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About this report

This report provides bi-annual data about the student visa and temporary graduate visa programs administered by the Department of Home Affairs (the Department). The report has been produced to assist education providers, representative bodies and policymakers.

Data is sourced from several Departmental visa processing and recording systems. Data can be dynamic and there can be delays in transmission of information from the Department's global operations. Variations in figures between this report and previous issues can occur. The current financial year should always be considered provisional.

For privacy reasons < 5 has been used where a number in a table is between 1 and 4. Further data about the student visa program, including yearly student visa trends and comprehensive data on student visa grants by sector and country from 2002-03 to the 2018-19 program year is available on the department's website at:

<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-statistics/statistics/visa-statistics/study>
<https://data.gov.au/dataset/ds-dga-324aa4f7-46bb-4d56-bc2d-772333a2317e/details>

Further information about the student visa program is available at:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500>

Further information about the Temporary Graduate visa program is available at:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-graduate-485>

Note 1: Data in years prior to 2017-18 was revised on 1 October 2019, due to better source data becoming available. This may result in minor discrepancies with previously published statistics.

Enquiries

Any comment or enquiries concerning this report should be sent to statistical.coordination@homeaffairs.gov.au quoting Report Id BR0097.

Definition of terms

Applicant type:	<p>Under the Migration Regulations 1994 (the Regulations), there are two types of applicants. These are primary applicants and secondary applicants. These terms are defined below.</p> <p>If the table or graph heading includes the word 'primary', such as 'primary applications' or 'primary visa holders', dependants (secondary applicants) are not included.</p>
Citizenship country:	<p>The country of citizenship of the visa applicant or visa holder. Where a visa applicant or visa holder has more than one citizenship country, either the citizenship of the travel document or the citizenship nominated by the visa applicant is used.</p>
Destination:	<p>Where a visa holder has moved from one type of visa to another. This most commonly occurs where a temporary visa holder applies for a permanent visa. However, many temporary visa holders go on to apply for a further temporary visa. The original visa is determined by the last visa held prior to the destination visa being granted. Destination visas include visas granted onshore and offshore.</p>
Granted:	<p>Unless otherwise specified, the number of visas granted includes primary and review grants.</p>
In Australia:	<p>In this report, refers to the location of the client at the time the application was lodged. An onshore applicant may already hold a visa of the same kind or may be applying for another type of visa.</p>
Last visa held:	<p>This refers to the last substantive visa held by a visa holder (that is, the last visa other than a bridging visa) prior to a point in time. The last visa held may have expired or still be in effect.</p>
Lodged:	<p>Lodged is the count of paper applications receipted in a departmental office or submitted electronically.</p>
Outside Australia:	<p>In this report, refers to the location of the client at the time the application was lodged.</p>
Primary applicant:	<p>The primary applicant is the person who must satisfy the primary criteria for the grant of a visa under the Regulations. In this case, it would be the person proposing to study in Australia.</p>
Primary application:	<p>An application lodged by a primary applicant.</p>
Primary grant:	<p>An outcome where a decision maker (which may include system generated decision making) makes an assessment based on the initial visa application which results in a visa being granted to an applicant.</p>
Primary visa holder:	<p>A person who has had a primary application for a visa granted.</p>
Secondary applicant:	<p>Secondary applicants must satisfy the secondary criteria for the grant of a visa under the Regulations. In this case, a secondary applicant is generally a dependant of the primary applicant.</p>
Secondary application:	<p>A visa application lodged by a secondary applicant.</p>
Secondary visa holder:	<p>A person who has had a secondary application for a visa granted.</p>
Skilled Occupation List:	<p>The Medium and Long-term Strategic Skills List (MLTSSL) is a list of skilled occupations that deliver high value skills needed by the Australian economy and aligns with the national workforce development strategy. It applies to international students who wish to apply for the Graduate Work stream under the Temporary Graduate (subclass 485) visa. To apply for this stream, students must nominate an occupation on the MLTSSL and graduate with skills and qualifications that closely relate to this occupation.</p>
Snapshot date:	<p>The snapshot date is a point in time at which a count is undertaken. In this report, the number of visa holders in Australia at a point in time is used.</p>
Visa applicant:	<p>Used to refer to clients applying for a visa. Unless otherwise specified, the term covers both primary and secondary applicants.</p>
Visa holders in Australia:	<p>The number of visa holders lawfully in Australia. This is not a count of all valid visas, as a number of visa holders may be outside Australia on the snapshot date.</p>

Background to the student visa program

International students must have a valid visa for the duration of their studies in Australia. Most international students will need a student visa. However, visitor visas permit up to three months study and working holiday maker visas permit up to four months study. Further information about these visa options is available at:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder>

There are seven sectors in which a student visa holder may study:

- 1) English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students (ELICOS) sector is for international students undertaking a stand-alone English language course that leads to a certificate level award or non-formal award.
- 2) Schools sector is designed for international students applying to study in Australia in a primary, junior secondary or senior secondary school course or an approved secondary school exchange program.
- 3) Vocational Education and Training sector is designed for international students applying to study in Australia and whose main course of study is a certificate, vocational education and training diploma, vocational education and training advanced diploma, vocational graduate certificate or vocational graduate diploma.
- 4) Higher Education sector is designed for international students applying to study in Australia and whose main course of study is a bachelor degree, associate degree, higher education diploma, higher education advanced diploma, graduate certificate, graduate diploma or Masters by coursework.
- 5) Postgraduate Research sector is designed for international students who want to study a Master's degree by research or a Doctoral degree in Australia.
- 6) Non-Award sector is designed for international students who want to study non award foundation studies or other full time courses not leading to an Australian award.
- 7) Foreign Affairs or Defence sector is designed for international students who are sponsored by the Department of Foreign Affairs or Department of Defence to study a full-time course of any type in Australia.

To be eligible for a student visa, applicants must be accepted for full time study in a course listed on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS). Applicants must also meet financial, health insurance, English language proficiency and health and character requirements.

There is no limit on the number of student visas issued each year. If applicants meet requirements, they will be granted a student visa. Student visas are issued for the entire period of study in Australia. Visas are granted in alignment with the period for which the applicant has Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC).

There are two other visas related to the student visa program, the Student Guardian visa and the Temporary Graduate (subclass 485) visa. The Student Guardian visa is for individuals who wish to accompany and care for minors studying in Australia. The Temporary Graduate visa allows international students to live and work in Australia temporarily after they have finished their studies.

Family members

Students can apply to have partners and dependant children under the age of eighteen accompany them to Australia. These family members are known as secondary visa holders and are counted in student visa numbers. A parent or guardian seeking to accompany an international student to Australia may be eligible for a Student Guardian visa.

Background to the student visa program - continued

Ability to work

From 1 July 2023, Student visas include a visa condition that, once the course has commenced, allows most students to work for up to 48 hours per fortnight while their course is in session and for unlimited hours during course breaks. The limitation imposed by this visa condition reflects the purpose of a student visa; that it is to allow entry to Australia in order to study, not to work. Secondary visa holders are subject to a visa condition that limits them to 48 hours work per fortnight at any time.

Higher degree by research students on a Postgraduate Research Sector visa may work unlimited hours once their Masters or PhD course has commenced. Dependants of students studying a Masters or PhD research course have no limitation on their work hours.

Further information is available at: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500#When>

Simplified student visa framework (SSVF)

On 1 July 2016 the SSVF was implemented replacing both Streamlined Visa Processing arrangements and the Assessment Level Framework. Key changes under the SSVF include:

- international students apply for a single Student visa (subclass 500) regardless of their chosen course of study
- student guardians apply for the new Student Guardian visa (subclass 590)
- a single immigration risk framework applies to all international students
- all student and student guardian visa applicants are required to lodge their visa application online through ImmiAccount

Financial capacity requirement

Students and their families need to be aware of the costs involved in studying and living in Australia. In order to meet the financial requirements for the grant of a student visa, applicants must be able to demonstrate that they have access to sufficient funds to cover tuition fees, travel costs, educational costs for any accompanying school age children and living costs for the full study period.

