

Student visa program quarterly report

Quarter ending at 31 December 2012



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About this report

This report provides quarterly data about the student visa program administered by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (the department). The report has been provided to assist education providers, representative bodies and policymakers.

It is expected that this report will be further developed over time to increase and improve information sharing about the student visa program.

It is important to note that the information used in this report comes from a new data source. Consequently, figures for previous financial years have been revised and may differ slightly from those previously published by the department.

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. Due to these issues, 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 2011-12 program year is available on the department's website at: www.immi.gov.au/media/statistics/study

Further information about the student visa program is available at: www.immi.gov.au/students

Enquiries

Any comment or enquiries concerning this report should be sent to visa.reporting@immi.gov.au quoting report id BR0097.

Definition of terms

Applicant type: 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.

If the table or graph heading includes the word 'primary', such as 'primary

applications' or 'primary visa holders', dependants (secondary applicants) are not

included.

Citizenship country: 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.

Destination: 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.

Granted: Unless otherwise specified, the number of visas granted includes primary and review

grants

Last visa held: 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.

Lodged: Lodged is the count of paper applications receipted in a departmental office or

submitted electronically.

Offshore: In this report, refers to the location of the client at the time the application was lodged.

Generally, student visa applicants subject to Assessment Levels 2-5 are required to

lodge their first student visa application while outside Australia.

Onshore: 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. Student visa applicants subject to Assessment Level 1 can

lodge their first student visa application while in Australia.

Primary applicant: 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.

Primary application: An application lodged by a primary applicant.

Primary grant: 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.

Primary visa holder: A person who has had a primary application for a visa granted.

Review grant: Where an assessment based on the initial visa application is reviewed by the

Migration Review Tribunal, the courts or is subject to ministerial intervention and a

visa is issued.

Secondary applicant: 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.

Secondary application: A visa application lodged by a secondary applicant.

Secondary visa holder: A person who has had a secondary application for a visa granted.

Snapshot date: 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.

Visa applicant: Used to refer to clients applying for a visa. Unless otherwise specified, the term

covers both primary and secondary applicants.

Visa holders in Australia: 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.

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 are available at: www.immi.gov.au/visitors/

There are eight types of student visa:

- 1. English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students (ELICOS) (subclass 570) visa. This visa is for international students undertaking a stand-alone English language course that leads to a certificate level award or non-formal award.
- 2. Schools (subclass 571) visa. This visa 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.
- Vocational Education and Training (subclass 572) visa. This visa 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 (subclass 573) visa. This visa 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 (subclass 574) visa. This visa is designed for international students who want to study a Master's degree by research or a Doctoral degree in Australia.
- 6. Non Award (subclass 575) visa. This visa is designed for international students who want to study non award foundation studies or other full time courses not leading to an Australian award.
- AusAID or Defence Sponsored (subclass 576) visa. This visa is designed for international students who are sponsored by AusAID (under the Australia Awards) or Defence to study a full-time course of any type in Australia.
- 8. Student Guardian (subclass 580) visa. This visa is designed for a parent or close relative to accompany an underage student to 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, as evidenced by the Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) documentation provided by the applicant's education provider. Visas are issued in alignment with the period for which the applicant has Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC).

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 (subclass 580) visa.

Background to the student visa program - continued

Ability to work

Student visas include a visa condition that, once the course has commenced, allows most students to work for up to 40 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 40 hours work per fortnight at any time.

From 26 March 2012, higher degree by research students on a Postgraduate Research (subclass 574) 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.

Assessment Levels

There are five Assessment Levels in the student visa program. They serve to align student visa evidentiary requirements to the immigration risk posed by applicants from a particular country applying for a particular student visa. Assessment Level 1 represents the lowest immigration risk and Assessment Level 5 the highest. The higher the Assessment Level, the greater the evidence an applicant is required to demonstrate to support their claims for the grant of a student visa.

Further information is available at: www.immi.gov.au/students/student-visa-assessment-levels.htm

Streamlined visa processing

The department assesses student visa applicants who lodge their applications on or after 24 March 2012, with a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) from a participating university in Australia at Bachelor, Masters or Doctoral degree level as though they were a lower migration risk (similar to the current Assessment Level 1), regardless of their country of origin. This is in response to recommendations 3, 5, 6, and 18 of the Hon Michael Knight AO's report, Strategic Review of the Student Visa Program 2011 (the Knight Review).

Financial requirements

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.

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 www.immi.gov.au/gateways/agents/pdf/direction-53-assessing-gte.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.

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

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

Background to the student visa program - continued

Visa refusals

A decision to refuse a student visa application is made when the 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.

Reasons for refusal of student visa applications may include:

- failure to meet financial requirements;
- failure to meet English language requirements;
- fraudulent documentation present in the application;
- failure to satisfy the department that the applicant is a genuine student; and/or
- failure to meet GTE requirements.

Processing time service standards

The department gives priority to offshore applications to ensure that prospective students receive their visas in time to travel to Australia to commence their courses. Onshore students are granted bridging visas pending finalisation of their new student visa applications and can still commence their courses.

Depending on the relevant Assessment Level the service standards are that 75% of offshore applications are finalized within 14 to 90 days and 75% of onshore applications are finalised within 14 to 30 days. It should be noted that approximately 80% of onshore applications are incomplete when lodged and this adds to processing times as officers request and then wait for applicants to provide required information.

The table below shows the processing time service standards for student visa applications.

Visa application	Lodged in Australia		Lodged outside Australia		
Assessment Level	Level 1 or 2	Level 3 or 4	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3 or 4
Students (subclass 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576)	14 days	1 month	14 days	21 days	3 months

Further information can be found at: www.immi.gov.au/about/charters/client-services-charter/visas/2.0.htm

Executive Summary

Key Points

- For the last four quarters, offshore applications have been increasing when compared to the same quarter in the previous year. This positive trend is particularly evident for Higher Education visas. In the December 2012 quarter total offshore lodgements increased by 2.1 per cent and offshore Higher Education lodgements increased by 17.9 per cent compared with the December 2011 quarter.
- In the December 2012 quarter offshore grants also increased by 8.0 per cent, with offshore grants for Higher Education visas increasing significantly by 25.9 per cent.
- Grant rates for student visa applications increased in the December 2012 quarter to 91.9 per cent compared with the December 2011 quarter where it was 90.2 per cent. This increase can partly be attributed to offshore grant rates which increased to 90.8 per cent its highest level for the past four quarters.
- On 31 December 2012 there were 242 195 international student visa holders in Australia. Half of these student visa holders were from China, India, Vietnam, South Korea and Nepal.

1 Applications lodged

There were 60 991 student visa applications lodged in the December 2012 quarter. This compares with 62 185 in the December 2011 quarter – a decrease of 1.9 per cent.

In the December 2012 quarter, offshore lodgements increased by 2.1 per cent compared with the same period in the previous year. This increase was driven by offshore Higher Education visas (17.9 per cent growth). This period aligns with the implementation of a number of recommendations arising from the Knight Review.

Onshore lodgements in the December 2012 quarter decreased to 19 272 from 21 339 lodgements in the December 2011 quarter as a result of lower onshore VET visa lodgements. However, onshore lodgements increased for ELICOS, Postgraduate Research and Non-award visas (25.8, 0.4 and 5.7 per cent respectively).

In 2012-13 to December 2012, China remained the top country for student visa lodgements with 20.2 per cent of total lodgements followed by Indian nationals at 10.3 per cent. Lodgements from offshore Chinese nationals increased by 18.3 per cent in 2012-13 to December 2012, while decreasing for offshore Indian nationals by 14.9 per cent. The introduction of the post study work arrangements in 2013 is expected to have a positive impact on offshore lodgements.

Among the top fifteen countries, there continued to be significant growth in offshore lodgements from Philippines, Vietnam and Hong Kong (55.1, 50.4 and 48.4 per cent respectively over the first six months of 2012-13).

For onshore lodgements, among the top five countries, applications from Chinese and South Korean nationals increased (8.4 and 32.4 per cent respectively) while they decreased for nationals of India, Brazil and Saudi Arabia (51.7, 1.9 and 12.1 per cent respectively).

2 Visas granted

There is no 'cap' on student visa numbers. Applicants who meet requirements will be granted a student visa. The number of applications lodged in a given timeframe is not comparable with the number of visas granted in the same period due to processing times.

Total student visa grants decreased by 7.7 per cent in the December 2012 quarter (56 180 grants) compared with the same period in the previous year (60 893 grants). This decrease was a result of lower onshore grants. However, total grants in this quarter increased for AusAID or Defence sponsored, ELICOS, and Higher Education visas (18.0, 4.1 and 2.6 per cent respectively).

In the December 2012 quarter, Student visas granted offshore (33 890 grants) increased by 8.0 per cent compared with the December 2011 quarter. In the same period, grants for Higher Education visas increased significantly by 25.9 per cent while VET visa grants decreased by 16.5 per cent. Increases in Higher Education visas have been driving the offshore growth for the last three comparative quarters.

Onshore, student visa grants decreased by 24.5 per cent to 22 290 in the December 2012 quarter. This is a flow-on of lower onshore lodgements. Onshore grants for VET and Higher Education visas declined by 29.6 and 27.7 per cent respectively while grants for ELICOS visas increased by 18.3 per cent.

In 2012-13 to December 2012, the top five countries (China, India, South Korea, Brazil and Vietnam) for student visa grants accounted for 44.3 per cent of total grants. Total grants increased for all of the top five counties except for India.

Offshore grants to nationals from Vietnam, India and Hong Kong increased significantly in 2012-13 to December 2012 by 56.4, 52.0 and 51.6 per cent respectively compared to the same period last year. Grants to Chinese nationals also increased by 13.5 per cent.

Executive Summary - continued

3 Grant rates

Grant rates for student visas remained high at 91.9 per cent in the December 2012 quarter. This compares with 90.2 per cent in the December 2011 quarter.

In the December 2012 quarter, offshore grant rates were 90.8 per cent. Offshore grant rates for student visa applications have been gradually increasing since the March 2012 quarter and are now higher than any of the previous four quarters. Onshore grant rates are generally higher than offshore and in the December 2012 quarter they were 93.7 per cent.

Offshore grant rates for Higher Education, VET and ELICOS visas increased in the December 2012 quarter to 91.1, 76.1 and 90.0 per cent compared with the December 2011 quarter. Grants rates for VET applications are now at their highest level for the past four quarters.

Among the top fifteen countries, offshore grant rates increased for 11 countries in the December 2012 quarter compared with the same period in the previous year.

4 Processing times

The time required to process visa applications depends on whether the applicant is onshore or offshore, the assessment level applicable to the applicant and the supporting evidence provided by the applicant.

Processing times have improved in the December 2012 quarter where 75 per cent of applications were processed within 27 days compared with the December 2011 quarter (38 days).

Offshore, 75 per cent of applications were processed within 21 days while onshore they were processed within 40 days. The department gives priority to offshore applications to ensure that prospective students receive their visas in time to travel to Australia to commence their studies.

5 Applications on hand

The number of primary student visa applications on hand at 31 December 2012 was 14 949. Of these, 65.0 per cent were either a VET or a Higher Education visa application.

Of the total primary applications on hand, 10 081 were offshore and 4 868 were onshore applications.

6 Visa holders in Australia

On 31 December 2012 there were 242 195 international student visa holders in Australia. Many student visa holders temporarily depart Australia during December and this point in time traditionally has the lowest number of visa holders in a year.

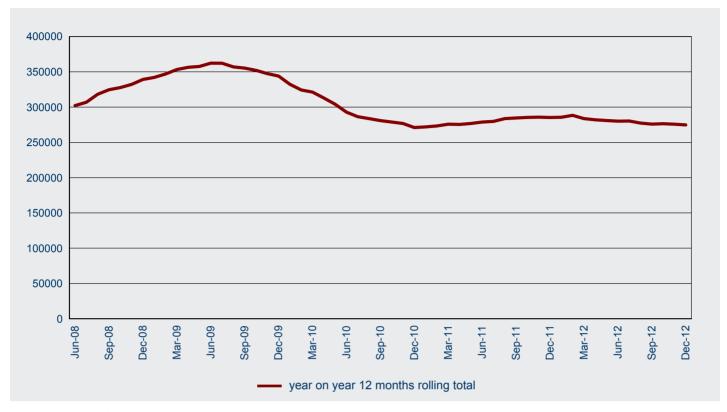
Of the total student visa holders in Australia on that day, 50.2 per cent were from China, India, Vietnam, South Korea or Nepal.

7 Destinations

In 2012-13 to December 2012, there were 70 229 former student visa holders who were granted another visa. This is an increase of 13.7 per cent from the same period last year (61 794 visa grants).

In 2012-13 to December 2012, of the former student visa holders granted another visa, most of them moved on to a Skilled Graduate visa (25.6 per cent), followed by a Tourist visa (21.1 per cent) and a further student visa (18.7 per cent).

