

Student visa programme quarterly report

Quarter ending at 31 December 2013



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About this report

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

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 programme, including yearly student visa trends and comprehensive data on student visa grants by sector and country from 2002-03 to the 2012-13 programme year is available on the department's website at: www.immi.gov.au/media/statistics/study

Further information about the student visa programme 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. Destination visas include visas granted onshore and offshore.

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.

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.

Skilled Occupation List: The Skilled Occupation List (SOL) 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 SOL and graduate with

skills and qualifications that closely relate to this occupation.

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 programme

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 seven types of student visa:

- 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.
- 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 programme.
- 3) 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.
- 7) 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.

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 issued 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 programme, the Student Guardian (subclass 580) 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 (subclass 580) visa.

Background to the student visa programme - 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 programme. 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 Programme 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 programme.

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 programme - 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 finalised 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

Background to the subclass 485 visa

The Skilled Graduate (Subclass 485) visa was renamed the Temporary Graduate (Subclass 485) visa on 23 March 2013, and has become a key component of the Student Visa Programme. Previously, the Subclass 485 visa was a component of the Skilled Migration Programme.

The Temporary Graduate visa has two streams, the Graduate Work stream and the Post-Study Work stream:

- Graduate Work stream for international students who have recently graduated with the skills and qualifications that relate to an occupation on the SOL. Applicants in this stream must have completed a trade qualification, diploma or degree. Successful applicants are granted a visa of 18 months validity.
- Post-Study Work stream for international students who have recently graduated with an Australian Bachelor degree, Masters degree or Doctorate from an Australian educational institution, regardless of their field of study. 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 granted a visa of two, three or four years duration, depending on the highest educational qualification they have obtained.

This visa provides eligible graduates with the opportunity to gain practical work experience in Australia following their studies. More information on the Temporary Graduate visa can be found on the department's website at: www.immi.gov.au/visas/students/485

Eligible visas

To be eligible for the Temporary Graduate visa, graduates must have completed their studies in Australia while on a qualifying student visa. A qualifying student visa is a subclass 572, 573 or 574.

Australian study requirement

The Australian study requirement 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. All Temporary Graduate visa applicants must meet the Australian study requirement in the six months immediately prior to lodging their visa application. More information is available at: www.immi.gov.au/students/knight/temp-graduate-485-visa.htm

Family members

Family members must meet legislative requirements and must provide evidence of their relationship to the Temporary Graduate visa holder. Additionally, family members can apply to join the Temporary Graduate visa holder in Australia after the Temporary Graduate visa has been granted. More information on including family members in your application is available at: www.immi.gov.au/visas/including-family-members.htm

Ability to work and study

There are no restrictions on the type of work a Temporary Graduate visa holder can do. Temporary Graduate visa holders may work or study in any field, regardless of their study and qualifications. Dependents and secondary applicants are able to work and study on the Temporary Graduate visa.

It is the responsibility of the Temporary Graduate visa holder to seek their own employment if they are granted the visa. The Australian government is not responsible for arranging employment.

Processing time service standards

The processing time service standard for the Temporary Graduate visa is 75% of applications should be finalised within 12 months, however, actual processing times may vary depending on a range of factors. Further information can be found at: www.immi.gov.au/about/charters/client-services-charter/visas/9.0.htm

Recent key initiatives in the reporting period

October 2013:

On 31 October 2013, AusAID ceased to exist as an executive agency and DFAT has assumed responsibility for international aid and development. From 14 December 2013 the Migration Regulations 1994 (the Regulations) was amended to include a 'deeming' provision so that all references to AusAID would be taken to mean DFAT (or equivalent term).

Information about recent changes to the student visa programme is available at: www.immi.gov.au/students/whats_new.htm

Executive Summary

Key Points

- Total Student visa lodgements increased by 13.5 per cent in this quarter making it the highest December quarter for lodgements in the last four years.
- Offshore Student visa lodgements increased by 20.1 per cent in this quarter compared with last year, with Higher Education visas accounting for 54.2 per cent of those lodgements.
- Total Student visa grants increased by 11.5 per cent in this quarter compared with the same period in the previous year.
- The VET sector experienced increases in this quarter in offshore lodgements and offshore visa grants.
- As at 31 December 2013 there were 257 783 international student visa holders in Australia. About a third of these visa holders were from China or India.

1 Applications lodged

Total student visa lodgements continue to grow. In the December 2013 quarter there were 69 977 student visas lodged - an increase of 13.5 per cent compared to the same period last year. This was the highest December quarter in the last four years.