An updated financial capacity requirement came into effect from 1 October 2023. The update to the financial capacity requirement reflects Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases since 2019 up to and including June 2023.

Genuine temporary entrant (GTE) requirement

The GTE requirement was introduced on 5 November 2011 to enhance the integrity of the student visa program.

The GTE requirement explicitly addresses whether the individual circumstances of an applicant indicate that their intention is for a temporary stay in Australia.

Factors that the Department may consider as part of the GTE requirement are set out in a Ministerial Direction available at <http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/StudyinginAustralia/Documents/direction-no-69.pdf> and include:

- circumstances in the applicant's home country;
- the applicant's potential circumstances in Australia;
- the applicant's immigration history;
- the value of the course to the applicant's future; and/or
- any other matter relevant to the applicant's intention to stay temporarily.

Background to the student visa program - continued

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

Overseas students must have health insurance for the duration of their stay in Australia. The OSHC assists international students to meet the costs of medical and hospital care that they may need while in Australia.

Visa refusals

A decision to refuse a student visa application is made when a delegate of the Minister is not satisfied that the applicant meets the legal criteria for grant of a visa. When refusing a visa application, the Department provides an applicant, or their agent, with a written decision record that sets out the reason for the decision.

Background to the subclass 485 visa

The Temporary Graduate visa (TGV) provides international students the opportunity to live, study and work in Australia temporarily after the completion of their studies in Australia. Further information is available at <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-graduate-485>

The TGV has the following streams:

- Graduate Work stream - for international students who have recently graduated with qualifications from an Australian institution that are relevant to specific occupations Australia needs. Applicants must have a qualification relevant to an occupation on the Medium and Long-term Strategic Skills List and be assessed by a relevant assessing authority as having skills suitable for their nominated occupation. Successful applicants are granted a stay of up to 18 months.
- Post-Study Work stream - for international students who have recently graduated with a degree from an Australian institution. This stream is only available to international students who applied for, and were granted, their first student visa on or after 5 November 2011. Successful applicants are usually granted a stay of between 2 to 4 years, depending on the qualification obtained.
- Second Post-Study Work stream - introduced in January 2021, for holders of TGV (first Post-Study Work stream or Replacement stream) who graduated with a degree from an Australian institution located in a regional area. Successful applicants are granted a stay of between 1 and 4 years. This is dependent on location of the educational institution that led to the grant of the first TGV in the Post-Study Work stream and the regional area resided during the first TGV in the Post-Study Work stream or Replacement stream.
- Replacement stream - for current and former TGV holders who lost time on their original visa due to COVID-19 travel restrictions. The Replacement stream usually applies a stay between 18 months and 6 years.

Post-Study Work Extension

From 1 July 2023, Post-Study Work stream applicants with a select degree may be eligible for an extended 2 years on their visa. This extension is only available to applicants eligible for the Post-Study Work, Second Post-Study Work and Replacement streams.

Hong Kong and British National Overseas passport holders

Students who are Hong Kong (HK) Special Administrative Region (SAR) and/or British National (Overseas) (BNO) passport holders, completing studies or qualifications in Australia, can apply for a TGV on the successful conclusion of their studies or qualifications.

HK and BNO passport holders in the Graduate, Post-Study Work and Replacement streams may stay for 5 years. HK and BNO passport holders in the Second Post-Study Work stream may stay up to an additional 2 years, dependent on where they studied, lived and their degree.

Current and future TGV holders from HK may have a pathway to permanent residency.

Eligible visas

To be eligible for a TGV, graduates must have completed their studies in Australia while on an eligible student visa and met the Australian Study Requirement (ASR) in the 6 months before they apply for this visa.

Background to the subclass 485 visa - continued

Australian study requirement

The ASR is defined as study in Australia in a course registered on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) for a period of at least two academic years (92 weeks). The course should be conducted in English and should be completed in no less than 16 calendar months.

From 25 November 2023, online study requirements returned to their pre-COVID state. Online study undertaken during the COVID concession period (1 February 2020 to 25 November 2023 inclusive) continue to count towards the ASR.

Family members

Family members must meet health and character requirements and must provide evidence of their relationship to the TGV applicant. Family members can apply to join the TGV holder in Australia after the TGV has been granted as a subsequent entrant. Family members of applicants who hold a select degree and are applying for a 2 year extension must first apply for and be granted a subsequent entrant Post-Study Work stream visa.

Ability to work and study

The TGV contains no requirement for graduates to work in specific areas or sectors linked to their qualification. Graduates who work within a skilled occupation may be able to use this experience to eventually transition into Skill stream visas. Dependants and secondary applicants are able to work and study on the TGV. It is the responsibility of the TGV holder to seek their own employment if they are granted the visa. The Australian Government is not responsible for arranging employment.

Upcoming priorities under the Migration Strategy

The Migration Strategy released on 11 December 2023 outlines the Government's vision for getting migration working for the nation and building a migration system that delivers for workers, businesses and all Australians. Under the Migration Strategy, the Government is recalibrating student and graduate visa settings to support both the education sector and Australia's migration needs. Further is available at <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/what-we-do/migration-strategy>

More specific details on implementation of the proposed TGV changes, outlined in the Migration Strategy, including in relation to HKSAR and BNO passport holders and the Australian Indian - Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (AI-ECTA), will be communicated ahead of planned implementation of changes proposed in mid-2024.

Executive Summary

Key Points

- In the 2023-24 program year to 31 December 2023, there continued to be strong demand for a student visa.
- High levels of demand for a student visa and an increase in the number of applicants attempting to obtain a student visa using fraudulent documentation or information and inappropriate use of the program to enter and/or stay in Australia contributed to an increased number of refusals and longer processing times for some cohorts.
- In the six month period from 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023:
 - there were 282,302 student visa applications lodged - an increase of 14 per cent when compared with the same period in 2022-23 (247,103 applications lodged).
 - the Department granted 195,934 student visas - a decrease of 31 per cent when compared with the same period in 2022-23 (283,940 visas granted).
 - there were 76,639 Temporary Graduate visa (TGV) applications lodged - an increase of 45 per cent when compared with the same period in 2022-23 (52,748 applications lodged).
 - the Department granted 50,205 temporary graduate visas - a decrease of 52 per cent when compared with the same period in 2022-23 (105,073 visas granted).
- In the three month period from 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023:
 - the overall student visa grant rate was 81.9 per cent - compared with 87.6 per cent during the same period in 2022-23.
 - the median processing time for all primary student visas granted was 15 calendar days - compared with 42 calendar days during the same period in 2022-23.
- On 31 December 2023:
 - there were 71,281 student visa applications on hand - a 76 per cent increase when compared with 31 December 2022 (40,528 applications on hand).
 - there were 547,075 student visa holders in Australia - a 20 per cent increase when compared with 31 December 2022 (456,970 visa holders in Australia).
 - there were 22,904 TGV applications on hand - a 30 per cent increase when compared with 31 December 2022 (17,610 applications on hand).
 - there were 179,830 TGV holders in Australia - a 24 per cent increase when compared with 31 December 2022 (144,694 visa holders in Australia).
- From 1 July 2023, student visa holders can work no more than 48 hours a fortnight while their course of study is in session.
- An updated financial capacity requirement came into effect from 1 October 2023. The change represents an increase of approximately 17 percent on previous figures, and reflects Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases since 2019 up to and including June 2023.
- From 1 July 2023, the Graduate Work stream of the TGV returned to pre-COVID settings. Applicants need to undertake a skills assessment and nominate an occupation off the Medium Long Term Strategic Skills List (MLTSSL). The maximum duration of stay for applicants has reverted to 18 months from 24 months.
- From 25 November 2023, TGV applicants are required to be in Australia at time of lodgement (with the exception of subsequent entrants and replacement stream). Applications are able to be granted onshore or offshore.
- Study completed online can only count towards 25 per cent of the Australian Study Requirement (ASR); however, online study undertaken, while holding a visa that allowed study during the COVID concession period (1 February 2020 - 25 November 2023), will continue to count towards the ASR.
- The Australian Government is recalibrating student and temporary graduate visa settings to support both the education sector and Australia's migration needs, and create clearer pathways for students.
- On 11 December 2023, the Australian Government released the [Migration Strategy](#). The Migration Strategy draws on the key findings of the [2023 Review of the Migration System](#) (the Parkinson Review) and reflects the Government's response to the [Rapid Review into the Exploitation of Australia's Visa System](#) (the Nixon Review).

