)(b) of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act) for breach of condition 8566. Where a BVE holder's behaviour both breaches the Code of Behaviour (the Code) and enlivens other visa cancellation powers, the general practice has been to consider the person's case under the other relevant powers.

The Code itself was not relied on to cancel any subclass 050 BVEs between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2025, noting that the Code was introduced to provide a messaging tool about the importance of adherence to Australian laws, and is supplemented by the Character Framework within the Act, which provides the power to cancel a visa in relation to a person's conduct in a range of circumstances.

In this context, the BVE of persons who have signed the Code are considered for visa cancellation under the Character Framework where, for example, they have been convicted of an offence or enlivened one of the other cancellation powers under the Character Framework.

The Department is unable to provide the total number of referrals made to the Character Cancellation Team as Departmental systems do not facilitate centralised reporting on those referrals. As the Act provides for discretionary cancellation powers, cancellation commencement consideration may or may not result in an actual cancellation decision. The Department advises that it equates the number of commenced cancellations and has provided this information to you. Please refer to the table below.

Number of Character (s501) cancellation services commenced following grant of a Bridging E visa with condition 8566 imposed from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2025	
Character cancellation service start year	Total*
2020	<5
2021	<10
2022	11
2023	20
2024	21
2025	35
Total	96

* Count of character cancellation services commenced following the grant of a Bridging Visa E (BVE) with condition 8655 imposed. These figures include BVEs which may have ceased or be out of effect at the time of the character cancellation service commencing. A person may be assessed for s501 character cancellation more than once.

Notes:

1. Source: Department of Home Affairs (internal documents)

Caveats:

- *This information is provided for the specific purpose of this request.*
- *Regarding 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.*
- *The statistical data in this response was sourced from departmental systems in January 2026. As data has been drawn from a dynamic system environment, the information is correct at the time of publication and figures may differ slightly from previous or future reporting.*

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