Offshore lodgements increased significantly in this quarter by 20.1 per cent to 50 780 lodgements compared with the same quarter last year. The Higher Education sector has been driving this growth for the last few quarters and in this quarter offshore lodgements for Higher Education visas increased by 32.4 per cent. Offshore lodgements for VET visas also increased by 14.3 per cent to 6013 lodgements.

Onshore lodgements decreased by 0.9 per cent to 19 197 applications in the December 2013 quarter. Unlike previous quarters, onshore VET visa applications increased in this quarter by 1.7 per cent compared to the same period last year. There was a slight decrease of 2.8 per cent in onshore applications for Higher Education visas.

In 2013-14 until December 2013, there were 28 264 and 17 094 student visas lodged by Chinese and Indian nationals respectively, the two largest cohorts. These figures were previously 26 466 for Chinese and 13 585 for Indian nationals when compared with the same period in the previous year. This growth is being driven by offshore lodgements.

For offshore applications, out of the top 15 source countries, 13 experienced growth in 2013-14 until 31 December compared to the same period in the previous year. Nepal, India, Brazil and Vietnam experienced significant growth at 143.8 per cent, 115.8 per cent, 53.9 per cent and 52.0 per cent respectively.

2 Visas granted

There is no cap on the number of student visas granted. Applicants who meet the legislative requirements will be granted a student visa.

There were 62 676 student visas granted in the December 2013 quarter – an increase of 11.5 per cent compared with the December 2012 quarter. Total visa grants increased for all student visa categories except for AusAid or Defence sponsored visas. The Higher Education sector experienced significant growth with 5 159 more visas granted in this quarter when compared with the same period last year.

Offshore grants are continuing to increase. There were 6726 more offshore grants in this quarter compared with the December 2012 quarter. Offshore grants for Higher Education visas increased by 28.3 per cent to 21 554 grants. Offshore VET visa grants also increased by 14.8 per cent to 4007.

Onshore grants decreased slightly by 1.2 per cent (274 less grants) in the December 2013 quarter compared to the previous year. Of the total onshore grants, 47.3 per cent were for VET visas followed Higher Education visas at 35.7 per cent. Most sectors experienced a decline for onshore grants except for the Higher Education and the Postgraduate Research sector (increased by 5.4 and 17.6 per cent respectively).

Of the total student visas granted in 2013-14 until 31 December 2013, 21.1 per cent were to Chinese nationals followed by 10.3 per cent to Indian nationals.

During this period, offshore grants for 14 of the top 15 countries increased when compared to the same period last year. Offshore grants for the top three source countries, China, India and Vietnam, increased by 23.2, 119.0 and 45.0 per cent respectively compared to the same period in the previous year.

3 Grant rates

Grant rates for student visas remained high at 91.4 per cent in the December 2013 quarter. This compares with 92.0 per cent in the December 2012 quarter.

Executive Summary - continued

Offshore grant rates were 90.2 per cent which was slightly lower than the same time last year where it was 90.8 per cent. Offshore grant rates increased for the Independent ELICOS, VET, Postgraduate Research and Non-award sector.

Onshore grant rates are generally higher than offshore and in the December 2013 quarter they were 93.7 per cent.

In the December 2013 quarter, offshore grant rates for China remained the same at 92.9 per cent compared to the same period last year. For India, it increased in the same period from 77.5 per cent to 87.8 per cent.

4 Processing times

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.

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.

In the December 2013 quarter, 75 per cent of student visas were processed within 32 days which was higher than in the December 2012 quarter where they were processed within 27 days.

Offshore, 75 per cent of applications were processed within 23 days while onshore they were processed within 46 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. Many onshore applications are incomplete when lodged which adds to processing times as officers must request and then wait for applicants to provide the missing information.

5 Applications on hand

The number of primary student visa applications on hand at 31 December 2013 was 24 865 and this was 28.5 per cent higher than last year. Of the total primary applications on hand, 18 180 were offshore and 6685 were onshore applications.

As at 31 December 2013, there were 4683 applications on hand from Indian nationals while there were 2830 from Chinese nationals.

6 Visa holders in Australia

On 31 December 2013 there were 257 783 international student visa holders in Australia. Many student visa holders temporarily depart Australia during December and time of year traditionally has the lowest number of visa holders.

Of the total student visa holders in Australia on 31 December 2013, 49.4 per cent were from China, India, Vietnam, South Korea or Nepal.

7 Destinations

In 2013-14 to December 2013, 61 089 former student visa holders were granted another visa. This is a decrease of 11.9 per cent from the same period last year (69 362 visa grants).