Key Points (continued)

- On 14 December 2023, a new [Ministerial Direction](#) was signed formalising the Australian Government's processing priorities for the student and student guardian visa programs. The new student visa processing priorities apply to all visa applications lodged on or from 15 December 2023, as well as applications lodged prior to this date that were yet to be finalised.
- Other student and TGV reforms to be implemented in 2024 include:
 - replacing the Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) requirement with a new Genuine Student (GS) requirement;
 - raising the English language proficiency requirements for both a student visa and a TGV;
 - aligning the duration of the TGV with the time required to identify those graduates with the skills and capability to succeed on a permanent skilled visa;
 - removing the extension of Post-Study Work rights;
 - abolishing the TGV Replacement stream, a COVID-19 concession;
 - renaming the main streams of the TGV to be more reflective of study requirements for applicants; and
 - reducing the maximum eligible age for a TGV from 50 to 35 years (inclusive).
- This report should be read in conjunction with [The Administration of the Immigration and Citizenship Programs](#)

Executive Summary - continued

1 Applications lodged

In the period from 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023, there were 282,302 student visa applications lodged - an increase of 14 per cent when compared with the same period in 2022-23 (247,103 applications lodged).

In the 2023-24 program year to 31 December 2023, there were 83,021 student visa applications lodged by applicants located in Australia - an increase of 22 per cent when compared with the same period in 2022-23 (68,263 applications lodged).

In the 2023-24 program year to 31 December 2023, there were 199,281 student visa applications lodged by applicants located outside Australia - an increase of 11 per cent when compared with the same period in 2022-23 (178,840 applications lodged).

In the 2023-24 program year to 31 December 2023, visa applications lodged outside Australia for: the Higher Education Sector increased by 25 per cent (to 122,497); the English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) Sector decreased by 19 per cent (to 23,749); and the Vocational Education and Training (VET) Sector decreased by 2 per cent (to 32,176) when compared with the same period in 2022-23.

In the 2023-24 program year to 31 December 2023, the top five source countries for student visa lodgements were: China (53,149); India (44,889); Philippines (17,792); Nepal (16,779); and Colombia (14,026). Applications from citizens of these five countries accounted for 51.9 per cent of all lodgements during the reporting period. Lodgements increased by: 37 per cent (China); 2.1 per cent (India); 49.9 per cent (Philippines); and 5.1 per cent (Colombia) - when compared with the same period in 2022-23. Lodgements from Nepal decreased by 8.8 per cent.

In the 2023-24 program year to 31 December 2023, there were 76,639 TGV applications lodged - an increase of 45 per cent when compared with the same period in 2022-23 (52,748 applications lodged).

In the 2023-24 program year to 31 December 2023, lodgements in the Post-Study Work stream increased by 91 per cent when compared with the same period in 2022-23; and applications lodged in the Graduate Work stream decreased by 49 per cent when compared with the same period in 2022-23.

In the 2023-24 program year to 31 December 2023, the top five source countries for TGV lodgements were: India (26,598); Nepal (13,907); China (11,040); Pakistan (3,772); and Sri Lanka (2,770). Applications from citizens of these five countries accounted for 75.7 per cent of all lodgements during the reporting period. Lodgements increased by: 37 per cent (India); 91 per cent (Nepal); 109 per cent (China); 23 per cent

(Pakistan); and 49 per cent (Sri Lanka) - when compared with the same period in 2022-23.

2 Visas granted

There is no cap on the number of student visas granted.

In the 2023-24 program year to 31 December 2023, there were 195,934 student visas granted - a decrease of 40 per cent when compared with the same period in 2022-23 (283,940 visas granted).

In the 2023-24 program year to 31 December 2023, there were 56,802 visas granted to applicants located in Australia - a decrease of 51 per cent when compared with the same period in 2022-23 (117,009 visas granted). There were 139,132 visas granted to applicants located outside Australia - a decrease of 17 per cent when compared with the same period in 2022-23 (166,931 visas granted).

In the 2023-24 program year to 31 December 2023, the number of visas granted to applicants located outside Australia decreased by: 4 per cent (to 88,049) in the Higher Education Sector; 44 per cent (to 19,222) in the ELICOS Sector; and 37 per cent (to 14,161) in the VET Sector - when compared with the same period in 2022-23.

In the 2023-24 program year to 31 December 2023, the top five source countries for visa grants were: China (43,389); India (27,374); Nepal (10,234); Colombia (9,627); and Vietnam (9,399). Visa grants to citizens of China and Vietnam increased by 1.5 per cent and 2.8 per cent respectively when compared with the same period in 2022-23. Visa grants to citizens of the other three countries decreased by 47.6 per cent (India); 52.7 per cent (Nepal); and 47.5 per cent (Colombia).

In the 2023-24 program year to 31 December 2023, TGV grants decreased by 52 per cent when compared with the same period in 2022-23.

In the 2023-24 program year to 31 December 2023, the top five source countries for visa grants were: India (17,534); Nepal (8,087); China (7,466); Pakistan (2,576); and Sri Lanka (1,580). Visa grants decreased by: 57 per cent (India); 47 per cent (Nepal); 24 per cent (China); 39 per cent (Pakistan); and 62 per cent (Sri Lanka) when compared with the same period in 2022-23.

3 Grant rates

The grant rates have been provided on a quarterly basis. This breakdown allows readers to identify and monitor changes in grant rates by sector and nationality across the reporting period.

A grant rate is the percentage of grants compared to the number of decisions made.

The grant rate for all student visa applications decided during the 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023 quarter was 81.9 per cent (compared to 87.6 per cent during the same period in 2022-23).

During the 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023 quarter, the grant rate for all applicants in Australia was 91.1 per cent (compared to 99.6 per cent during the same period in 2022-23); and the grant rate for all applicants outside Australia was 79 per cent (compared to 76.5 per cent during the same period in 2022-23).

During the 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023 quarter, the grant rate for applicants located outside Australia was: 81.1 per cent in the Higher Education Sector (compared to 81.5 per cent during the same period in 2022-23; 81.9 per cent in the ELICOS Sector (compared to 88.5 per cent during the same period in 2022-23); and 45.8 per cent in the VET Sector (compared to 45.6 per cent during the same period in 2022-23).

4 Processing times

The time required to process student visa applications depends on many factors including the supporting evidence provided by the applicant.

In the 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023 quarter, 50 per cent of primary student visa applications lodged in Australia were decided within 64 calendar days and 50 per cent of primary visa applications lodged outside Australia were decided within 11 calendar days.

5 Applications on hand

On 31 December 2023, there were 71,281 primary student visa applications on hand - compared to 40,528 applications on hand on 31 December 2022. Of the total primary student visa applications on hand, 31,612 applications were lodged by applicants located in Australia and 39,669 applications were lodged by applicants located outside Australia.

On 31 December 2023, there were 22,904 primary TGV applications on hand - up from 17,610 on 31 December 2022.

6 Visa holders in Australia

On 31 December 2023, there were 547,075 student visa holders in Australia. This is an increase of 20 per cent when compared with 31 December 2022 (456,970 student visa holders in Australia).

Of the total student visa holders in Australia on 31 December 2023, 106,135 were from India, 64,747 were from China, 60,630 were from Nepal, 32,610 were from Philippines and 24,700 were from Colombia. Students from these five countries accounted for more than half (52.8 per cent) of all student visa holders in Australia.

On 31 December 2023, there were 179,830 TGV holders in Australia - a 24 per cent increase when compared with 31 December 2022 when there were 144,694 TGV holders in Australia.

7 Destinations

In the 2023-24 program year to 31 December 2023, there were 90,375 former student visa holders granted another substantive visa (other than a student visa in the same sector) - a decrease of 43.6 per cent when compared with the same period in 2022-23 (160,310 visas granted).