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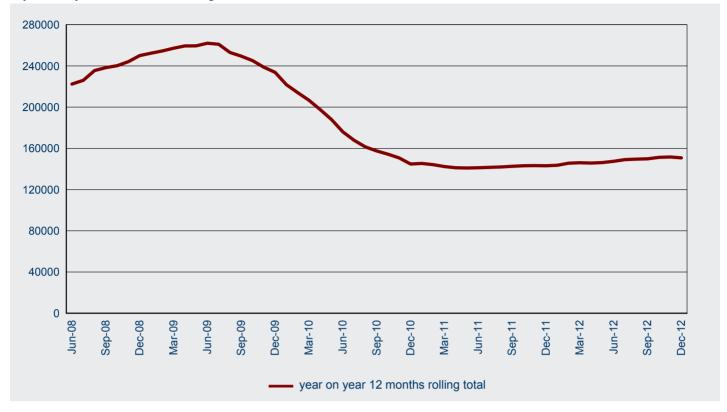


1.02 Number of student visa applications lodged in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 by month - comparison with previous four financial years

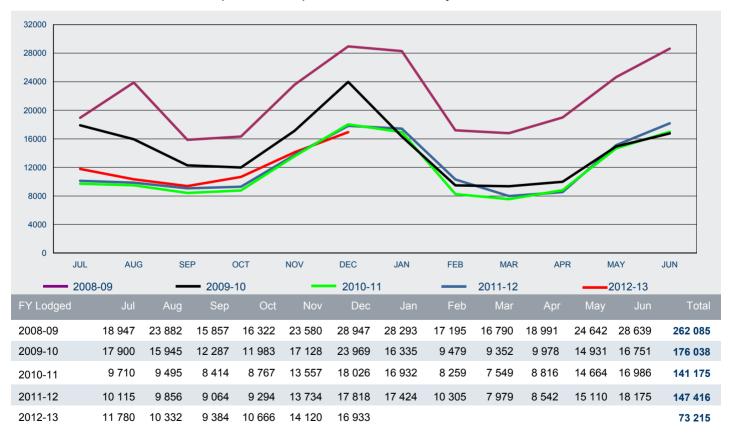


1.03 Number of student visa applications lodged by month where the client was OFFSHORE

- year on year 12 months rolling total

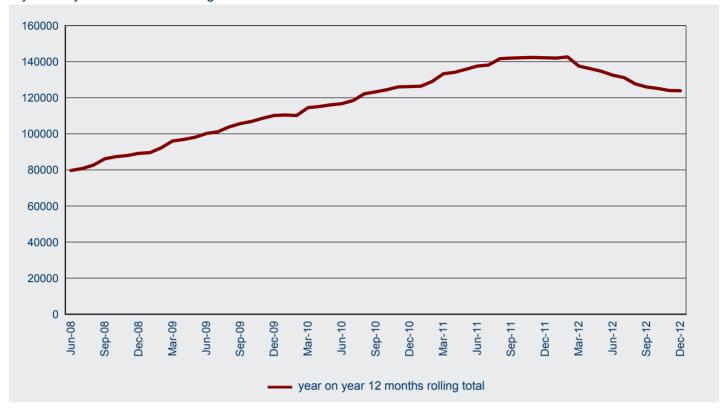


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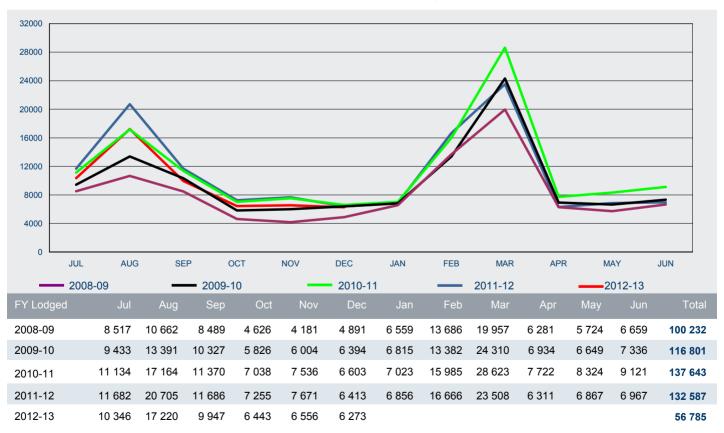


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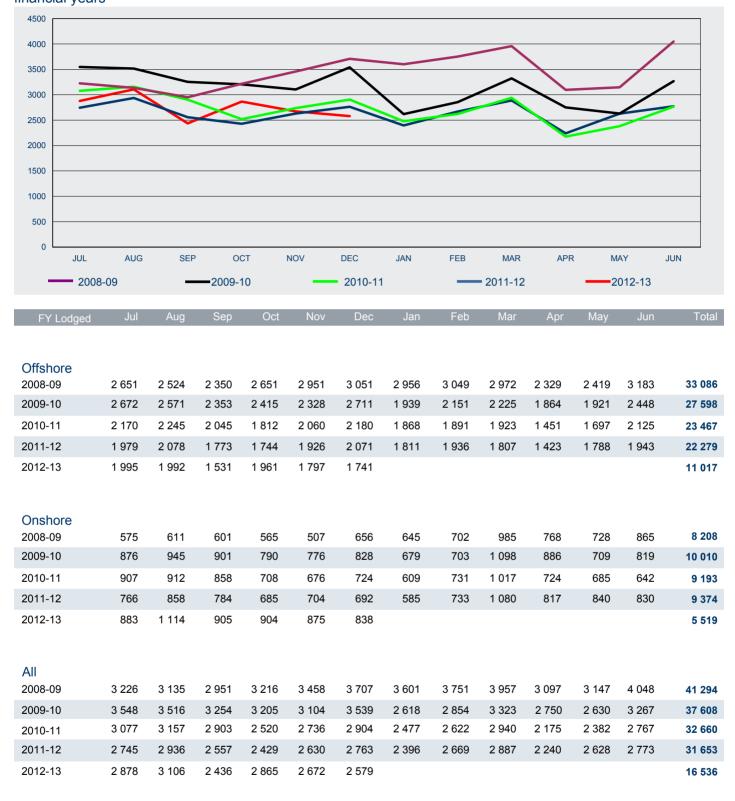
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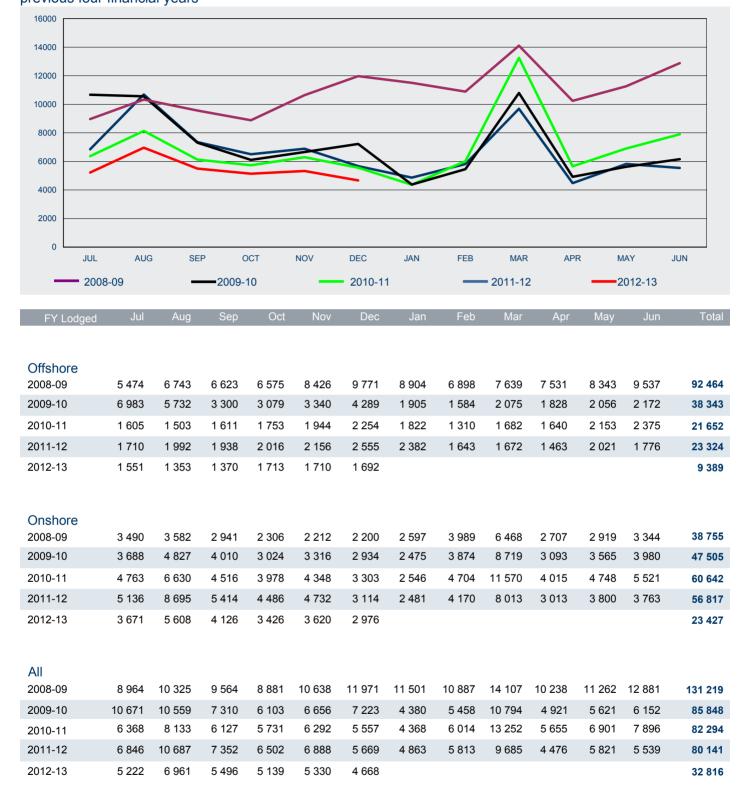
1.07 Number of student visa applications lodged for subclass 570 Independent ELICOS Sector in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 by client location and month - comparison with previous four financial years



1.08 Number of student visa applications lodged for subclass 571 Schools Sector in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 by client location and month - comparison with previous four financial years



1.09 Number of student visa applications lodged for subclass 572 Vocational Education and Training Sector in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 by client location and month - comparison with previous four financial years



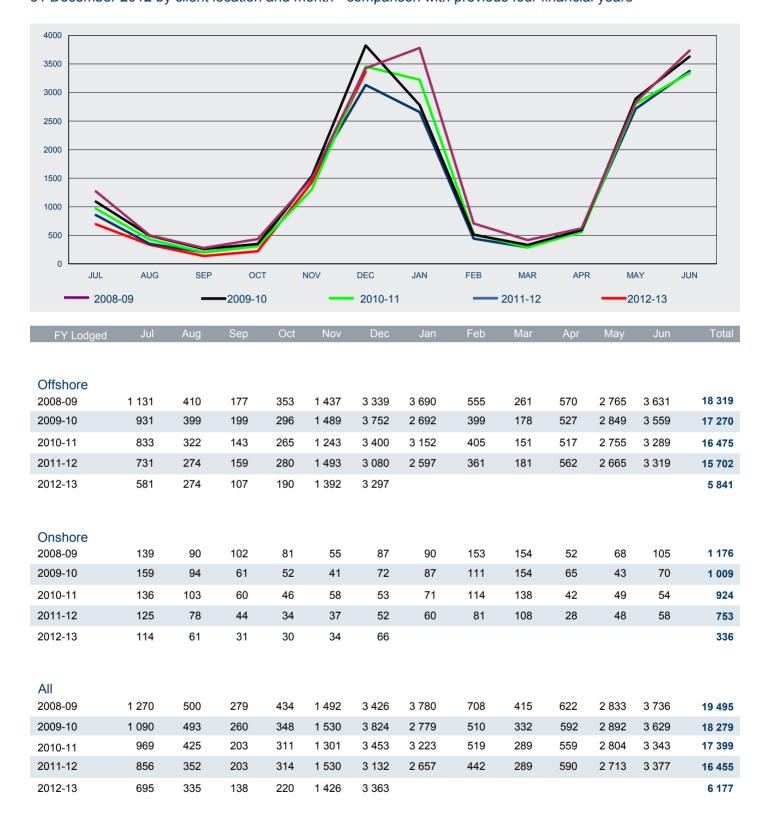
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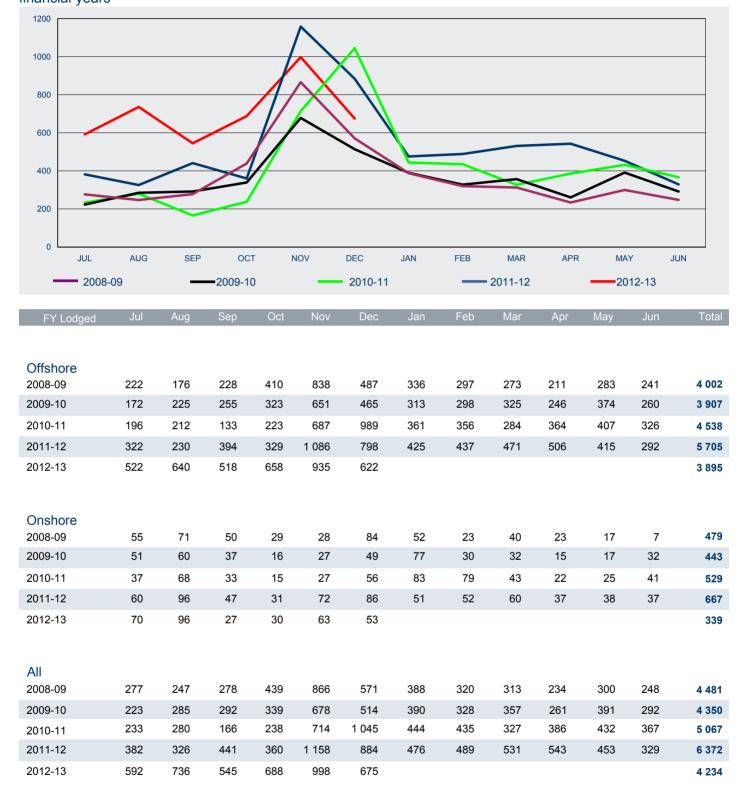
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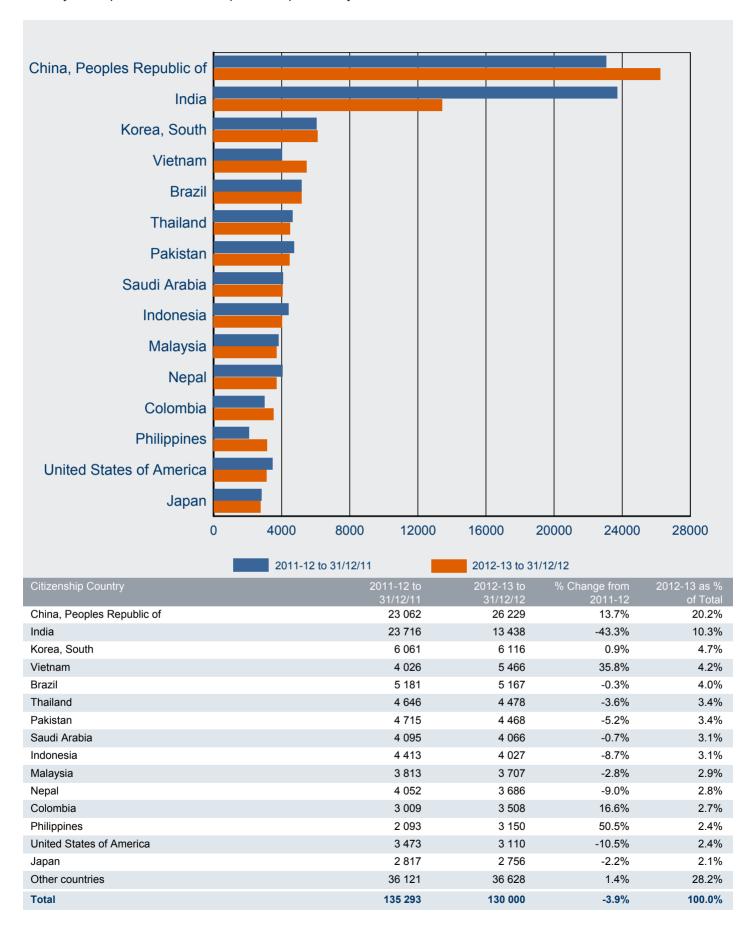
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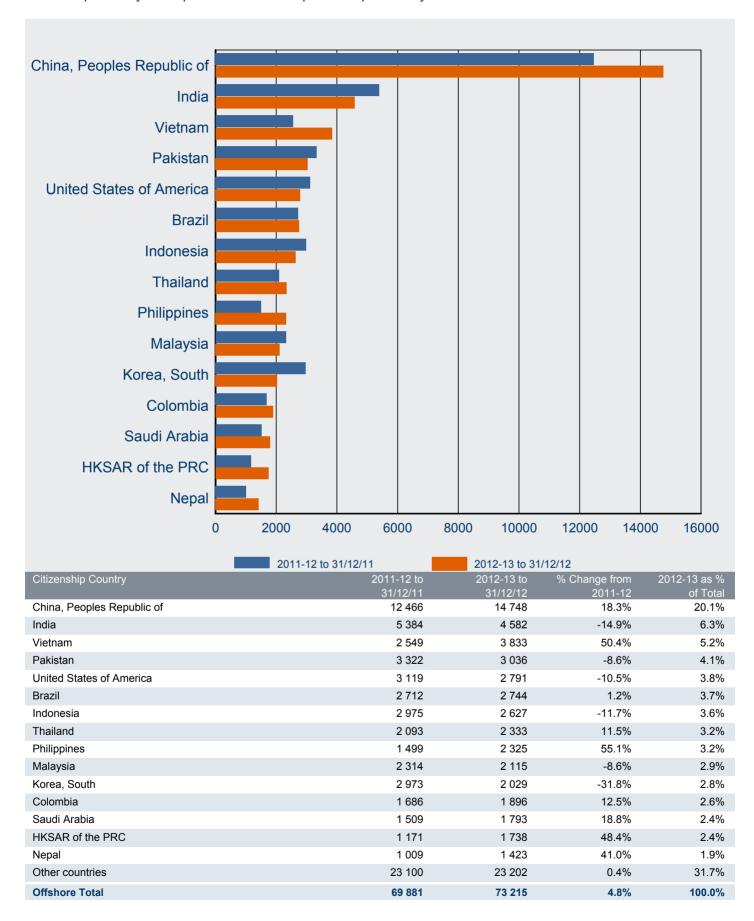
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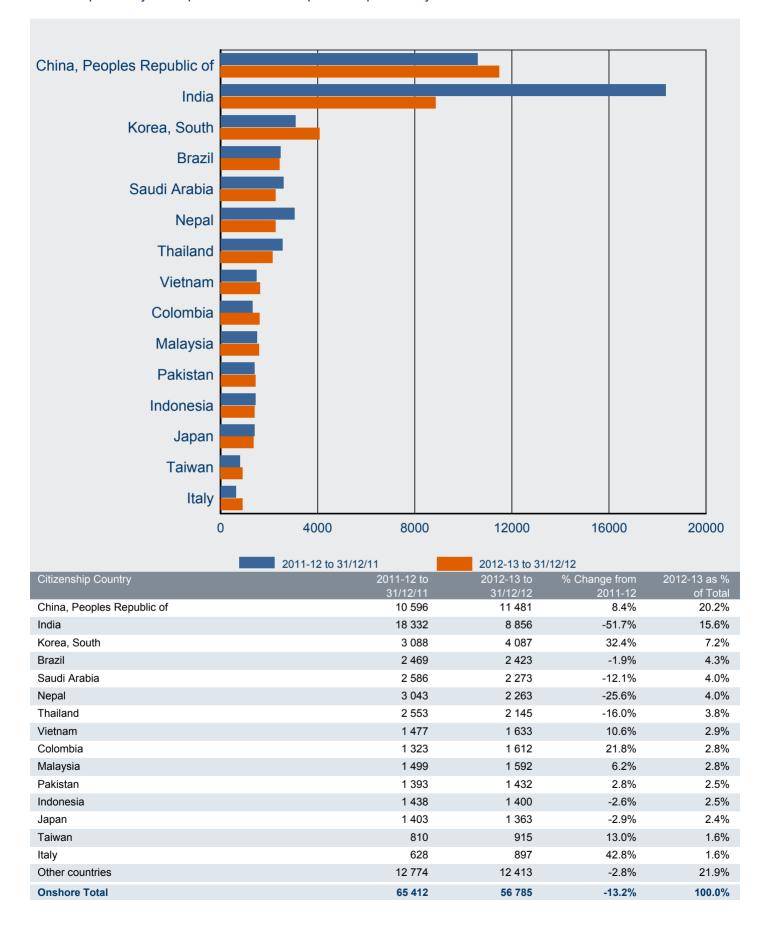
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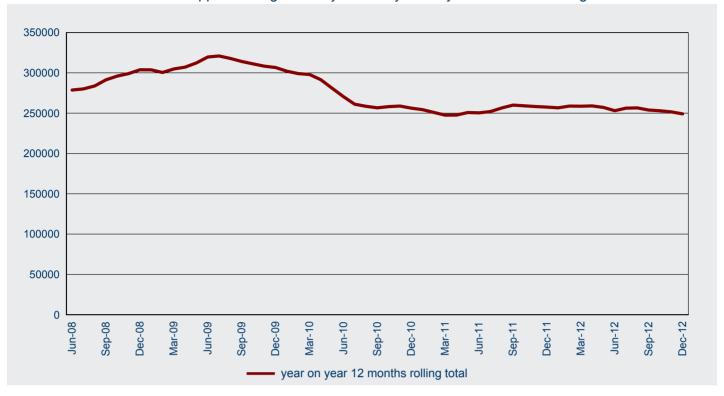
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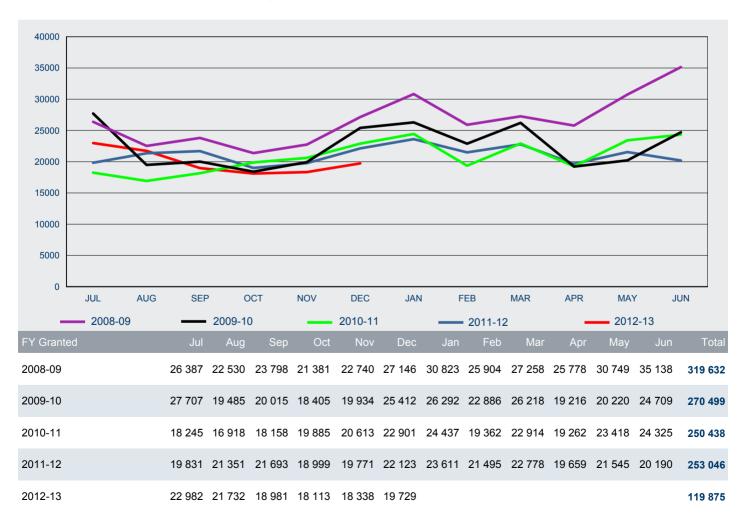
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2.01 Number of student visa applications granted by month - year on year 12 months rolling total