In 2013-14 to December 2014, of the former student visa holders granted another visa, most of them moved on to a Tourist visa (27.9 per cent), followed by a Student visa (19.5 per cent) and a Subclass 485 visa (15.3 per cent).

8 Subclass 485

There were 8090 Subclass 485 visas lodged in 2013-14 until 31 December 2014. This is a decrease of 53.5 per cent when compared with the same period last year (17 386). Lodgements are expected to increase when a greater number of onshore students become eligible to meet the requirements for the Post-Study Work stream.

Grants also decreased by 48.8 per cent to 10 349 (from 20 213) in the same period. The decrease in grants can be attributed to the lower lodgement rate.

On 31 December 2013 there were 24 663 Subclass 485 visa holders in Australia which was lower than 31 December 2012 where there were 38 208 visa holders.

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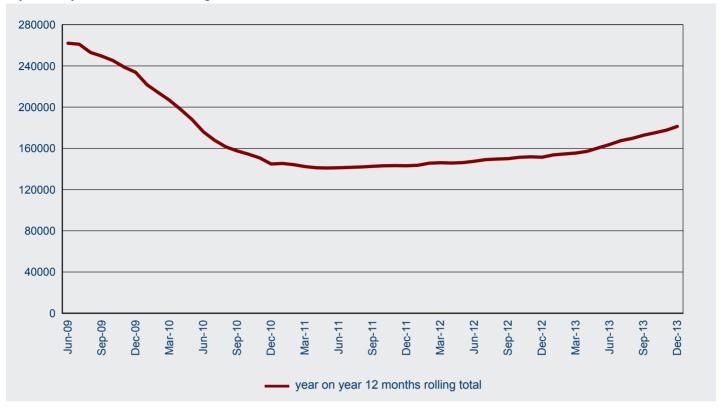


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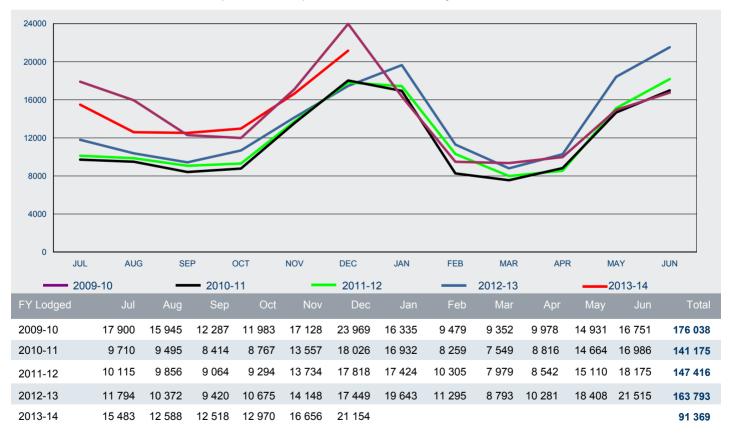


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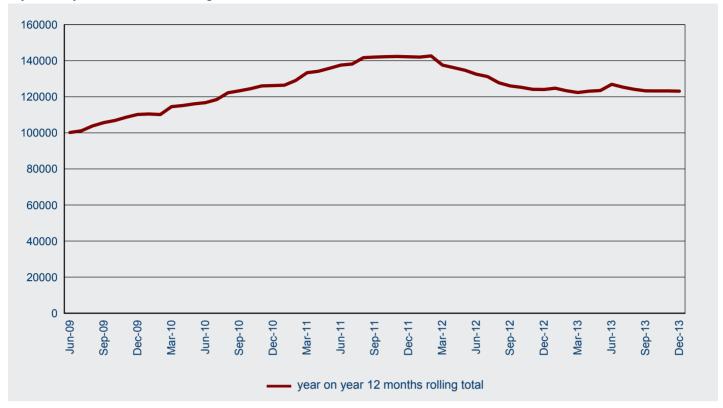


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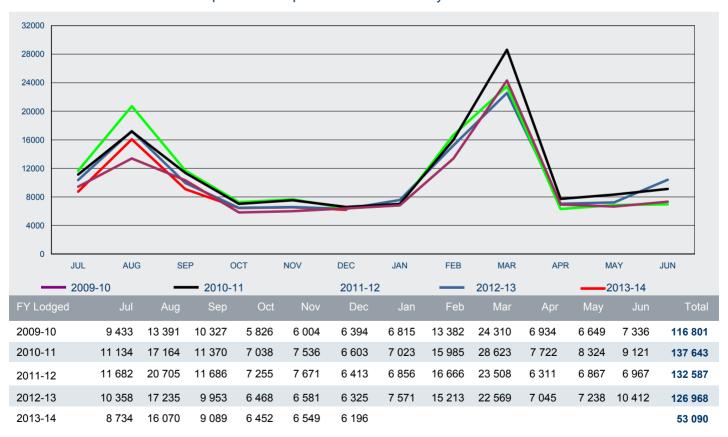