In the 2023-24 program year to 31 December 2023, most of the former student visa holders who were granted another substantive visa moved on to a Temporary Graduate (subclass 485) visa (22.4 per cent), a Temporary Activity (subclass 408) visa (19.4 per cent), a Visitor visa (14.5 per cent) or a Student visa in a new sector (14 per cent).

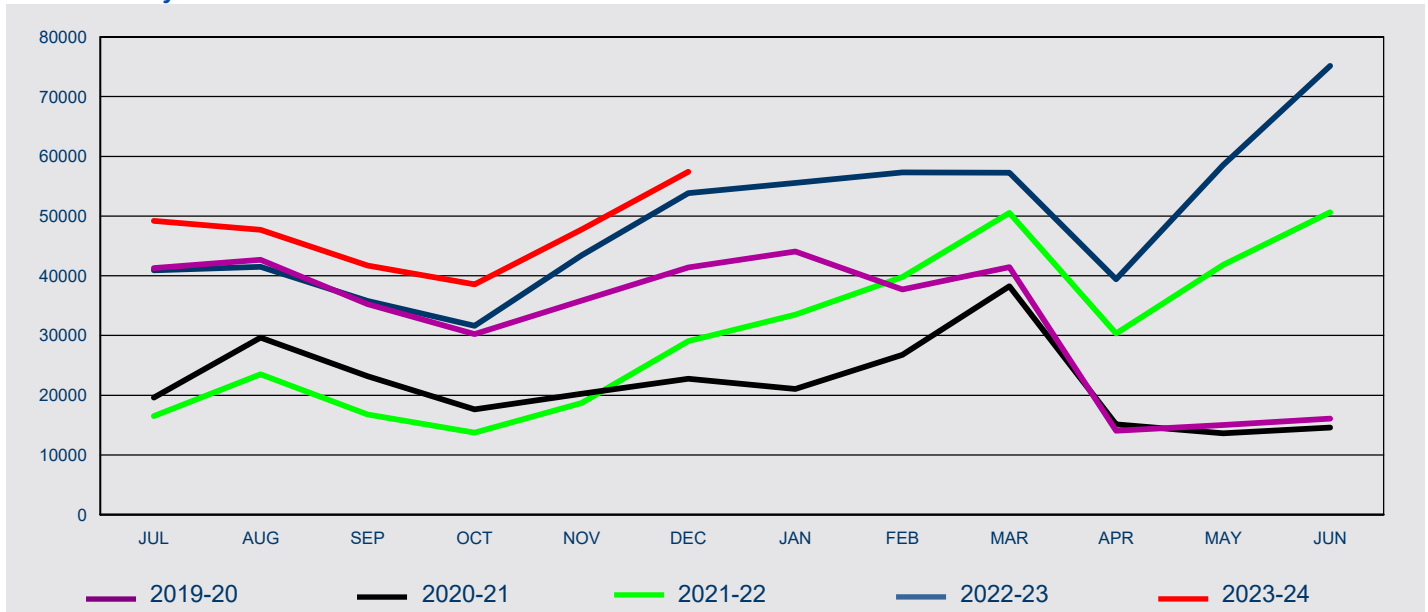
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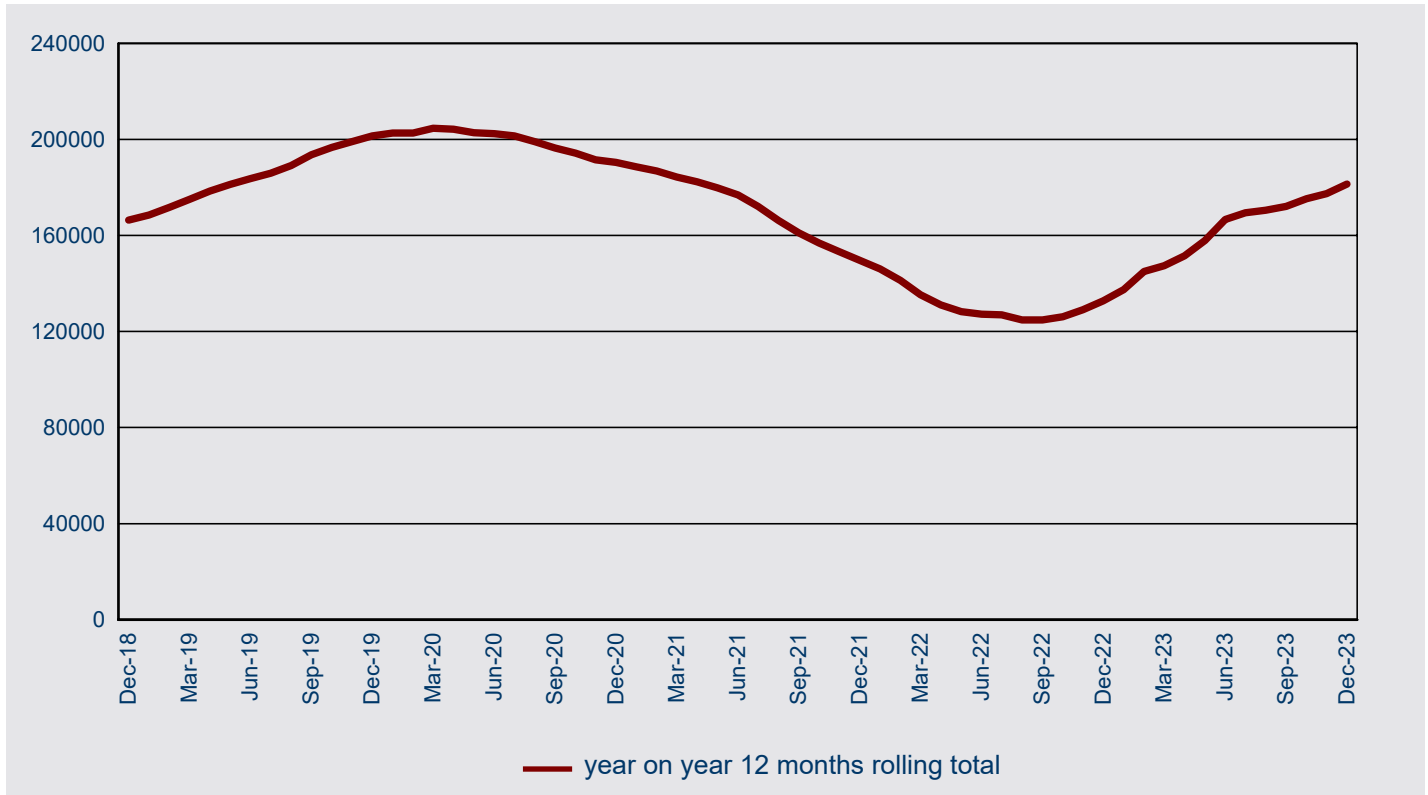
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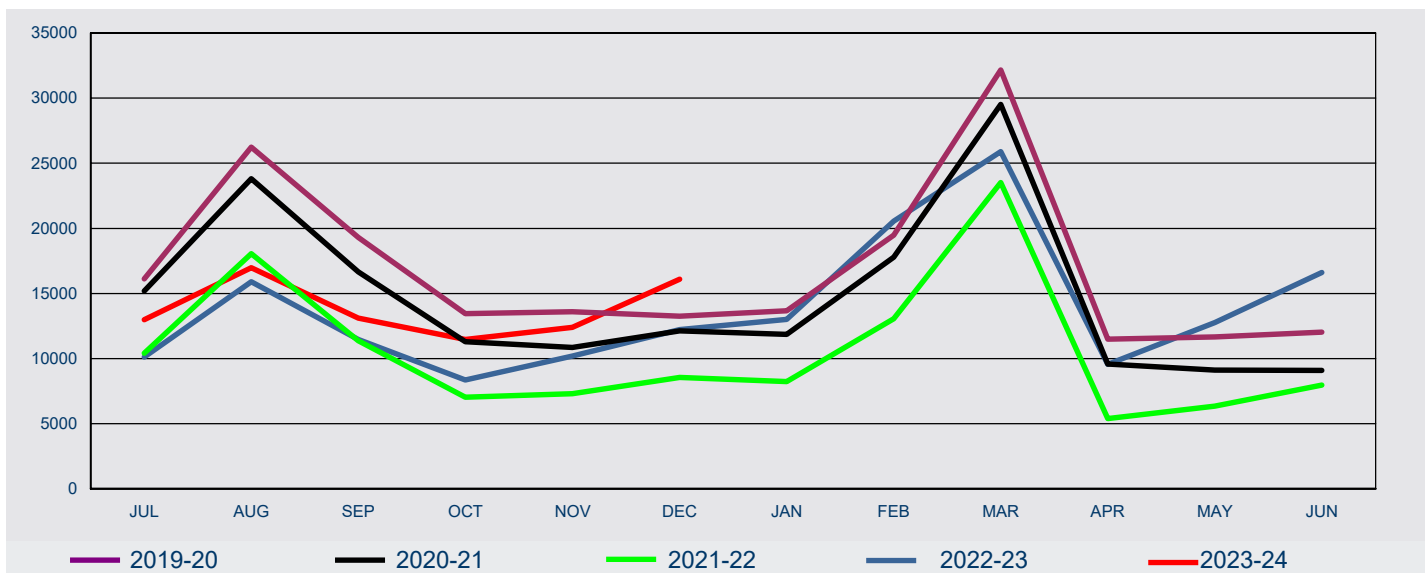
FY Lodged	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
2019-20	41,266	42,683	35,259	30,220	35,870	41,405	44,082	37,735	41,471	14,045	15,028	16,082	395,146
2020-21	19,636	29,668	23,201	17,649	20,241	22,770	21,078	26,777	38,247	15,120	13,625	14,621	262,633
2021-22	16,506	23,534	16,769	13,770	18,711	29,063	33,485	39,789	50,542	30,343	41,836	50,656	365,004
2022-23	40,914	41,498	35,792	31,631	43,420	53,848	55,521	57,296	57,268	39,436	58,550	75,130	590,304
2023-24	49,188	47,677	41,691	38,578	47,766	57,402							282,302