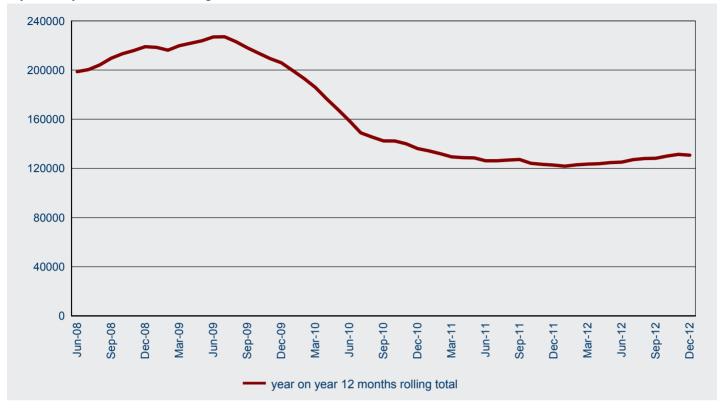


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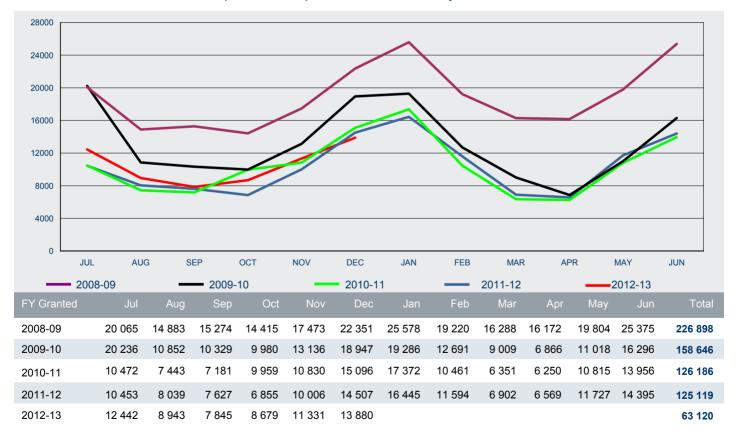


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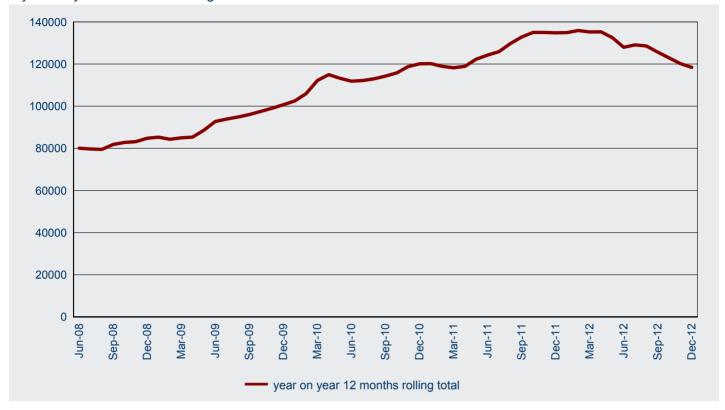


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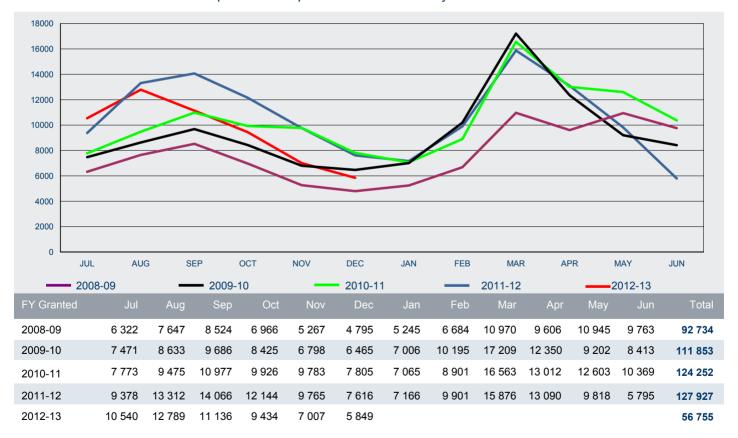


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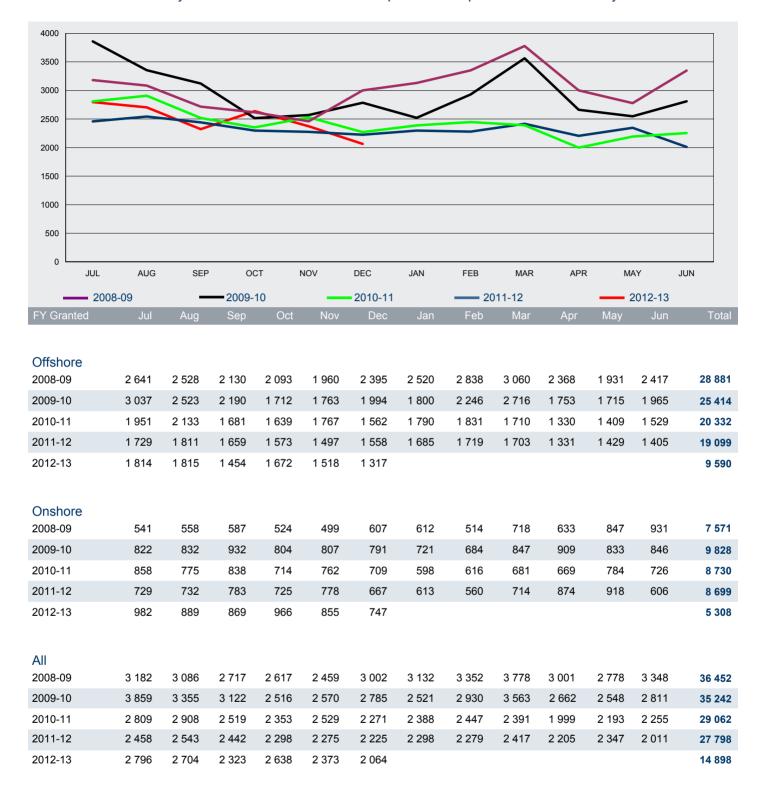
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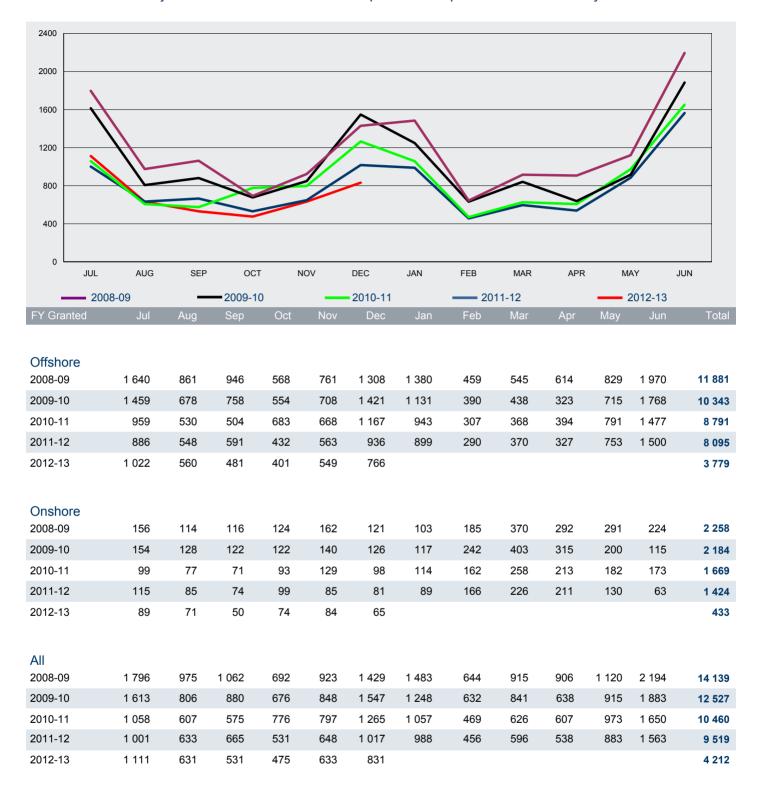
2.06 Number of student visa applications granted in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 by month where the client was ONSHORE - comparison with previous four financial years



