



Freedom of Information Request – FA 26/01/00545

Notes:

1. Source: Department of Home Affairs
2. Occupation ceilings form part of the policy guidance for management of the Skilled Independent (subclass 189) and Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) (Family Sponsored) (Subclass 491) visa programs. **Occupation ceilings are subject to change and implementation of this policy guidance is subject to operational circumstances, relevant Ministerial Directions and other priorities of the Australian Government.** Occupation ceilings do not necessarily reflect the final outcomes of the program
3. Occupation ceilings apply to the Skilled Independent (subclass 189) and Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) (Family Sponsored stream) (subclass 491) visa programs. Occupation ceilings do not apply to Employer Sponsored or State and Territory Nominated skilled visa programs.

Caveats:

- This information is provided for the specific purpose of this request.
- Please note that visa figures may vary between reports/data sources. Regarding Immigration data, the Department's current policy is to mask numbers which are less than five as <5, or where the inclusion of other figures enable determining a masked value.

The ceiling for each occupation under all four tiers of the Subclass 189 visa in the 2025–26 financial year						
Unit Code	Occupation Tier	Multiplier	Average stock figure	Occupation Ceiling adjusted	Grants in PY24/25 to 491/494/186/190	Remaining places PY25/26
2544 Registered Nurses	1	4%	348233	13929	3539	10,390
2539 Other Medical Practitioners	1	4%	20749	830	183	647
2533 Specialist Physicians	1	4%	14449	578	105	473

2531 General Practitioners and Resident Medical Officers	1	4%	90567	3623	660	2,963
2525 Physiotherapists	1	4%	47783	1911	358	1,553
2524 Occupational Therapists	1	4%	29799	1192	184	1,008
2534 Psychiatrists	1	4%	7816	500	69	431
2527 Audiologists and Speech Pathologists \ Therapists	1	4%	26525	1061	67	994
2541 Midwives	1	4%	22832	913	58	855
2512 Medical Imaging Professionals	1	4%	22391	896	49	847
2535 Surgeons	1	4%	11374	500	23	477
2514 Optometrists and Orthoptists	1	4%	8798	500	11	489
2526 Podiatrists	1	4%	6741	500	7	493
2411 Early Childhood (Pre-primary School) Teachers	2	2%	79172	1583	556	1,027
2725 Social Workers	2	2%	50447	1009	133	876
2414 Secondary School Teachers	2	2%	160951	3219	382	2,837
1341 Child Care Centre Managers	2	2%	16305	500	40	460
2723 Psychologists	2	2%	52778	1056	64	992
2415 Special Education Teachers	2	2%	27577	552	15	537
2335 Industrial, Mechanical and Production Engineers	3	1%	38154	500	1848	-
2332 Civil Engineering Professionals	3	1%	74491	745	2013	-
2339 Other Engineering Professionals	3	1%	16155	500	1180	-
2333 Electrical Engineers	3	1%	32989	500	950	-

3212 Motor Mechanics	3	1%	109684	1097	1178	-
2334 Electronics Engineers	3	1%	5171	500	475	25
3122 Civil Engineering Draftspersons and Technicians	3	1%	15705	500	370	130
2321 Architects and Landscape Architects	3	1%	35899	500	279	221
2331 Chemical and Materials Engineers	3	1%	7006	500	263	237
3322 Painting Trades Workers	3	1%	52310	523	292	231
2336 Mining Engineers	3	1%	17180	500	225	275
2421 University Lecturers and Tutors	3	1%	66169	662	573	89
2342 Chemists, and Food and Wine Scientists	3	1%	9826	500	199	301
3312 Carpenters and Joiners	3	1%	148137	1481	573	908
2247 Management and Organisation Analysts	3	1%	101112	1011	408	603
1331 Construction Managers	3	1%	129224	1292	490	802
3223 Structural Steel and Welding Trades Workers	3	1%	77475	775	289	486
2341 Agricultural and Forestry Scientists	3	1%	9596	500	178	322
2345 Life Scientists	3	1%	9685	500	177	323
2344 Geologists, Geophysicists and Hydrogeologists	3	1%	15044	500	162	338
3232 Metal Fitters and Machinists	3	1%	124440	1244	371	873
3334 Wall and Floor Tilers	3	1%	21015	500	137	363
2322 Surveyors and Spatial Scientists	3	1%	19051	500	128	372