1 Lodged

1.03 Number of student visa applications lodged by month where the client was In Australia - year on year 12 months rolling total



1.04 Number of student visa applications lodged in 2023-24 to 31 December 2023 by month where the client was In Australia - comparison with previous four financial years



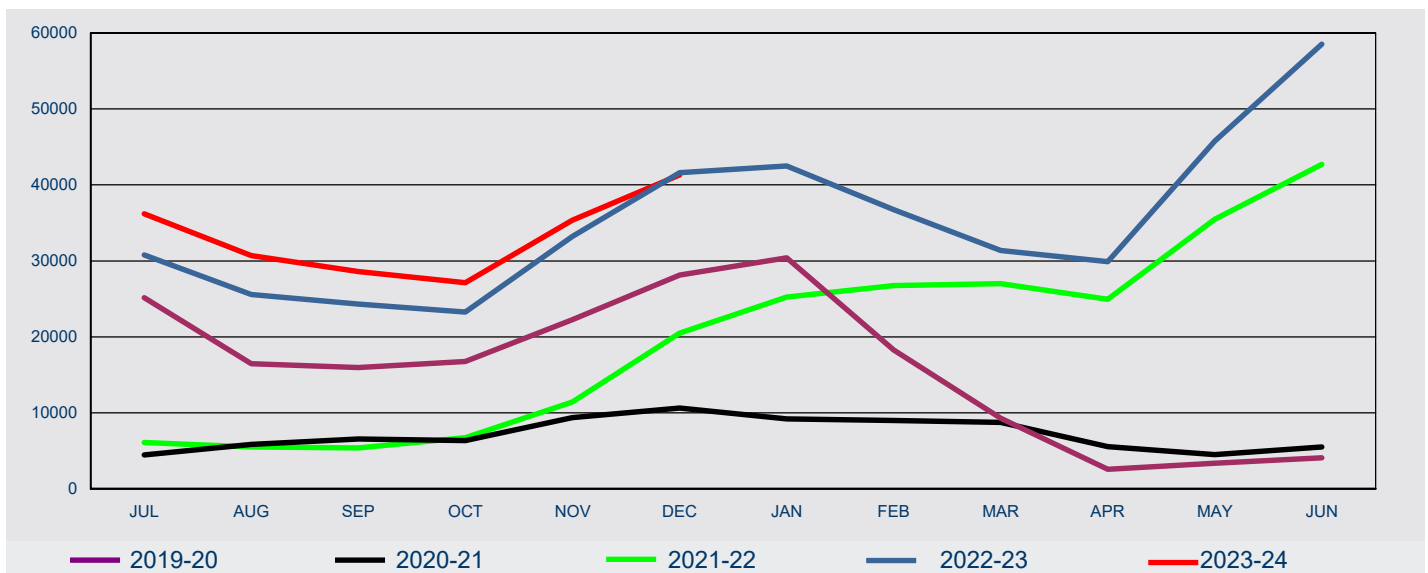
FY Lodged	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
2019-20	16,114	26,227	19,298	13,448	13,590	13,254	13,670	19,471	32,164	11,493	11,674	12,020	202,423
2020-21	15,195	23,822	16,652	11,295	10,858	12,121	11,868	17,781	29,524	9,583	9,110	9,096	176,905
2021-22	10,422	18,043	11,375	7,033	7,300	8,552	8,246	13,054	23,527	5,381	6,336	7,956	127,225
2022-23	10,118	15,912	11,465	8,345	10,204	12,219	13,004	20,559	25,886	9,550	12,763	16,604	166,629
2023-24	12,990	16,978	13,099	11,461	12,404	16,089							83,021

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1.05 Number of student visa applications lodged by month where the client was Outside Australia - year on year 12 months rolling total



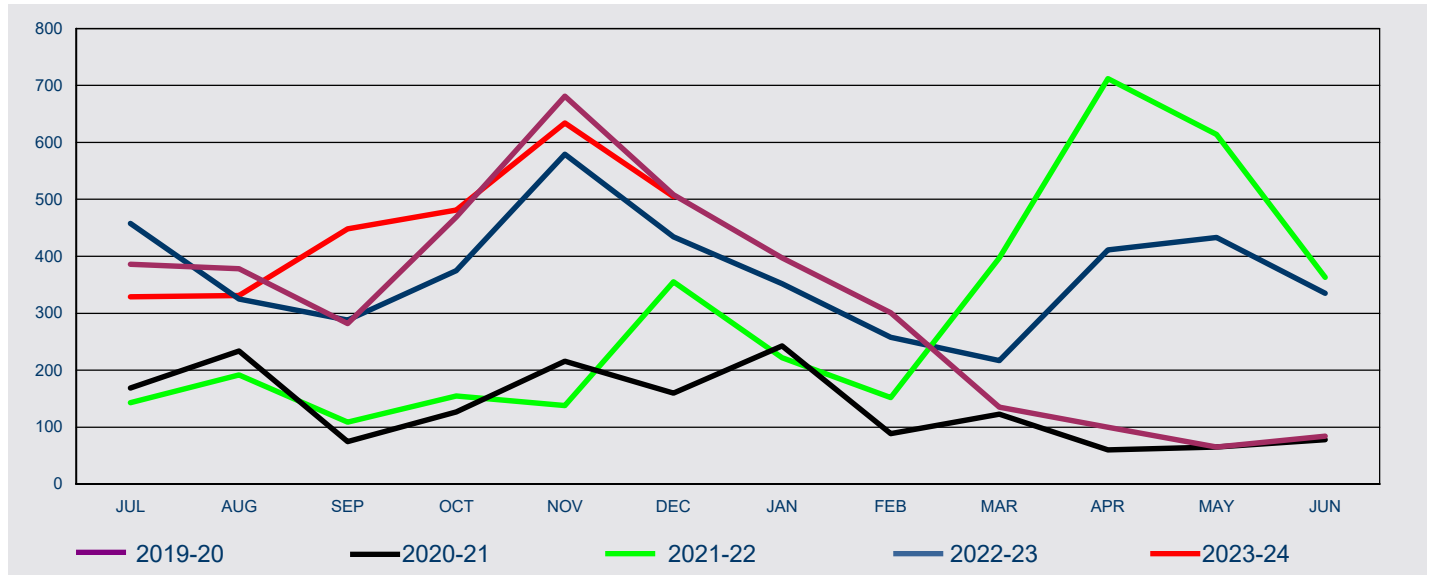
1.06 Number of student visa applications lodged in 2023-24 to 31 December 2023 by month where the client was Outside Australia - comparison with previous four financial years