2.07 Number of visa applications granted for subclass 570 Independent ELICOS Sector in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 by client location and month - comparison with previous four financial years



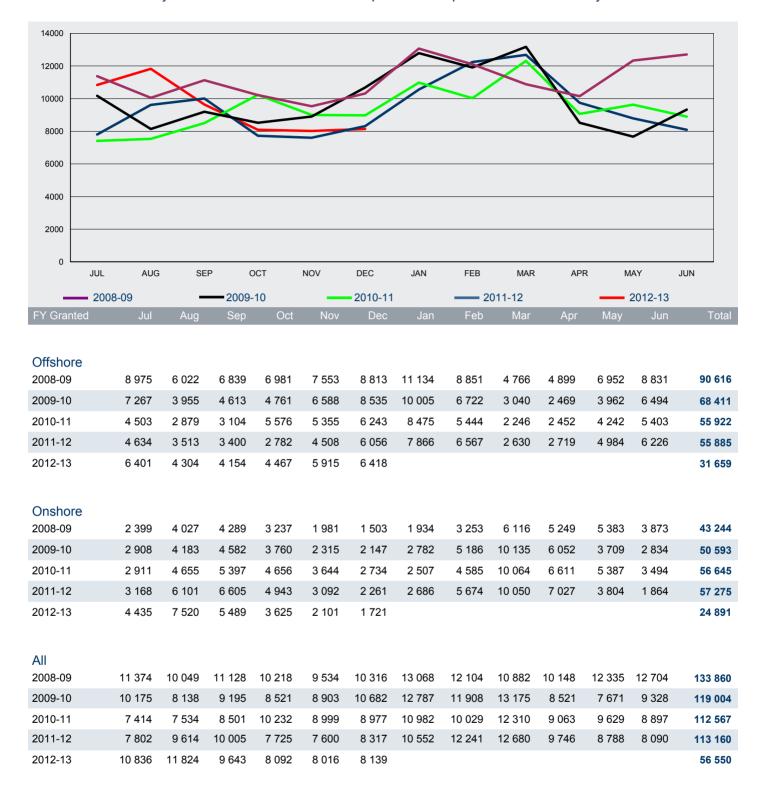
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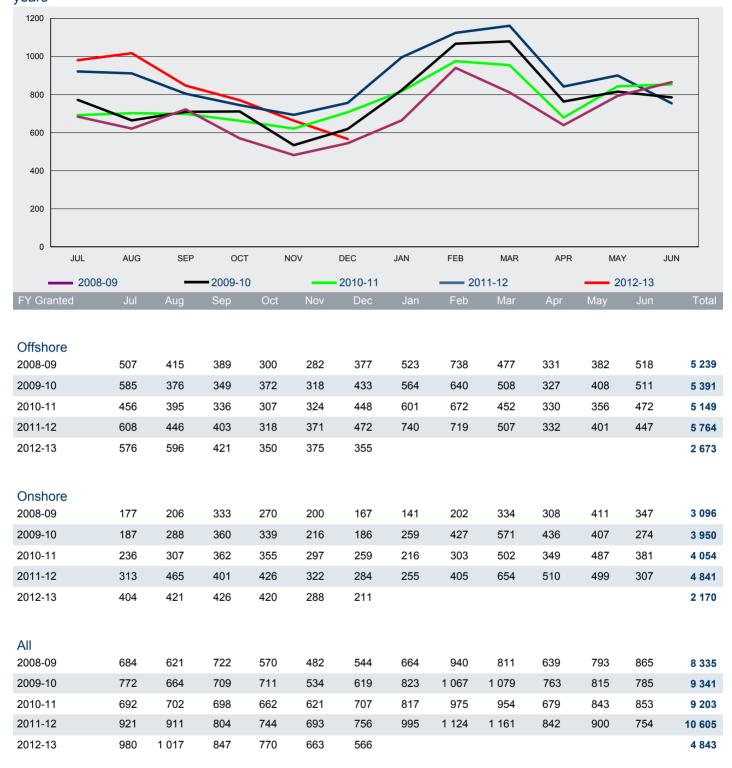
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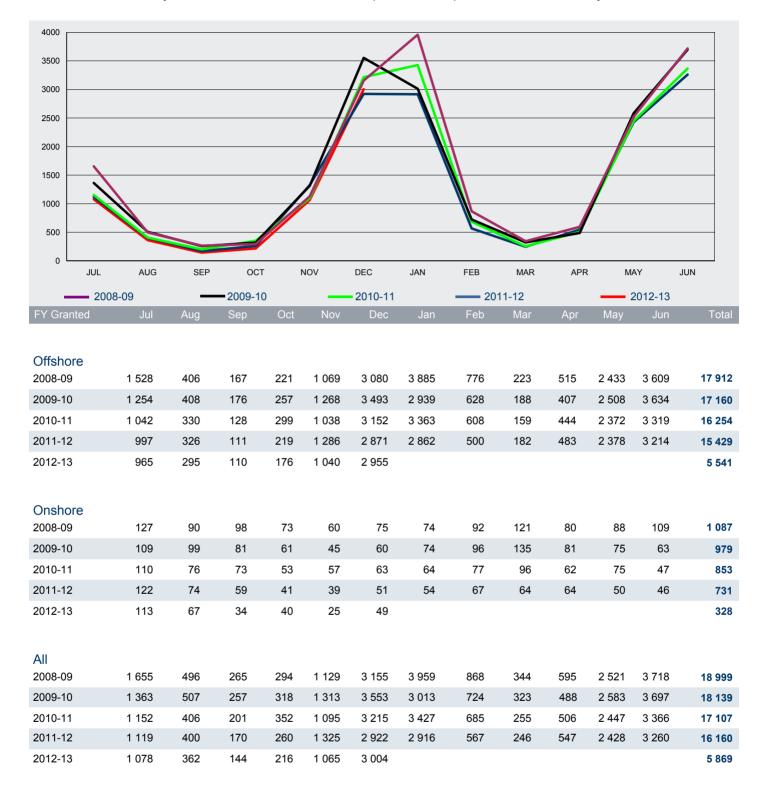
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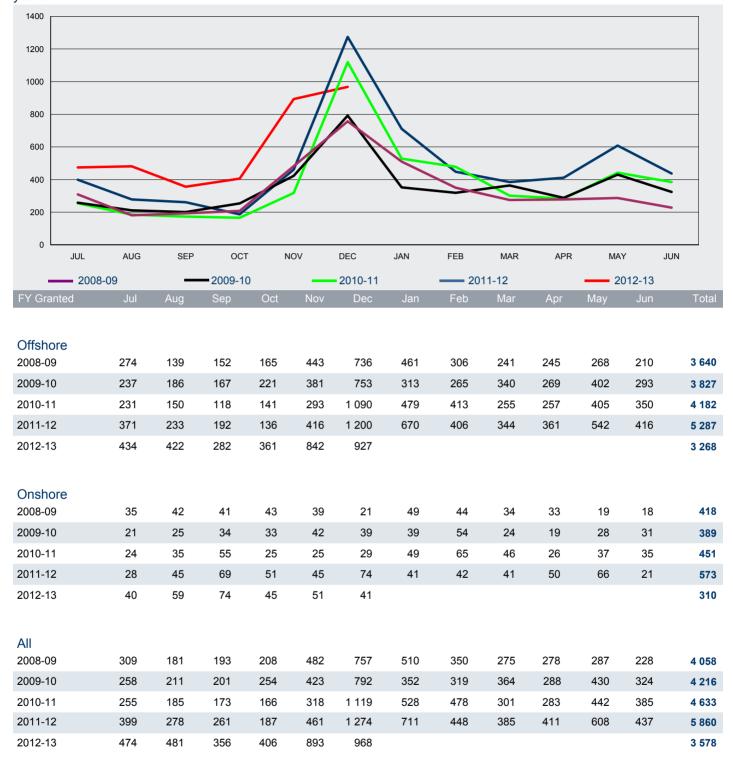
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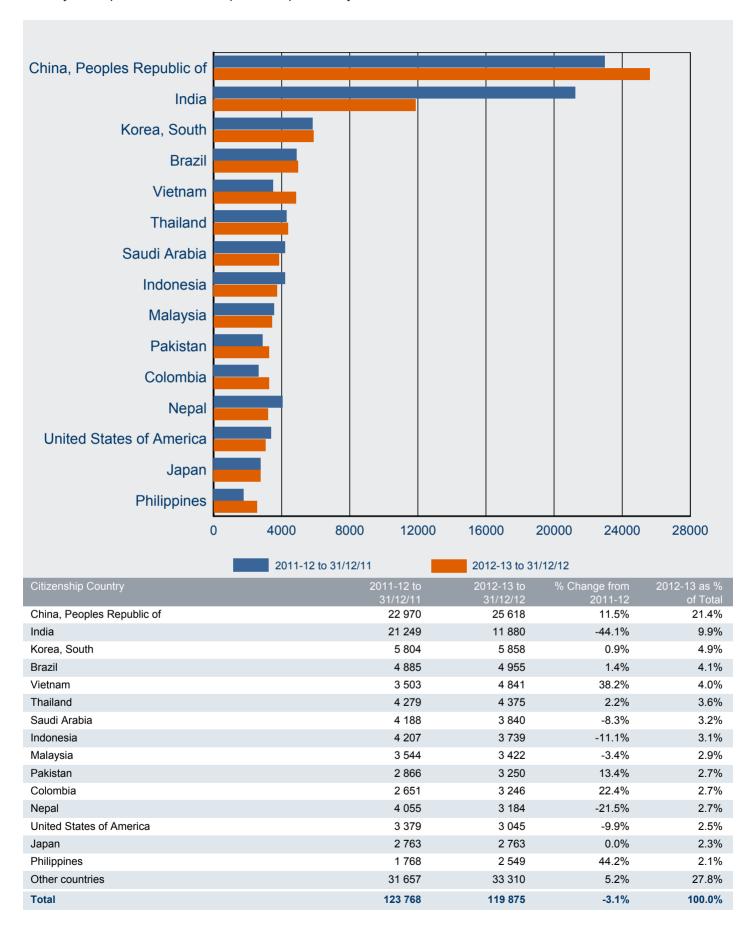
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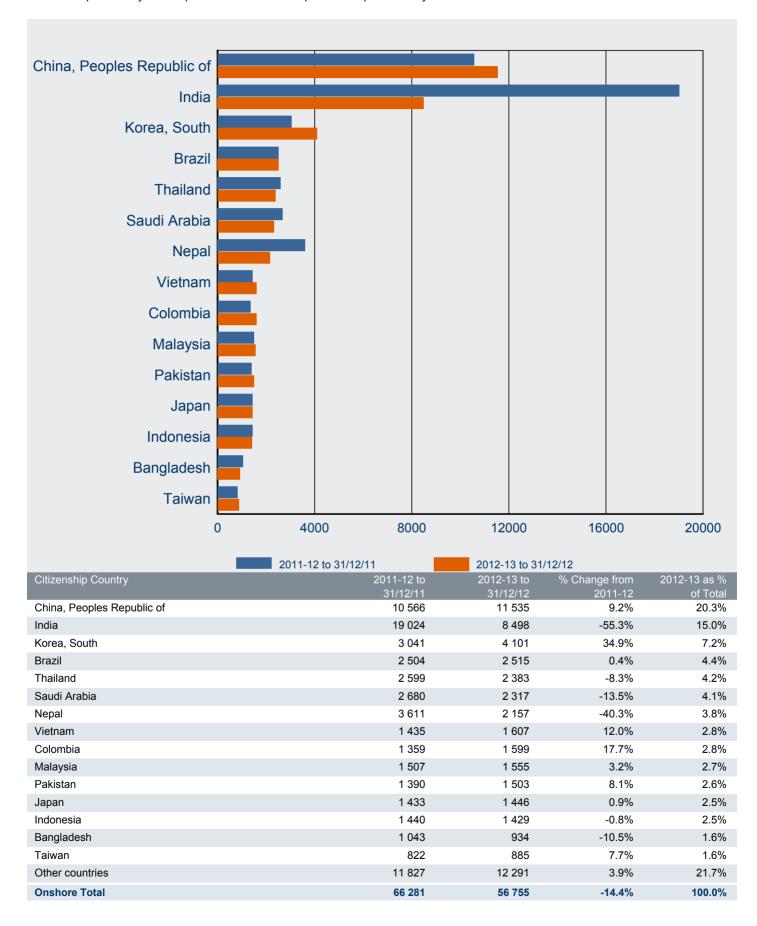
2.14 Number of student visa applications granted in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



2.15 Number of student visa applications granted OFFSHORE in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



2.16 Number of student visa applications granted ONSHORE in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



2.17 Number of subclass 570 Independent ELICOS Sector visa applications granted in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 where the client location was OFFSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2011-12 to 31/12/11	2012-13 to 31/12/12	% Change from 2011-12	2012-13 as % of Total
Brazil	2029	1763	-13.1%	18.4%
Colombia	1136	1469	29.3%	15.3%
Japan	686	661	-3.6%	6.9%
Thailand	615	638	3.7%	6.7%
Saudi Arabia	534	629	17.8%	6.6%
Spain	451	552	22.4%	5.8%
Korea, South	789	528	-33.1%	5.5%
Czech Republic	314	426	35.7%	4.4%
Switzerland	371	326	-12.1%	3.4%
Taiwan	238	268	12.6%	2.8%
Italy	227	262	15.4%	2.7%
China, Peoples Republic of	531	223	-58.0%	2.3%
Chile	235	213	-9.4%	2.2%
France	224	170	-24.1%	1.8%
Poland	132	129	-2.3%	1.3%
Other countries	1315	1333	1.4%	13.9%
Sub-total Offshore	9 827	9 590	-2.4%	100.0%