1332 Engineering Managers	3	1%	31989	500	126	374
3123 Electrical Engineering Draftspersons and Technicians	3	1%	9584	500	118	382
2241 Actuaries, Mathematicians and Statisticians	3	1%	11531	500	106	394
3423 Electronics Trades Workers	3	1%	31720	500	105	395
2343 Environmental Scientists	3	1%	30800	500	103	397
3311 Bricklayers and Stonemasons	3	1%	22700	500	101	399
1399 Other Specialist Managers	3	1%	67032	670	137	533
3411 Electricians	3	1%	188003	1880	286	1,594
3341 Plumbers	3	1%	104672	1047	156	891
2347 Veterinarians	3	1%	16875	500	74	426
2349 Other Natural and Physical Science Professionals	3	1%	14197	500	59	441
4523 Sports Coaches, Instructors and Officials	3	1%	58755	588	66	522
2713 Solicitors	3	1%	94263	943	93	850
3332 Plasterers	3	1%	31772	500	50	450
2519 Other Health Diagnostic and Promotion Professionals	3	1%	10969	500	44	456
3941 Cabinetmakers	3	1%	39329	500	44	456
3421 Airconditioning and Refrigeration Mechanics	3	1%	34714	500	43	457
2243 Economists	3	1%	4977	500	39	461
1342 Health and Welfare Services Managers	3	1%	41489	500	36	464

3611 Animal Attendants and Trainers	3	1%	24282	500	35	465
3211 Automotive Electricians	3	1%	9747	500	34	466
3241 Panelbeaters	3	1%	12515	500	28	472
3331 Glaziers	3	1%	7826	500	21	479
3991 Boat Builders and Shipwrights	3	1%	2467	500	17	483
2245 Land Economists and Valuers	3	1%	16113	500	16	484
3422 Electrical Distribution Trades Workers	3	1%	12536	500	15	485
3222 Sheetmetal Trades Workers	3	1%	6617	500	14	486
2346 Medical Laboratory Scientists	3	1%	31712	500	13	487
2112 Music Professionals	3	1%	9090	500	<5	<500
3233 Precision Metal Trades Workers	3	1%	7405	500	<5	<500
2521 Chiropractors and Osteopaths	3	1%	9052	500	<5	<500
4524 Sportspeople	3	1%	15811	500	<5	<500
2711 Barristers	3	1%	8811	500	<5	<500
2121 Artistic Directors, and Media Producers and Presenters	3	1%	15415	500	0	500
2111 Actors, Dancers and Other Entertainers	3	1%	9855	500	0	500
3513 Chefs	4	0.5%	120827	604	3110	-
2613 Software and Applications Programmers	4	0.5%	182332	912	3800	-
2611 ICT Business and Systems Analysts	4	0.5%	43169	500	2018	-
2211 Accountants	4	0.5%	207708	1039	3025	-

2631 Computer Network Professionals	4	0.5%	43895	500	756	-
2212 Auditors, Company Secretaries and Corporate Treasurers	4	0.5%	31905	500	751	-
2621 Database and Systems Administrators, and ICT Security Specialists	4	0.5%	68049	500	643	-
2633 Telecommunications Engineering Professionals	4	0.5%	16683	500	272	228
2612 Multimedia Specialists and Web Developers	4	0.5%	12642	500	213	287
3132 Telecommunications Technical Specialists	4	0.5%	3633	500	62	438

Calculating occupation ceilings for Skilled Independent (Subclass 189) in 2025-26

1. Refer to ABS employment stock data at *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, November 2025* | Australian Bureau of Statistics (*Industry and Occupation; EQ08*) - <https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia-detailed/latest-release> . The 2024-25 stock figure for an occupation is determined by calculating the average of the four quarter figures.
2. Apply the relevant multiplier for the occupation tier using the methodology outlined at – <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/foi/files/2025/fa-251000198-document-released.PDF> . The occupation ceiling is derived from the average stock figure x the multiplier.
3. If an occupation has a ceiling calculation that is <500, then a ceiling of 500 is applied.
4. To calculate the remaining places in the ceiling for the 2025-26 program year:
 - a. Obtain visa grant data from 2024-25 – *BP0068 Migration Program Outcomes between 2015-16 and 2024-25* - <https://data.gov.au/data/dataset/permanent-migration-program-skilled-family> . Note: the data provided through this report is on Migration Program Outcomes, and is used to calculate the 2025/26 occupation ceilings. It will differ slightly from visa grant data.
 - b. Add up the visa grants to a particular occupation in the following programs in 2024-25: Skilled Nominated (subclass 190), Employer Nomination Scheme (subclass 186), Regional Skilled Work (Provisional)(subclass 491), Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (Provisional)(subclass 494) visa
 - c. Subtract the total of these visa grants from the overall occupation ceiling derived at Step 2. The remaining figure is the occupation ceiling for the subclass 189 in 2025-26.