FY Lodged	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
2019-20	25,152	16,456	15,961	16,772	22,280	28,151	30,412	18,264	9,307	2,552	3,354	4,062	192,723
2020-21	4,441	5,846	6,549	6,354	9,383	10,649	9,210	8,996	8,723	5,537	4,515	5,525	85,728
2021-22	6,084	5,491	5,394	6,737	11,411	20,511	25,239	26,735	27,015	24,962	35,500	42,700	237,779
2022-23	30,796	25,586	24,327	23,286	33,216	41,629	42,517	36,737	31,382	29,886	45,787	58,526	423,675
2023-24	36,198	30,699	28,592	27,117	35,362	41,313							199,281

1 Lodged

1.07 Number of student visa applications lodged for Foreign Affairs or Defence Sector in 2023-24 to 31 December 2023 by client location and month - comparison with previous four financial years



FY Lodged	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
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In Australia

2019-20	46	37	20	18	36	31	52	31	14	85	47	41	458
2020-21	147	197	41	39	45	112	188	51	70	28	31	40	989
2021-22	53	137	31	13	71	57	75	56	52	16	46	15	622
2022-23	50	45	12	8	20	32	35	31	33	9	47	12	334
2023-24	38	38	28	23	42	36							205

Outside Australia

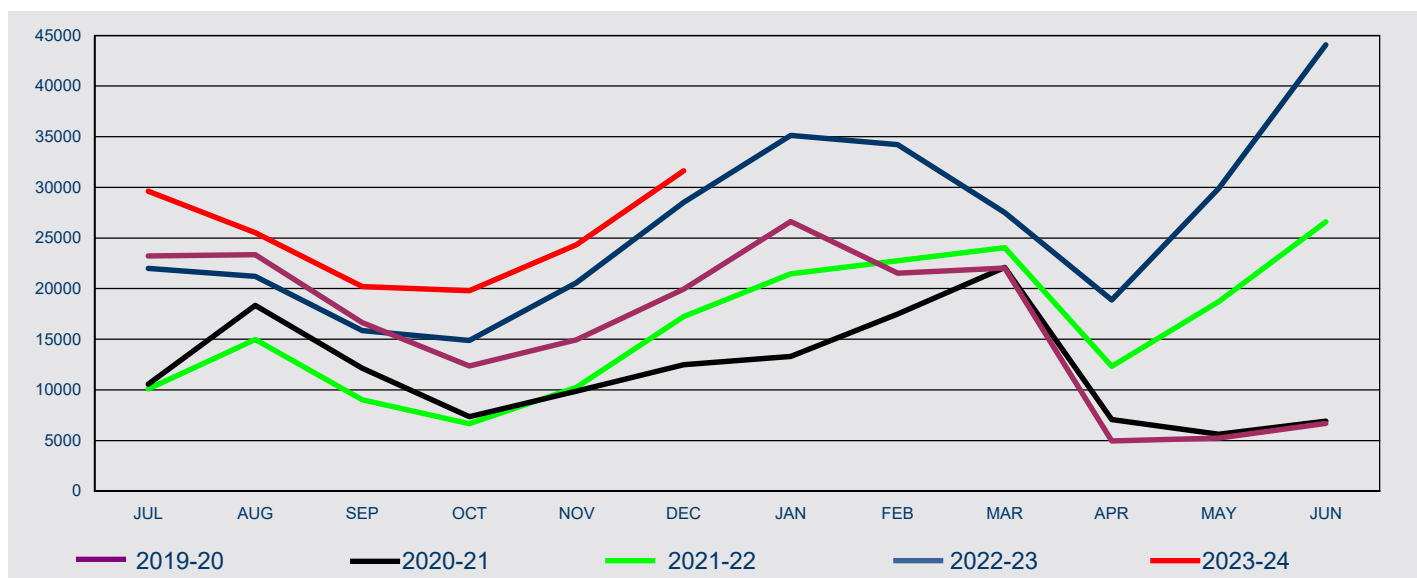
2019-20	340	341	262	451	645	477	345	270	121	15	18	43	3,328
2020-21	22	37	34	88	171	48	55	38	53	32	34	38	650
2021-22	90	55	78	142	67	298	147	96	345	696	568	348	2,930
2022-23	408	280	276	367	559	402	317	227	184	402	386	323	4,131
2023-24	291	293	420	458	592	469							2,523

All

2019-20	386	378	282	469	681	508	397	301	135	100	65	84	3,786
2020-21	169	234	75	127	216	160	243	89	123	60	65	78	1,639
2021-22	143	192	109	155	138	355	222	152	397	712	614	363	3,552
2022-23	458	325	288	375	579	434	352	258	217	411	433	335	4,465
2023-24	329	331	448	481	634	505							2,728

1 Lodged

1.08 Number of student visa applications lodged for Higher Education Sector in 2023-24 to 31 December 2023 by client location and month - comparison with previous four financial years



FY Lodged	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
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In Australia

2019-20	7,566	14,888	8,100	3,190	3,462	4,482	5,697	9,919	17,146	3,141	2,724	3,540	83,855
2020-21	7,088	13,701	7,112	2,718	2,866	4,356	6,020	10,147	15,446	3,022	2,319	2,803	77,598
2021-22	5,283	10,802	5,094	1,926	1,918	3,309	4,825	8,011	12,994	1,774	1,632	2,415	59,983
2022-23	4,698	8,490	3,908	2,134	2,389	3,787	5,760	10,278	12,064	2,015	2,396	3,944	61,863
2023-24	5,889	8,365	4,129	3,169	2,869	4,162							28,583

Outside Australia

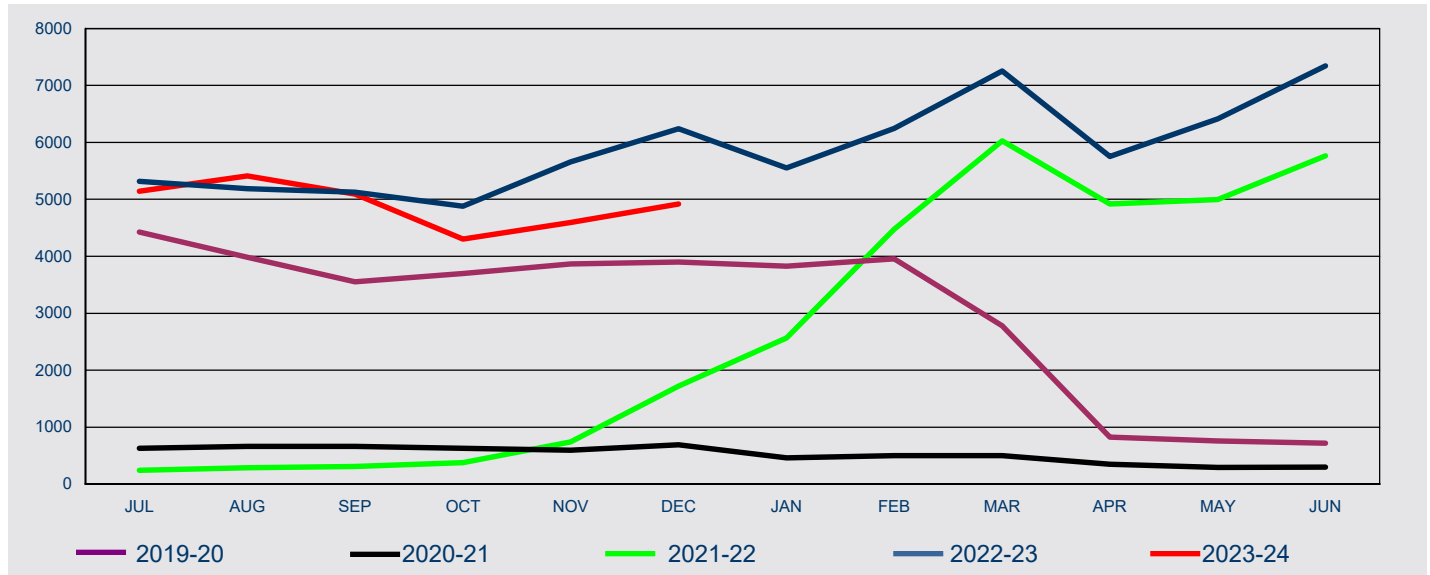
2019-20	15,663	8,476	8,544	9,177	11,468	15,461	20,942	11,615	4,877	1,806	2,508	3,137	113,674
2020-21	3,473	4,644	5,018	4,625	7,000	8,130	7,281	7,340	6,633	4,048	3,296	4,113	65,601
2021-22	4,800	4,181	3,916	4,745	8,325	13,949	16,644	14,753	11,058	10,542	17,107	24,173	134,193
2022-23	17,303	12,710	11,946	12,743	18,177	24,744	29,357	23,954	15,445	16,878	27,512	40,134	250,903
2023-24	23,733	17,150	16,064	16,612	21,449	27,489							122,497