2.18 Number of subclass 570 Independent ELICOS Sector visa applications granted in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 where the client location was ONSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2011-12 to 31/12/11	2012-13 to 31/12/12	% Change from 2011-12	2012-13 as % of Total
Colombia	624	888	42.3%	16.7%
Brazil	864	880	1.9%	16.6%
Korea, South	273	695	154.6%	13.1%
Japan	457	499	9.2%	9.4%
Saudi Arabia	441	437	-0.9%	8.2%
Italy	199	301	51.3%	5.7%
Spain	138	198	43.5%	3.7%
Taiwan	152	180	18.4%	3.4%
Greece	61	132	116.4%	2.5%
Thailand	177	114	-35.6%	2.1%
Czech Republic	85	90	5.9%	1.7%
Malaysia	67	77	14.9%	1.5%
HKSAR of the PRC	31	70	125.8%	1.3%
Chile	87	69	-20.7%	1.3%
Poland	85	67	-21.2%	1.3%
Other countries	673	611	-9.2%	11.5%
Sub-total Onshore	4 414	5 308	20.3%	100.0%
Total	14 241	14 898	4.6%	

2.19 Number of subclass 571 Schools Sector visa applications granted in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 where the client location was OFFSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2011-12 to 31/12/11	2012-13 to 31/12/12	% Change from 2011-12	2012-13 as % of Total
China, Peoples Republic of	1733	1726	-0.4%	45.7%
Vietnam	308	388	26.0%	10.3%
Germany, Fed Republic of	399	381	-4.5%	10.1%
Japan	226	236	4.4%	6.2%
HKSAR of the PRC	160	145	-9.4%	3.8%
Korea, South	170	117	-31.2%	3.1%
Malaysia	113	65	-42.5%	1.7%
Italy	39	62	59.0%	1.6%
Thailand	55	55	0.0%	1.5%
Brazil	65	47	-27.7%	1.2%
Taiwan	49	43	-12.2%	1.1%
Austria	50	42	-16.0%	1.1%
Indonesia	53	36	-32.1%	1.0%
France	43	34	-20.9%	0.9%
Switzerland	31	28	-9.7%	0.7%
Other countries	462	374	-19.0%	9.9%
Sub-total Offshore	3 956	3 779	-4.5%	100.0%

2.20 Number of subclass 571 Schools Sector visa applications granted in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 where the client location was ONSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2011-12 to 31/12/11	2012-13 to 31/12/12	% Change from 2011-12	2012-13 as % of Total
Korea, South	196	150	-23.5%	34.6%
China, Peoples Republic of	58	65	12.1%	15.0%
Japan	61	53	-13.1%	12.2%
Germany, Fed Republic of	29	24	-17.2%	5.5%
Taiwan	21	17	-19.0%	3.9%
United States of America	<5	12	200.0%	2.8%
Vietnam	23	9	-60.9%	2.1%
Italy	8	9	12.5%	2.1%
United Kingdom	6	8	33.3%	1.8%
Brazil	17	7	-58.8%	1.6%
Papua New Guinea	15	7	-53.3%	1.6%
France	5	6	20.0%	1.4%
Saudi Arabia	<5	6	50.0%	1.4%
Philippines	<5	5	400.0%	1.2%
Thailand	26	<5	-84.6%	0.9%
Other countries	65	51	-21.5%	11.8%
Sub-total Onshore	539	433	-19.7%	100.0%
Total	4 495	4 212	-6.3%	

2.21 Number of subclass 572 Vocational Education and Training Sector visa applications granted in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 where the client location was OFFSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2011-12 to 31/12/11	2012-13 to 31/12/12	% Change from 2011-12	2012-13 as % of Total
Philippines	509	685	34.6%	10.4%
India	424	523	23.3%	7.9%
Indonesia	871	509	-41.6%	7.7%
Korea, South	880	489	-44.4%	7.4%
United States of America	393	361	-8.1%	5.5%
United Kingdom	218	260	19.3%	3.9%
Pakistan	718	259	-63.9%	3.9%
Brazil	218	199	-8.7%	3.0%
Malaysia	204	185	-9.3%	2.8%
China, Peoples Republic of	336	181	-46.1%	2.7%
Thailand	222	179	-19.4%	2.7%
Taiwan	124	160	29.0%	2.4%
Slovakia	139	152	9.4%	2.3%
Canada	170	145	-14.7%	2.2%
Papua New Guinea	98	124	26.5%	1.9%
Other countries	2311	2199	-4.8%	33.3%
Sub-total Offshore	7 835	6 610	-15.6%	100.0%

2.22 Number of subclass 572 Vocational Education and Training Sector visa applications granted in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 where the client location was ONSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2011-12 to 31/12/11	2012-13 to 31/12/12	% Change from 2011-12	2012-13 as % of Total
India	15403	6322	-59.0%	27.1%
Korea, South	1374	2289	66.6%	9.8%
Thailand	1839	1652	-10.2%	7.1%
China, Peoples Republic of	2048	1635	-20.2%	7.0%
Brazil	1446	1451	0.3%	6.2%
Pakistan	724	669	-7.6%	2.9%
Malaysia	476	663	39.3%	2.8%
Japan	633	639	0.9%	2.7%
Nepal	1572	599	-61.9%	2.6%
Indonesia	606	554	-8.6%	2.4%
Philippines	405	515	27.2%	2.2%
United Kingdom	398	463	16.3%	2.0%
Italy	298	441	48.0%	1.9%
Colombia	389	416	6.9%	1.8%
Taiwan	249	340	36.5%	1.5%
Other countries	4389	4667	6.3%	20.0%
Sub-total Onshore	32 249	23 315	-27.7%	100.0%
Total	40 084	29 925	-25.3%	

2.23 Number of subclass 573 Higher Education Sector visa applications granted in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 where the client location was OFFSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2011-12 to 31/12/11	2012-13 to 31/12/12	% Change from 2011-12	2012-13 as % of Total
China, Peoples Republic of	9024	11233	24.5%	35.5%
India	1605	2628	63.7%	8.3%
Vietnam	1082	2305	113.0%	7.3%
HKSAR of the PRC	739	1267	71.4%	4.0%
Malaysia	1307	1204	-7.9%	3.8%
Pakistan	517	1174	127.1%	3.7%
Thailand	665	987	48.4%	3.1%
Indonesia	1003	986	-1.7%	3.1%
Singapore	996	958	-3.8%	3.0%
Nepal	330	874	164.8%	2.8%
Saudi Arabia	772	737	-4.5%	2.3%
Philippines	428	666	55.6%	2.1%
Canada	751	586	-22.0%	1.9%
Korea, South	816	542	-33.6%	1.7%
Sri Lanka	245	499	103.7%	1.6%
Other countries	4613	5013	8.7%	15.8%
Sub-total Offshore	24 893	31 659	27.2%	100.0%

2.24 Number of subclass 573 Higher Education Sector visa applications granted in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 where the client location was ONSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

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Citizenship Country	2011-12 to 31/12/11	2012-13 to 31/12/12	% Change from 2011-12	2012-13 as % of Total
China, Peoples Republic of	8068	9427	16.8%	37.9%
India	3447	2080	-39.7%	8.4%
Saudi Arabia	1734	1477	-14.8%	5.9%
Nepal	1937	1457	-24.8%	5.9%
Vietnam	966	1108	14.7%	4.5%
Korea, South	1143	897	-21.5%	3.6%
Pakistan	576	765	32.8%	3.1%
Malaysia	786	650	-17.3%	2.6%
Indonesia	592	642	8.4%	2.6%
Thailand	493	566	14.8%	2.3%
HKSAR of the PRC	660	550	-16.7%	2.2%
Bangladesh	515	509	-1.2%	2.0%
Sri Lanka	584	442	-24.3%	1.8%
Singapore	359	332	-7.5%	1.3%
Taiwan	367	319	-13.1%	1.3%
Other countries	3943	3670	-6.9%	14.7%
Sub-total Onshore	26 170	24 891	-4.9%	100.0%
Total	51 063	56 550	10.7%	

2.25 Number of subclass 574 Postgraduate Research Sector visa applications granted in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 where the client location was OFFSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2011-12 to 31/12/11	2012-13 to 31/12/12	% Change from 2011-12	2012-13 as % of Total
China, Peoples Republic of	380	479	26.1%	17.9%
Iran	210	287	36.7%	10.7%
Malaysia	231	247	6.9%	9.2%
Indonesia	345	221	-35.9%	8.3%
India	112	140	25.0%	5.2%
Bangladesh	115	117	1.7%	4.4%
Saudi Arabia	162	100	-38.3%	3.7%
Vietnam	235	99	-57.9%	3.7%
Iraq	21	74	252.4%	2.8%
Pakistan	55	73	32.7%	2.7%
United States of America	56	64	14.3%	2.4%
Sri Lanka	78	56	-28.2%	2.1%
Thailand	41	44	7.3%	1.6%
Chile	38	40	5.3%	1.5%
United Kingdom	48	35	-27.1%	1.3%
Other countries	491	597	21.6%	22.3%
Sub-total Offshore	2 618	2 673	2.1%	100.0%

2.26 Number of subclass 574 Postgraduate Research Sector visa applications granted in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 where the client location was ONSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

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Citizenship Country	2011-12 to 31/12/11	2012-13 to 31/12/12	% Change from 2011-12	2012-13 as % of Total
China, Peoples Republic of	292	344	17.8%	15.9%
Saudi Arabia	332	279	-16.0%	12.9%
Indonesia	109	172	57.8%	7.9%
Malaysia	160	154	-3.8%	7.1%
Iran	96	88	-8.3%	4.1%
Libya	99	87	-12.1%	4.0%
Vietnam	71	87	22.5%	4.0%
Bangladesh	97	85	-12.4%	3.9%
India	122	61	-50.0%	2.8%
Pakistan	69	52	-24.6%	2.4%
Germany, Fed Republic of	43	47	9.3%	2.2%
Thailand	63	45	-28.6%	2.1%
United States of America	48	40	-16.7%	1.8%
Sri Lanka	50	39	-22.0%	1.8%
Iraq	9	38	322.2%	1.8%
Other countries	551	552	0.2%	25.4%
Sub-total Onshore	2 211	2 170	-1.9%	100.0%
Total	4 829	4 843	0.3%	

2.27 Number of subclass 575 Non-Award Sector visa applications granted in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 where the client location was OFFSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2011-12 to 31/12/11	2012-13 to 31/12/12	% Change from 2011-12	2012-13 as % of Total
United States of America	2155	1890	-12.3%	34.1%
Germany, Fed Republic of	526	427	-18.8%	7.7%
Brazil	6	363	5950.0%	6.6%
Canada	386	330	-14.5%	6.0%
Norway	249	218	-12.4%	3.9%
China, Peoples Republic of	370	217	-41.4%	3.9%
United Kingdom	163	198	21.5%	3.6%
Sweden	188	182	-3.2%	3.3%
France	219	169	-22.8%	3.0%
Japan	122	145	18.9%	2.6%
Mexico	130	137	5.4%	2.5%
Denmark	142	120	-15.5%	2.2%
Philippines	46	93	102.2%	1.7%
Italy	86	89	3.5%	1.6%
Malaysia	75	83	10.7%	1.5%
Other countries	947	880	-7.1%	15.9%
Sub-total Offshore	5 810	5 541	-4.6%	100.0%

2.28 Number of subclass 575 Non-Award Sector visa applications granted in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 where the client location was ONSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2011-12 to 31/12/11	2012-13 to 31/12/12	% Change from 2011-12	2012-13 as % of Total
Korea, South	20	46	130.0%	14.0%
Norway	22	26	18.2%	7.9%
France	9	24	166.7%	7.3%
United States of America	33	21	-36.4%	6.4%
China, Peoples Republic of	46	19	-58.7%	5.8%
Germany, Fed Republic of	24	19	-20.8%	5.8%
Colombia	9	18	100.0%	5.5%
Japan	17	16	-5.9%	4.9%
Saudi Arabia	19	12	-36.8%	3.7%
Brazil	24	10	-58.3%	3.0%
Canada	10	10	0.0%	3.0%
Sweden	8	10	25.0%	3.0%
India	17	9	-47.1%	2.7%
Denmark	23	8	-65.2%	2.4%
Italy	6	8	33.3%	2.4%
Other countries	99	72	-27.3%	22.0%
Sub-total Onshore	386	328	-15.0%	100.0%
Total	6 196	5 869	-5.3%	

2.29 Number of subclass 576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored visa applications granted in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 where the client location was OFFSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2011-12 to 31/12/11	2012-13 to 31/12/12	% Change from 2011-12	2012-13 as % of Total
Indonesia	365	462	26.6%	14.1%
Vietnam	276	316	14.5%	9.7%
Pakistan	178	222	24.7%	6.8%
Philippines	115	218	89.6%	6.7%
Papua New Guinea	121	183	51.2%	5.6%
Bangladesh	79	109	38.0%	3.3%
Sri Lanka	75	96	28.0%	2.9%
Cambodia	105	92	-12.4%	2.8%
Thailand	64	80	25.0%	2.4%
Tanzania	38	72	89.5%	2.2%
Timor-Leste	48	69	43.8%	2.1%
Mongolia	44	67	52.3%	2.1%
Malaysia	76	65	-14.5%	2.0%
Ghana	17	64	276.5%	2.0%
Bhutan	52	61	17.3%	1.9%
Other countries	895	1092	22.0%	33.4%
Sub-total Offshore	2 548	3 268	28.3%	100.0%

2.30 Number of subclass 576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored visa applications granted in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 where the client location was ONSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2011-12 to 31/12/11	2012-13 to 31/12/12	% Change from 2011-12	2012-13 as % of Total
Papua New Guinea	37	67	81.1%	21.6%
Indonesia	102	46	-54.9%	14.8%
Iraq	21	41	95.2%	13.2%
Vietnam	28	35	25.0%	11.3%
Pakistan	19	14	-26.3%	4.5%
Solomon Islands	<5	14	1300.0%	4.5%
Samoa	<5	10	150.0%	3.2%
Mongolia	9	9	0.0%	2.9%
Cambodia	11	8	-27.3%	2.6%
Tonga	<5	7	600.0%	2.3%
Bangladesh	15	5	-66.7%	1.6%
Timor-Leste	<5	5	66.7%	1.6%
Vanuatu	<5	5	400.0%	1.6%
Afghanistan	10	<5	-60.0%	1.3%
Sri Lanka	9	<5	-55.6%	1.3%
Other countries	41	36	-12.2%	11.6%
Sub-total Onshore	312	310	-0.6%	100.0%
Total	2 860	3 578	25.1%	

For this section, grant rates have been shown.