All

2019-20	23,229	23,364	16,644	12,367	14,930	19,943	26,639	21,534	22,023	4,947	5,232	6,677	197,529
2020-21	10,561	18,345	12,130	7,343	9,866	12,486	13,301	17,487	22,079	7,070	5,615	6,916	143,199
2021-22	10,083	14,983	9,010	6,671	10,243	17,258	21,469	22,764	24,052	12,316	18,739	26,588	194,176
2022-23	22,001	21,200	15,854	14,877	20,566	28,531	35,117	34,232	27,509	18,893	29,908	44,078	312,766
2023-24	29,622	25,515	20,193	19,781	24,318	31,651							151,080

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1.09 Number of student visa applications lodged for Independent ELICOS Sector in 2023-24 to 31 December 2023 by client location and month - comparison with previous four financial years



FY Lodged	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
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In Australia

2019-20	854	981	995	976	997	872	784	891	1,126	748	714	652	10,590
2020-21	554	584	544	445	334	338	255	287	321	162	147	121	4,092
2021-22	79	102	89	72	56	60	47	89	165	113	148	242	1,262
2022-23	256	390	454	498	650	859	778	1,005	1,180	1,004	1,214	1,338	9,626
2023-24	703	797	858	882	1,074	1,397							5,711

Outside Australia

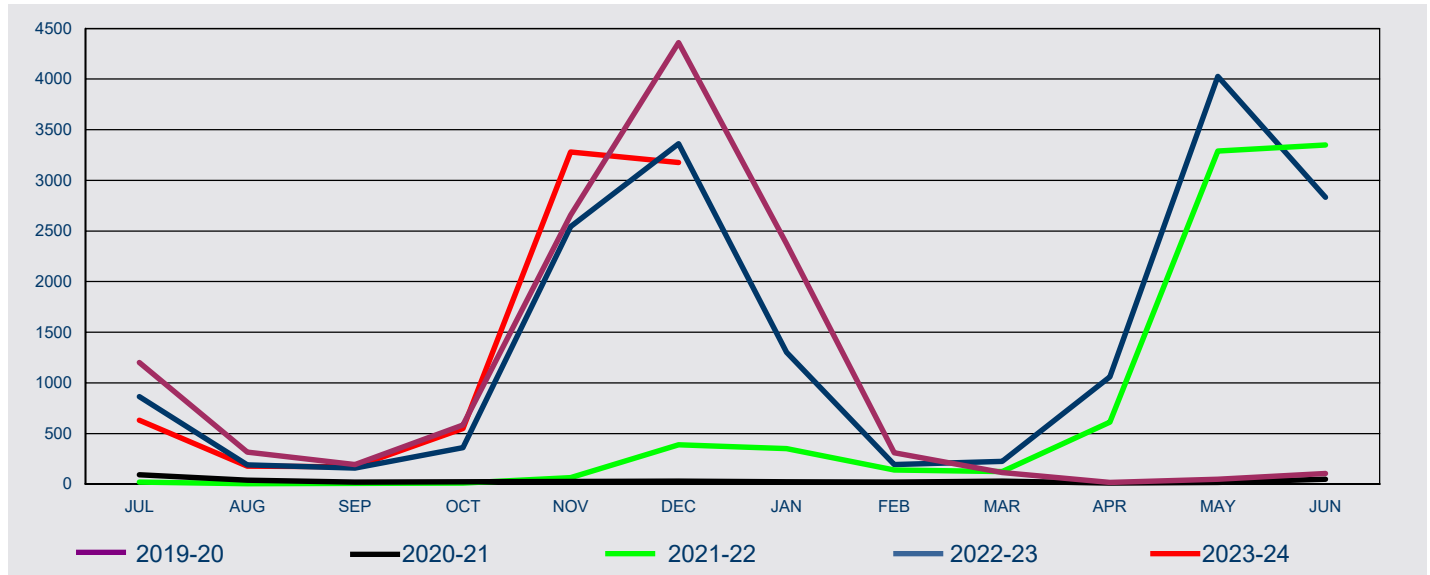
2019-20	3,572	3,002	2,555	2,722	2,868	3,027	3,042	3,063	1,656	79	44	65	25,695
2020-21	78	82	119	186	260	351	209	214	182	190	145	176	2,192
2021-22	166	188	220	306	684	1,662	2,522	4,390	5,863	4,806	4,850	5,525	31,182
2022-23	5,063	4,797	4,673	4,380	5,008	5,380	4,773	5,242	6,073	4,749	5,200	6,006	61,344
2023-24	4,440	4,615	4,234	3,423	3,518	3,519							23,749

All

2019-20	4,426	3,983	3,550	3,698	3,865	3,899	3,826	3,954	2,782	827	758	717	36,285
2020-21	632	666	663	631	594	689	464	501	503	352	292	297	6,284
2021-22	245	290	309	378	740	1,722	2,569	4,479	6,028	4,919	4,998	5,767	32,444
2022-23	5,319	5,187	5,127	4,878	5,658	6,239	5,551	6,247	7,253	5,753	6,414	7,344	70,970
2023-24	5,143	5,412	5,092	4,305	4,592	4,916							29,460

1 Lodged

1.10 Number of student visa applications lodged for Non-Award Sector in 2023-24 to 31 December 2023 by client location and month - comparison with previous four financial years



FY Lodged	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
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In Australia

2019-20	64	24	21	16	20	34	41	29	34	6	34	48	371
2020-21	62	22	9	7	8	12	16	17	21	6	<5	5	187
2021-22	8	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	5	7	5	9	12	60
2022-23	22	10	6	8	35	46	37	18	21	11	31	25	270
2023-24	33	15	14	10	30	34							136