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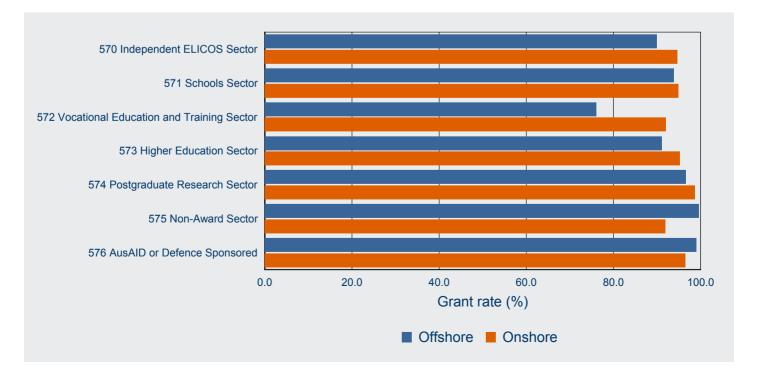
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3.01 Grant rate of student visa applications decided in the three month period between 1 October 2012 and 31 December 2012 by client location and visa subclass - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Subclass	01/10/11 to 31/12/11	01/01/12 to 31/03/12	01/04/12 to 30/06/12	01/07/12 to 30/09/12	01/10/12 to 31/12/12
Offshore					
570 Independent ELICOS Sector	87.1%	85.9%	86.6%	89.5%	90.0%
571 Schools Sector	89.4%	90.4%	93.1%	95.4%	93.8%
572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	71.2%	59.4%	66.5%	73.0%	76.1%
573 Higher Education Sector	86.2%	87.8%	85.4%	87.6%	91.1%
574 Postgraduate Research Sector	97.3%	98.0%	97.2%	98.5%	96.6%
575 Non-Award Sector	98.8%	99.1%	99.7%	98.9%	99.6%
576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored	97.6%	98.9%	97.4%	98.1%	99.0%
All Offshore	86.6%	84.5%	86.6%	87.9%	90.8%
Onshore					
570 Independent ELICOS Sector	96.7%	95.9%	95.6%	95.6%	94.7%
571 Schools Sector	97.8%	96.6%	93.3%	94.6%	94.9%
572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	92.9%	90.7%	91.1%	92.9%	92.0%
573 Higher Education Sector	96.0%	98.4%	96.0%	98.2%	95.2%
574 Postgraduate Research Sector	98.9%	99.8%	98.7%	99.0%	98.7%
575 Non-Award Sector	94.2%	97.4%	94.1%	95.5%	91.9%
576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored	96.0%	93.9%	90.7%	97.7%	96.5%
All Onshore	94.5%	95.7%	93.9%	96.0%	93.7%
All	90.2%	89.6%	89.9%	92.1%	91.9%

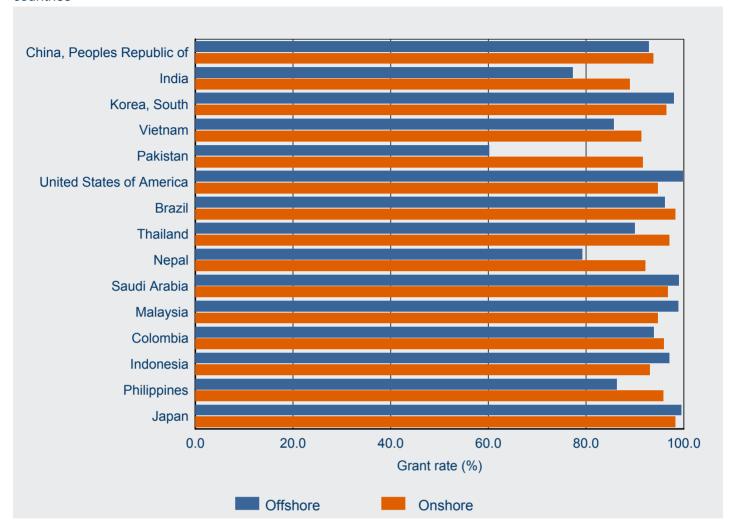
3.02 Grant rate of student visa applications decided in the three month period between 1 October 2012 and 31 December 2012 by client location and visa subclass



3.03 Grant rate of student visa applications decided in the three month period between 1 October 2012 and 31 December 2012 by client location and citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/10/11 to 31/12/11	01/01/12 to 31/03/12	01/04/12 to 30/06/12	01/07/12 to 30/09/12	01/10/12 to 31/12/12
Offshore					
China, Peoples Republic of	88.9%	88.5%	93.8%	95.1%	92.9%
United States of America	99.9%	99.5%	99.8%	99.0%	99.9%
India	39.6%	61.5%	51.7%	74.1%	77.3%
Vietnam	84.0%	91.1%	91.4%	91.8%	85.7%
Malaysia	98.7%	99.4%	99.4%	97.7%	98.9%
Brazil	96.0%	95.8%	95.6%	93.1%	96.2%
Korea, South	98.7%	98.4%	98.2%	96.8%	97.9%
Indonesia	91.8%	92.0%	90.1%	94.9%	97.1%
Pakistan	61.2%	34.5%	49.8%	57.7%	60.1%
Saudi Arabia	97.6%	97.9%	96.9%	94.1%	99.0%
Thailand	84.6%	85.8%	87.1%	85.6%	90.0%
Singapore	99.7%	99.5%	99.7%	98.9%	99.6%
Canada	99.8%	99.8%	99.7%	100.0%	99.9%
Colombia	92.6%	91.8%	92.6%	89.8%	93.9%
Philippines	89.3%	83.0%	70.9%	80.1%	86.3%
Other countries	88.6%	86.0%	86.6%	84.7%	91.5%
All Offshore	86.6%	84.5%	86.6%	87.9%	90.8%
Onshore					
India	91.3%	85.6%	88.5%	89.9%	89.0%
China, Peoples Republic of	95.5%	98.5%	95.3%	98.0%	93.8%
Korea, South	96.6%	97.3%	96.2%	96.7%	96.4%
Nepal	95.7%	92.1%	93.9%	93.5%	92.2%
Brazil	99.3%	98.6%	97.6%	99.1%	98.3%
Thailand	98.4%	97.7%	96.3%	96.5%	97.1%
Saudi Arabia	96.8%	97.8%	95.9%	96.2%	96.7%
Colombia	98.0%	96.1%	97.8%	97.5%	96.0%
Pakistan	93.9%	92.7%	93.0%	93.0%	91.6%
Japan	99.0%	99.0%	98.1%	98.9%	98.3%
Malaysia	91.7%	98.0%	94.1%	95.5%	94.7%
Indonesia	96.6%	97.9%	93.4%	98.8%	93.1%
Vietnam	92.6%	97.1%	91.5%	97.0%	91.4%
Italy	98.9%	99.3%	98.0%	98.3%	96.9%
Bangladesh	95.8%	93.1%	95.2%	93.6%	92.6%
Other countries	95.3%	96.6%	94.4%	96.6%	94.2%
All Onshore	94.5%	95.7%	93.9%	96.0%	93.7%
All	90.2%	89.6%	89.9%	92.1%	91.9%

3.04 Grant rate of student visa applications decided in the three month period between 1 October 2012 and 31 December 2012 by citizenship country and client location - top 15 citizenship countries



This section contains information on 25, 50 and 75 percentile processing times for primary applications.

In general terms:

25 percentile means that 25 per cent of applications granted during the period were processed within the number of

> days shown in the tables. Conversely, 75 per cent took longer than the number of days shown. This measure gives an indication of how long it is taking to process the more straight-forward student

applications.

50 percentile more commonly known as the median, it means that 50 per cent of applications granted during the

> period were processed within the number of days shown in the tables. Conversely, 50 per cent took longer than the number of days shown. This measure gives an indication of how long it is taking to

process the typical student applications.

75 percentile means that 75 per cent of applications granted during the period were processed within the number of

days shown in the tables. Conversely, 25 per cent took longer than the number of days shown. This

measure gives an indication of how long it is taking to process the more complex student applications.

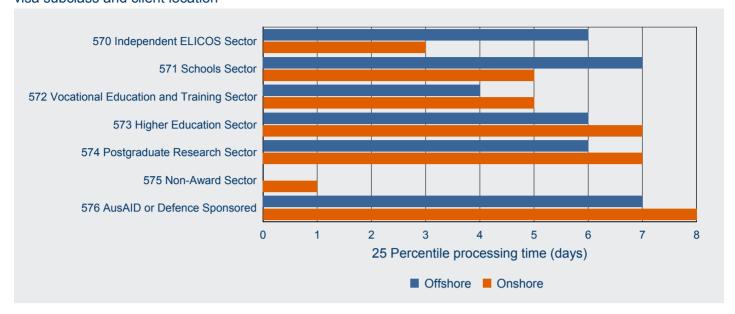
4.01 Processing time (in calendar days) for student PRIMARY visa applications granted in the three month period between 1 October 2012 and 31 December 2012 by client location and visa subclass - comparison with previous four periods

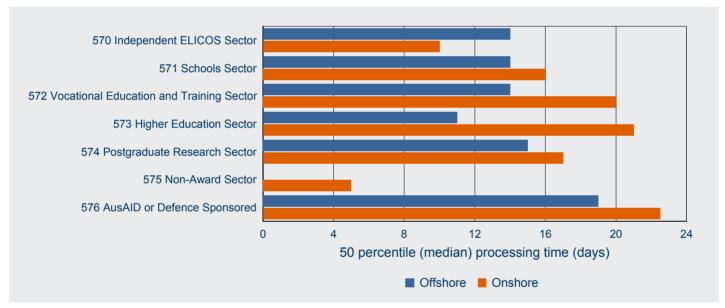
Visa Subclass		01/10/11 to 31/12/11 (days)	01/01/12 to 31/03/12 (days)	01/04/12 to 30/06/12 (days)	01/07/12 to 30/09/12 (days)	01/10/12 to 31/12/12 (days)
Offshore						
570 Independent ELICOS	25th percentile	7	9	7	6	6
Sector	50th percentile (Median)	14	19	13	14	14
	75th percentile	20	25	21	22	23
571 Schools Sector	25th percentile	7	8	5	7	7
	50th percentile (Median)	13	16	9	14	14
	75th percentile	28	32	16	30	28
572 Vocational Education	25th percentile	6	9	7	5	4
and Training Sector	50th percentile (Median)	14	20	15	15	14
	75th percentile	36	42	29	29	28
573 Higher Education	25th percentile	5	6	6	6	6
Sector	50th percentile (Median)	10	12	10	10	11
	75th percentile	22	24	18	19	20
574 Postgraduate	25th percentile	7	8	8	7	6
Research Sector	50th percentile (Median)	14	18	16	14	15
	75th percentile	29	32	30	28	28
575 Non-Award Sector	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile (Median)	0	0	0	8	0
	75th percentile	1	10	3	19	3
576 AusAID or Defence	25th percentile	6	7	8	2	7
Sponsored	50th percentile (Median)	14	21	18	7	19
	75th percentile	28	48	42	15	41
All Offshore	25th percentile	3	5	3	6	4
	50th percentile (Median)	10	13	9	11	11
	75th percentile	21	25	18	21	21

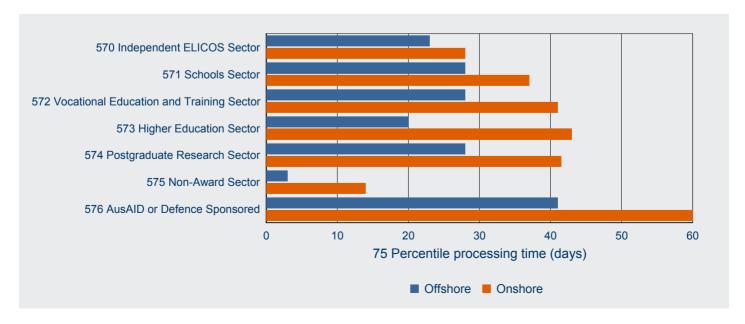
4.01 Processing time (in calendar days) for student PRIMARY visa applications granted in the three month period between 1 October 2012 and 31 December 2012 by client location and visa subclass - comparison with previous four periods - continued

Visa Subclass		01/10/11 to 31/12/11 (days)	01/01/12 to 31/03/12 (days)	01/04/12 to 30/06/12 (days)	01/07/12 to 30/09/12 (days)	01/10/12 to 31/12/12 (days)
Onshore						
570 Independent ELICOS	25th percentile	3	4	4	4	3
Sector	50th percentile (Median)	12	10	16	13	10
	75th percentile	30	24	35	28	28
571 Schools Sector	25th percentile	11	7	21	8	5
	50th percentile (Median)	21	16	39	27	16
	75th percentile	42	33	56	61	37
572 Vocational Education	25th percentile	13	6	13	7	5
and Training Sector	50th percentile (Median)	30	16	30	22	20
	75th percentile	50	35	49	41	41
573 Higher Education	25th percentile	18	5	23	3	7
Sector	50th percentile (Median)	38	13	37	10	21
	75th percentile	60	23	54	23	43
574 Postgraduate	25th percentile	12	7	13	7	7
Research Sector	50th percentile (Median)	27	14	27	15	17
	75th percentile	52	25	45	33	42
575 Non-Award Sector	25th percentile	3	3	4	2	1
	50th percentile (Median)	18	10	18	5	5
	75th percentile	39	24	39	21	14
576 AusAID or Defence	25th percentile	9	13	13	11	8
Sponsored	50th percentile (Median)	24	26	36	27	23
	75th percentile	43	42	59	44	60
All Onshore	25th percentile	13	5	16	4	5
	50th percentile (Median)	31	14	33	14	19
	75th percentile	53	27	50	30	40
All	25th percentile	6	5	6	5	4
	50th percentile (Median)	16	13	15	13	13
	75th percentile	38	26	35	26	27

4.02 25, 50 and 75 percentile processing time (in calendar days) for student PRIMARY visa applications granted in the three month period between 1 October 2012 and 31 December 2012 by visa subclass and client location







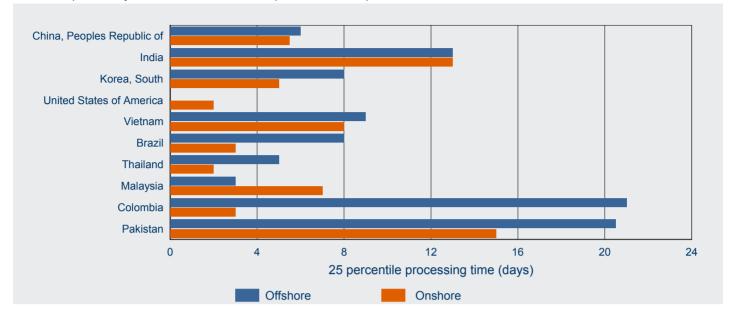
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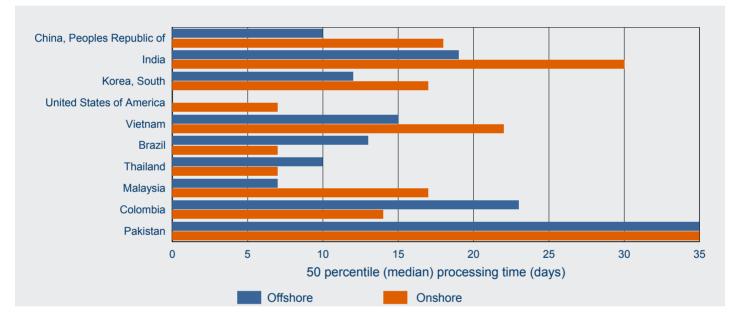
Citizenship country		01/10/11 to	01/01/12 to	01/04/12 to	01/07/12 to	01/10/12 to
Citizenship country		31/12/11	31/03/12	30/06/12	30/09/12	31/12/12
		(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)
Offshore						
China, Peoples Republic of	25th percentile	7	7	6	6	6
OI	50th percentile (Median)	11	13	9	8	10
	75th percentile	27	23	15	15	16
United States of America	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile (Median)	0	0	0	0	0
	75th percentile	0	0	0	5	0
Malaysia	25th percentile	3	2	3	3	3
	50th percentile (Median)	7	5	7	8	7
	75th percentile	14	11	13	15	14
Brazil	25th percentile	12	17	8	11	8
	50th percentile (Median)	15	22	11	15	13
	75th percentile	18	26	15	19	20
Vietnam	25th percentile	12	10	11	11	9
	50th percentile (Median)	19	18	15	18	15
	75th percentile	27	24	24	32	29
India	25th percentile	13	16	9	11	13
	50th percentile (Median)	32	24	14	17	19
	75th percentile	57	37	25	25	28
Korea, South	25th percentile	7	8	8	7	8
	50th percentile (Median)	10	12	12	11	12
	75th percentile	14	15	18	17	18
Indonesia	25th percentile	10	8	9	11	15
	50th percentile (Median)	16	14	14	17	22
	75th percentile	33	22	23	24	78
Thailand	25th percentile	3	4	5	5	5
	50th percentile (Median)	8	8	10	12	10
	75th percentile	15	15	18	20	19
Colombia	25th percentile	15	21	17	21	21
	50th percentile (Median)	19	23	21	23	23
	75th percentile	26	32	24	29	26
Other countries	25th percentile	0	4	0	4	2
	50th percentile (Median)	9	14	8	12	10
	75th percentile	23	33	21	25	22
All Offshore	25th percentile	3	5	3	6	4
	50th percentile (Median)	10	13	9	11	11
	75th percentile	21	25	18	21	21

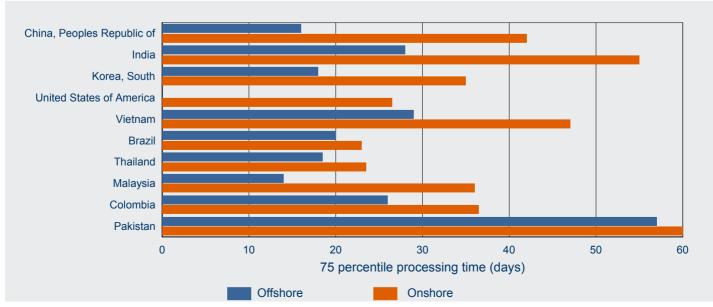
4.03 Processing time (in calendar days) for student PRIMARY visa applications granted in the three month period between 1 October 2012 and 31 December 2012 by client location and citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods - continued

Citizenship country		01/10/11 to 31/12/11 (days)	01/01/12 to 31/03/12 (days)	01/04/12 to 30/06/12 (days)	01/07/12 to 30/09/12 (days)	01/10/12 to 31/12/12 (days)
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Onshore						
China, Peoples Republic	25th percentile	16	4	23	2	6
of	50th percentile (Median)	35	10	36	7	18
	75th percentile	58	20	54	19	42
India	25th percentile	23	12	21	9	13
	50th percentile (Median)	37	25	36	27	30
	75th percentile	57	51	54	47	55
Korea, South	25th percentile	9	7	13	7	5
	50th percentile (Median)	24	17	30	19	17
	75th percentile	45	30	49	35	35
Brazil	25th percentile	3	4	4	4	3
	50th percentile (Median)	12	12	16	13	7
	75th percentile	29	25	35	28	23
Thailand	25th percentile	4	4	8	5	2
	50th percentile (Median)	13	11	22	16	7
	75th percentile	31	24	42	38	24
Nepal	25th percentile	22	12	23	8	12
	50th percentile (Median)	39	24	38	24	29
	75th percentile	62	43	62	45	55
Vietnam	25th percentile	15	5	23	5	8
	50th percentile (Median)	34	13	37	14	22
	75th percentile	56	26	56	29	47
Malaysia	25th percentile	14	7	21	7	7
	50th percentile (Median)	31	15	35	15	17
	75th percentile	51	28	49	30	36
Saudi Arabia	25th percentile	10	6	14	6	7
	50th percentile (Median)	29	14	31	14	22
	75th percentile	55	24	49	30	43
Japan	25th percentile	5	5	7	6	3
	50th percentile (Median)	16	14	22	15	12
	75th percentile	36	27	35	28	25
Other countries	25th percentile	9	5	11	5	4
	50th percentile (Median)	27	14	31	15	16
	75th percentile	52	29	50	32	39
All Onshore	25th percentile	13	5	16	4	5
	50th percentile (Median)	31	14	33	14	19
	75th percentile	53	27	50	30	40
All	25th percentile	6	5	6	5	4
	50th percentile (Median)	16	13	15 35	13	13
	75th percentile	38	26	35	26	27

4.04 25, 50 and 75 percentile processing time (in calendar days) for student PRIMARY visa applications granted in the three month period between 1 October 2012 and 31 December 2012 by citizenship country and client location - top 10 citizenship countries



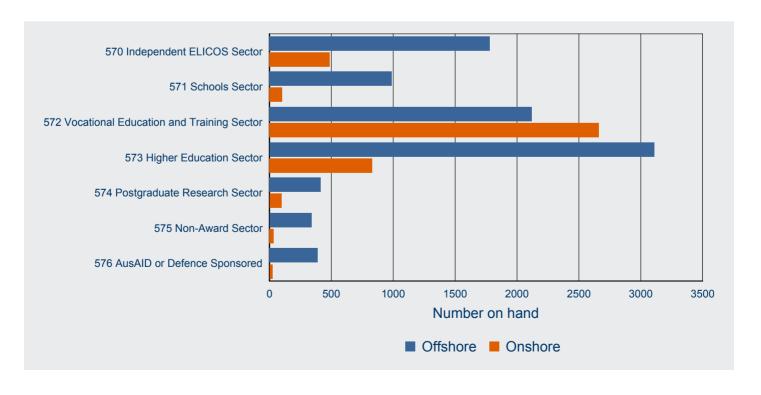




5.01 Number of student PRIMARY visa applications on hand at 31 December 2012 by client location and visa subclass - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Subclass	On hand at 31/12/11	On hand at 31/03/12	On hand at 30/06/12	On hand at 30/09/12	On hand at 31/12/12
Offshore					
570 Independent ELICOS Sector	1 944	1 478	1 742	1 521	1 934
571 Schools Sector	1 161	687	1 144	859	1 106
572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	3 218	1 863	1 855	1 748	2 279
573 Higher Education Sector	5 207	2 374	2 099	1 874	3 461
574 Postgraduate Research Sector	606	445	357	312	429
575 Non-Award Sector	634	174	205	166	381
576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored	452	315	152	604	491
Sub-total Offshore	13 222	7 336	7 554	7 084	10 081
Onshore					
570 Independent ELICOS Sector	454	776	756	725	597
571 Schools Sector	141	381	149	120	122
572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	4 096	6 493	4 660	4 550	3 062
573 Higher Education Sector	2 307	9 150	1 787	1 807	918
574 Postgraduate Research Sector	187	428	177	134	103
575 Non-Award Sector	46	99	45	40	39
576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored	45	52	29	42	27
Sub-total Onshore	7 276	17 379	7 603	7 418	4 868
Total	20 498	24 715	15 157	14 502	14 949

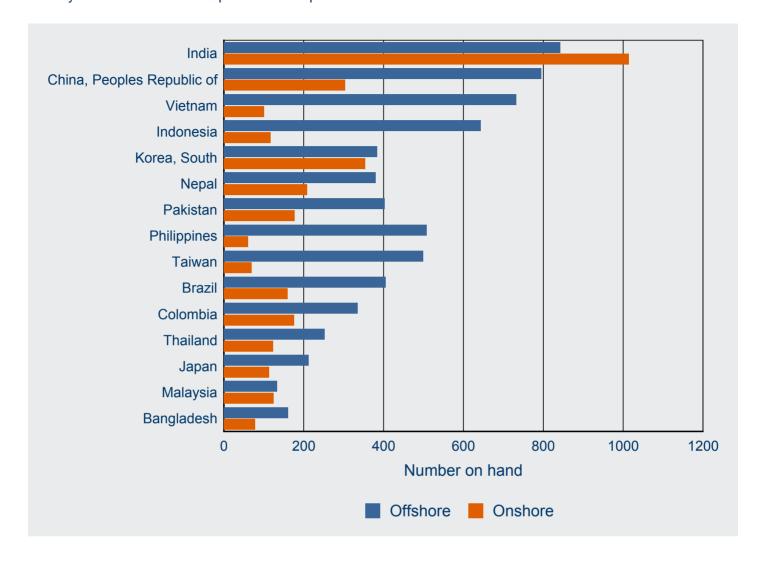
5.02 Number of student PRIMARY visa applications on hand at 31 December 2012 by client location and visa subclass



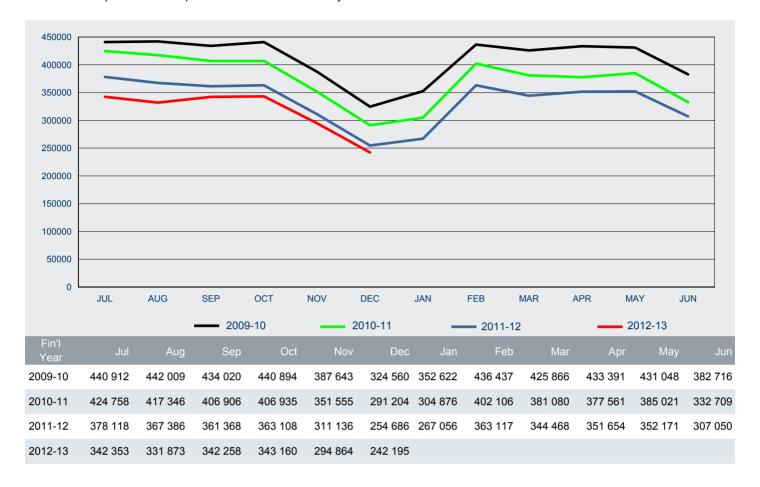
5.03 Number of student PRIMARY visa applications on hand at 31 December 2012 by client location and citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Subclass	On hand at 31/12/11	On hand at 31/03/12	On hand at 30/06/12	On hand at 30/09/12	On hand at 31/12/12
Offshore					
India	1 043	650	359	393	900
China, Peoples Republic of	2 040	1 030	1 187	1 086	880
Vietnam	454	268	426	451	774
Indonesia	435	291	443	663	685
Philippines	464	265	310	304	552
Taiwan	515	518	524	500	509
Pakistan	1 458	587	514	621	508
Brazil	393	149	293	123	435
Korea, South	563	386	352	303	427
Nepal	468	353	244	284	405
Colombia	406	258	257	208	365
Thailand	227	211	274	243	288
Japan	309	195	224	107	228
Malaysia	354	88	100	78	169
Bangladesh	235	220	117	60	161
Other countries	3 858	1 867	1 930	1 660	2 795
Sub-total Offshore	13 222	7 336	7 554	7 084	10 081
Onshore					
India	2 255	3 080	1 624	1 923	1 112
Korea, South	346	919	631	542	425
China, Peoples Republic of	881	4 750	800	810	337
Nepal	383	576	318	560	238
Brazil	200	333	331	232	207
Colombia	170	285	229	208	201
Pakistan	268	669	337	344	201
Malaysia	167	592	223	154	150
Thailand	198	416	396	219	141
Japan	165	303	240	161	137
Indonesia	148	376	180	153	122
HKSAR of the PRC	137	404	127	124	118
Vietnam	161	733	167	210	110
Bangladesh	184	371	176	205	92
Italy	50	76	66	63	85
Other countries	1 563	3 496	1 758	1 510	1 192
Sub-total Onshore	7 276	17 379	7 603	7 418	4 868