Outside Australia

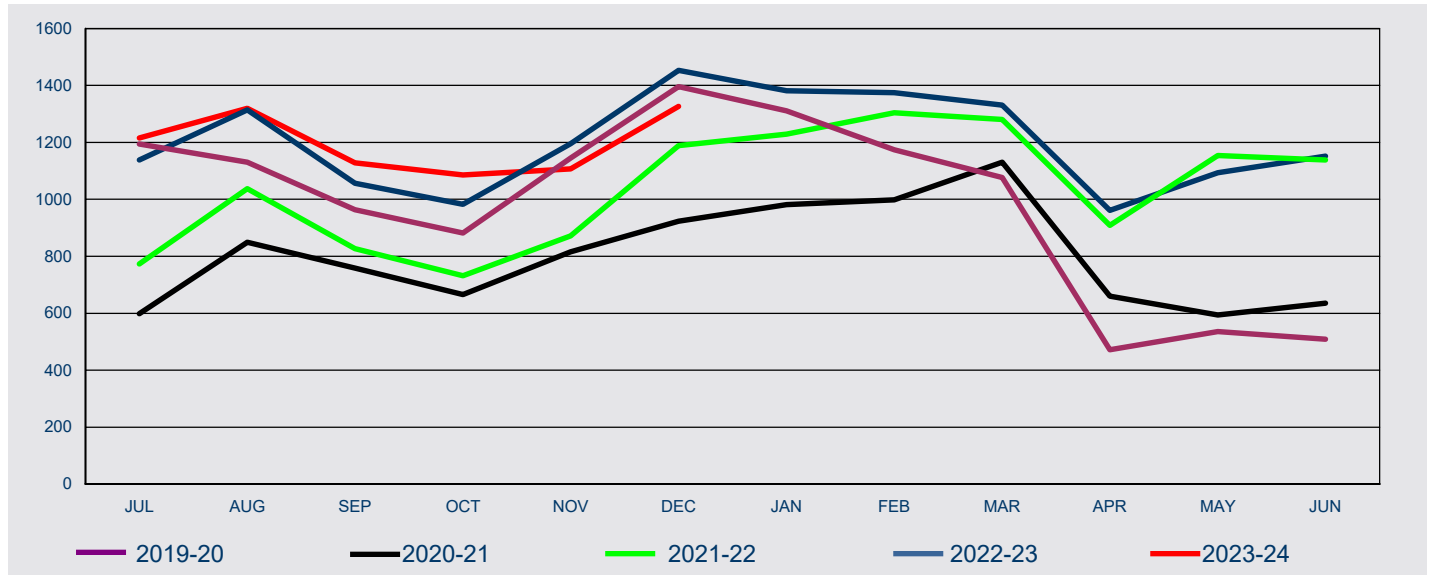
2019-20	1,139	293	173	567	2,636	4,325	2,333	281	81	10	15	57	11,910
2020-21	30	17	11	17	20	17	9	5	10	5	16	45	202
2021-22	12	<5	5	9	63	389	348	135	118	607	3,281	3,339	8,308
2022-23	842	180	154	354	2,509	3,315	1,265	175	204	1,050	3,997	2,808	16,853
2023-24	599	163	158	539	3,251	3,142							7,852

All

2019-20	1,203	317	194	583	2,656	4,359	2,374	310	115	16	49	105	12,281
2020-21	92	39	20	24	28	29	25	22	31	11	18	50	389
2021-22	20	6	9	11	64	390	350	140	125	612	3,290	3,351	8,368
2022-23	864	190	160	362	2,544	3,361	1,302	193	225	1,061	4,028	2,833	17,123
2023-24	632	178	172	549	3,281	3,176							7,988

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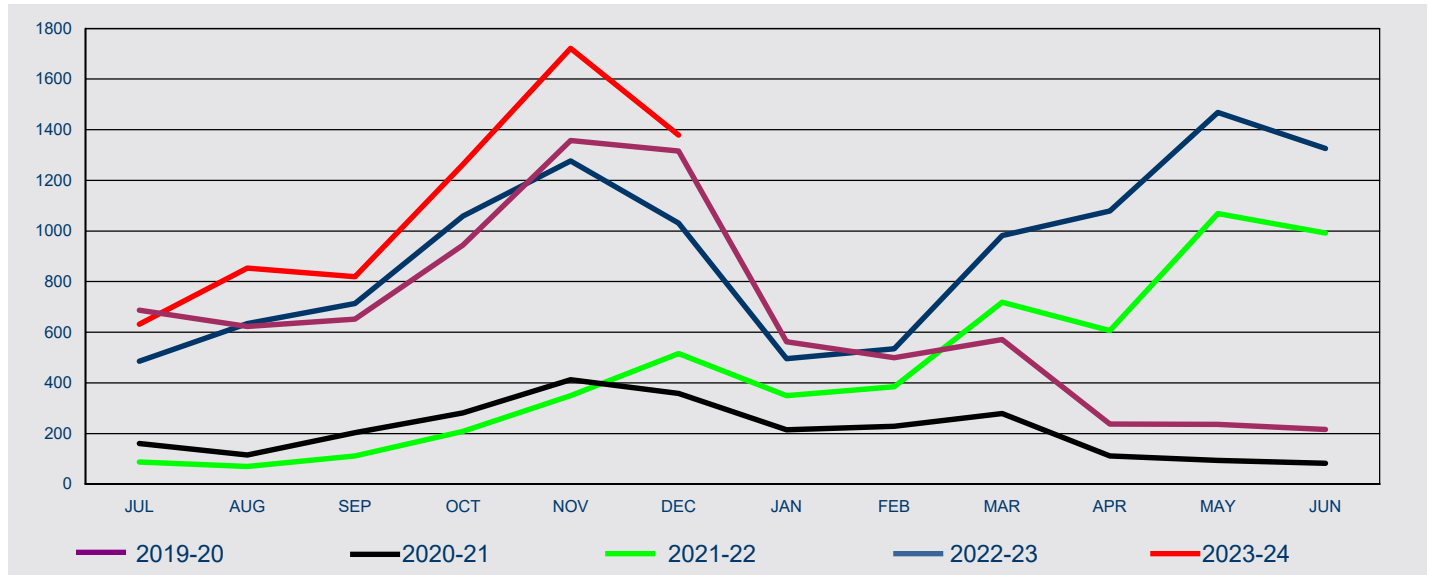
1.11 Number of student visa applications lodged for Postgraduate Research Sector in 2023-24 to 31 December 2023 by client location and month - comparison with previous four financial years



FY Lodged	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
In Australia													
2019-20	375	512	452	405	372	413	443	510	652	302	305	287	5,028
2020-21	331	498	420	360	317	371	476	643	741	363	308	315	5,143
2021-22	450	653	524	388	309	383	474	586	585	305	368	319	5,344
2022-23	352	507	443	361	285	347	403	590	597	314	369	331	4,899
2023-24	413	478	557	453	283	317							2,501
Outside Australia													
2019-20	819	618	512	477	773	983	868	664	425	170	231	222	6,762
2020-21	267	351	339	306	499	552	506	355	389	297	286	321	4,468
2021-22	323	384	303	344	563	806	755	718	695	604	786	819	7,100
2022-23	786	807	614	622	910	1,106	978	784	734	647	725	821	9,534
2023-24	802	842	571	633	824	1,009							4,681
All													
2019-20	1,194	1,130	964	882	1,145	1,396	1,311	1,174	1,077	472	536	509	11,790
2020-21	598	849	759	666	816	923	982	998	1,130	660	594	636	9,611
2021-22	773	1,037	827	732	872	1,189	1,229	1,304	1,280	909	1,154	1,138	12,444
2022-23	1,138	1,314	1,057	983	1,195	1,453	1,381	1,374	1,331	961	1,094	1,152	14,433
2023-24	1,215	1,320	1,128	1,086	1,107	1,326							7,182

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1.12 Number of student visa applications lodged for Schools Sector in 2023-24 to 31 December 2023 by client location and month - comparison with previous four financial years



FY Lodged	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
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In Australia

2019-20	125	126	141	191	212	174	128	230	228	73	52	86	1,766
2020-21	69	39	64	92	140	213	125	133	188	24	19	22	1,128
2021-22	29	26	42	66	121	164	98	122	159	27	29	50	933
2022-23	59	100	111	104	150	148	124	176	213	84	78	125	1,472
2023-24	92	129	151	193	174	125							864

Outside Australia

2019-20	562	497	511	753	1,145	1,142	435	270	343	165	184	130	6,137
2020-21	91	76	139	189	273	145	90	96	91	88	75	61	1,414
2021-22	59	44	70	142	229	352	252	263	560	580	1,040	942	4,533
2022-23	427	534	603	955	1,127	883	372	359	769	995	1,390	1,201	9,615
2023-24	540	724	668	1,070	1,547	1,254							5,803

All

2019-20	687	623	652	944	1,357	1,316	563	500	571	238	236	216	7,903
2020-21	160	115	203	281	413	358	215	229	279	112	94	83	2,542
2021-22	88	70	112	208	350	516	350	385	719	607	1,069	992	5,466
2022-23	486	634	714	1,059	1,277	1,031	496	535	982	1,079	1,468	1,326	11,087
2023-24	632	853	819	1,263	1,721	1,379							6,667