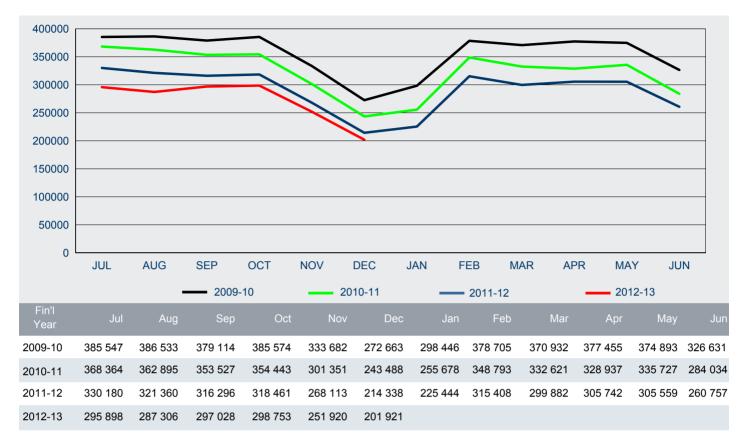
5.04 Number of student PRIMARY visa applications on hand at 31 December 2012 by citizenship country and client location - top 15 citizenship countries



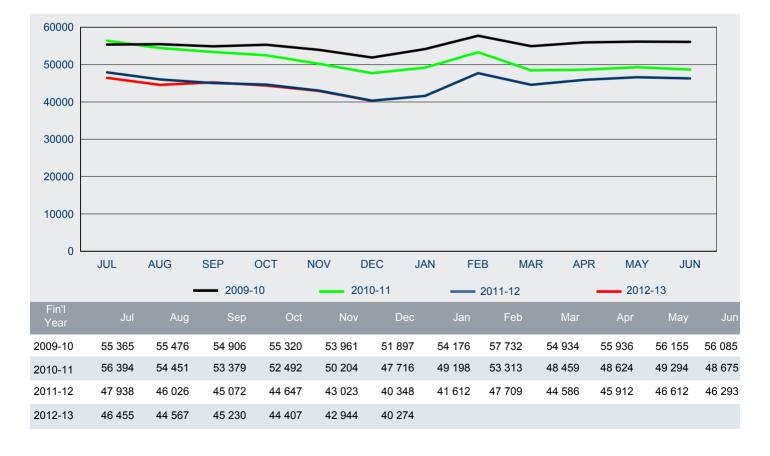
6.01 Number of student visa holders at the end of each month in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 by month - comparison with previous three financial years



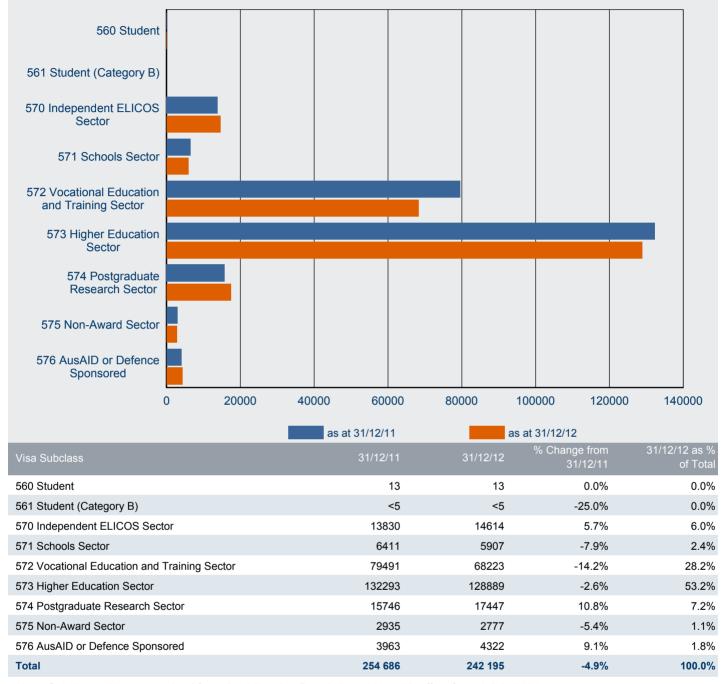
6.02 Number of student PRIMARY visa holders in Australia at the end of each month in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 - comparison with previous three financial years



6.03 Number of student SECONDARY visa holders in Australia at the end of each month in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 - comparison with previous three financial years



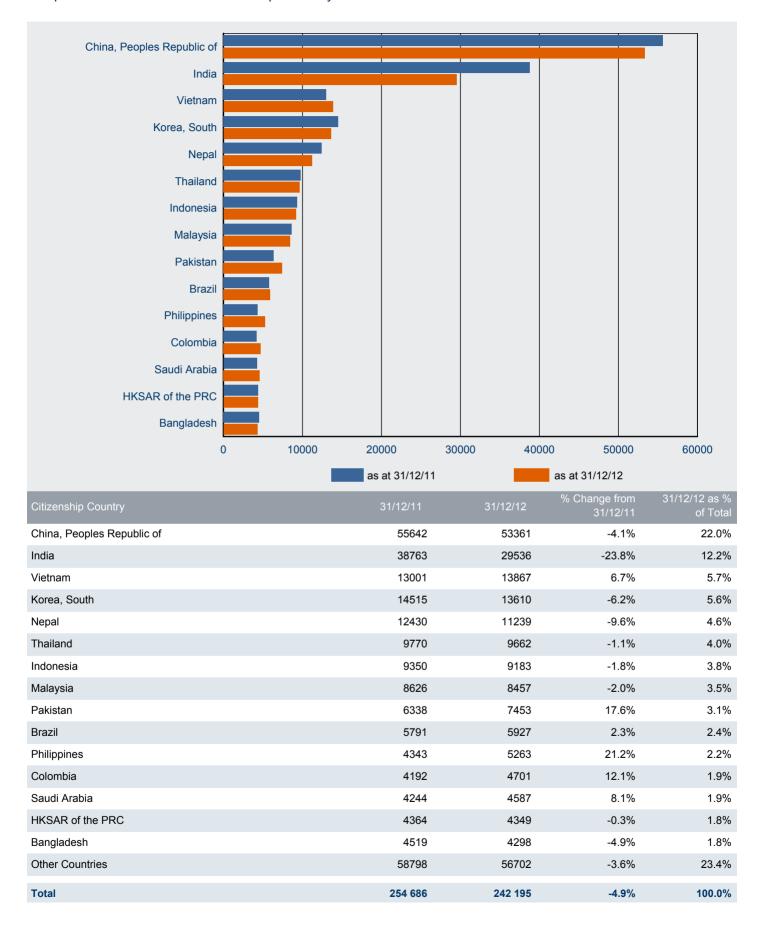
6.04 Number of student visa holders in Australia as at 31 December 2012 by visa subclass - comparison with the same date in the previous year



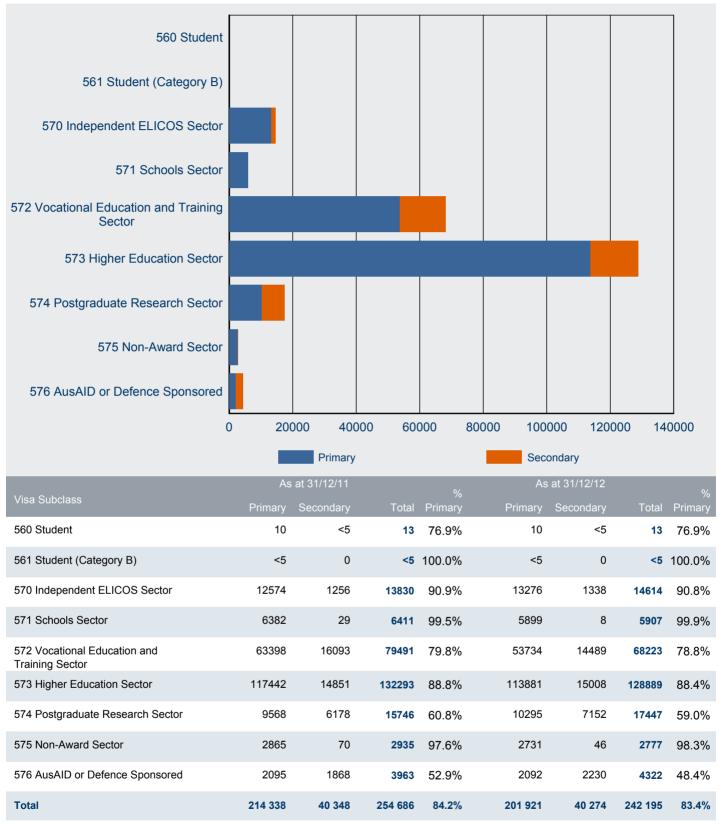
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6.05 Number of student visa holders in Australia as at 31 December 2012 by citizenship country comparison with the same date in the previous year



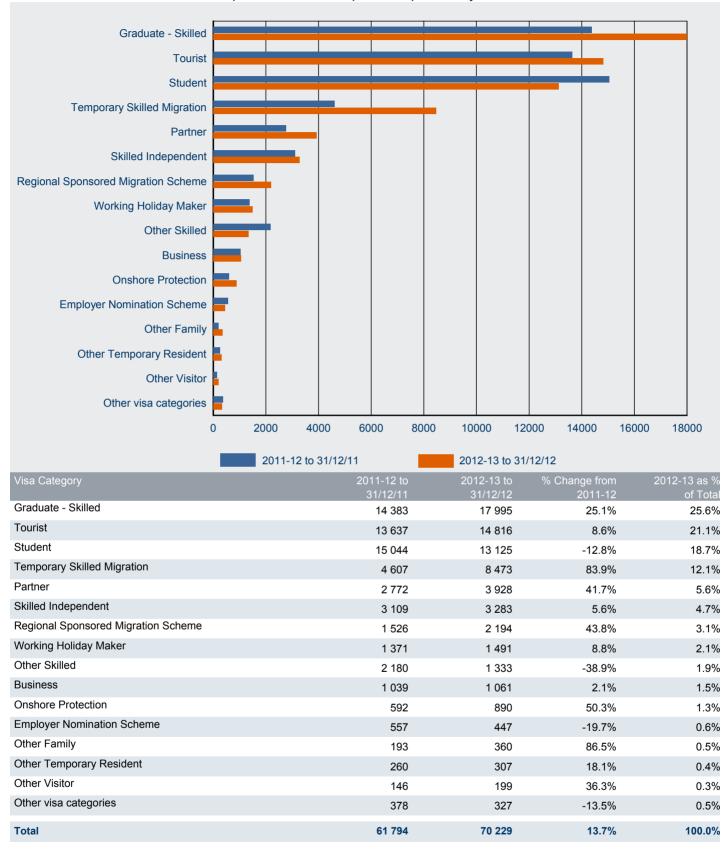
6.06 Number of student visa holders in Australia as at 31 December 2012 by visa subclass and applicant type



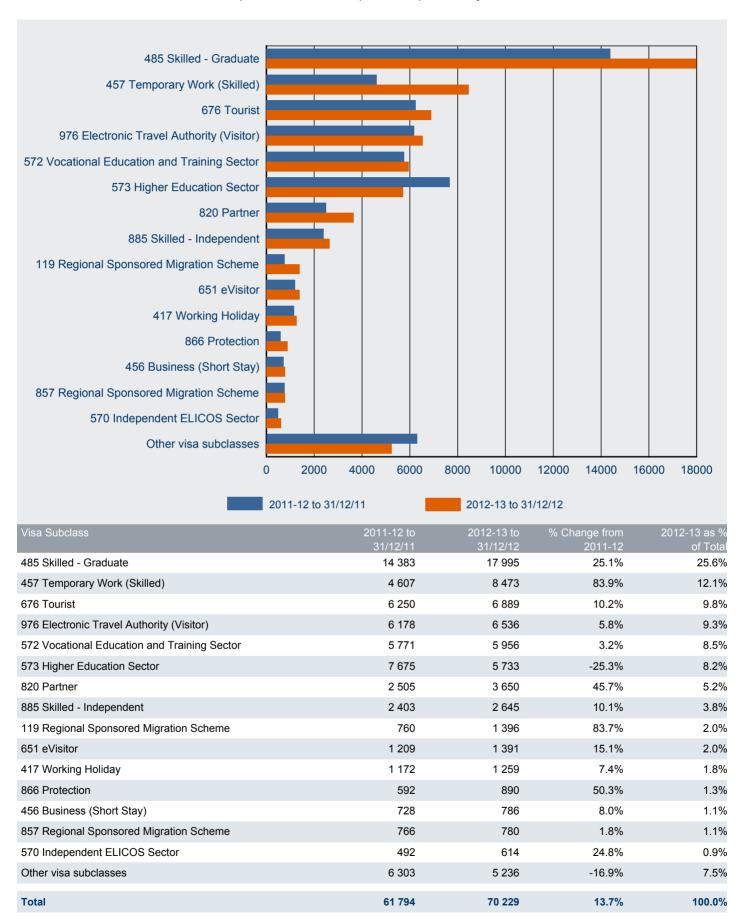
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7.01 Number of visas granted in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 by visa category where the last visa held was a student visa - comparison with same period in previous year



7.02 Number of visas granted in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 by visa subclass where the last visa held was a student visa - comparison with same period in previous year



7.03 Number of student visas granted in 2012-13 to 31 December 2012 by visa subclass where the last visa held was a different student visa - comparison with same period in previous year