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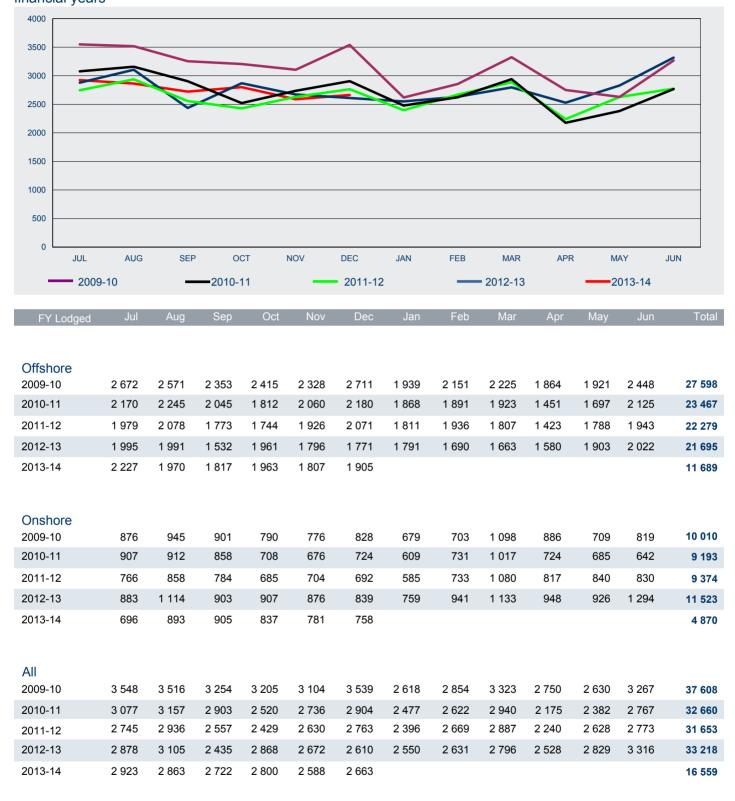
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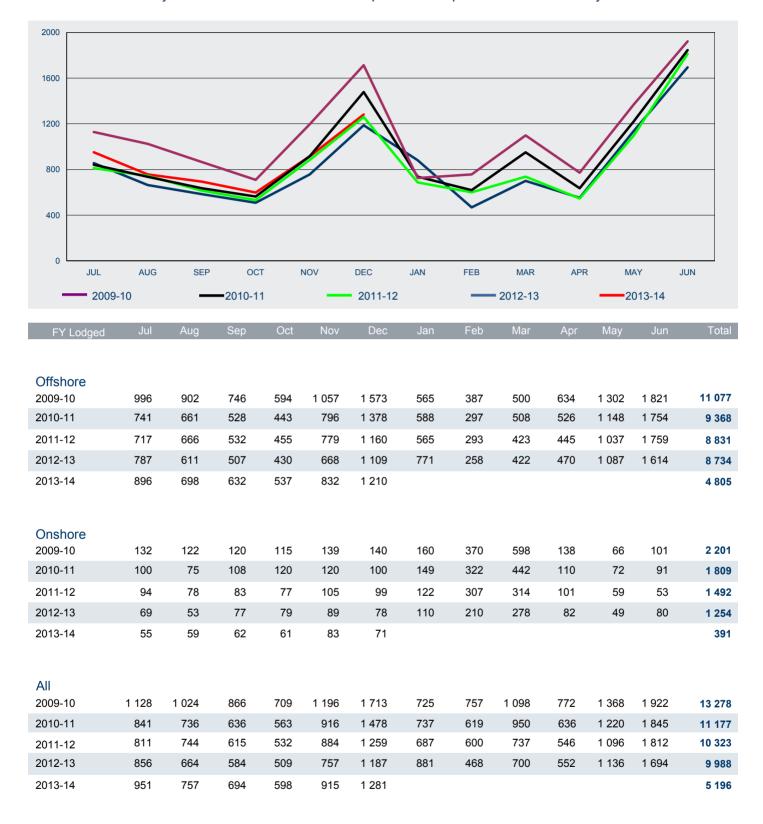
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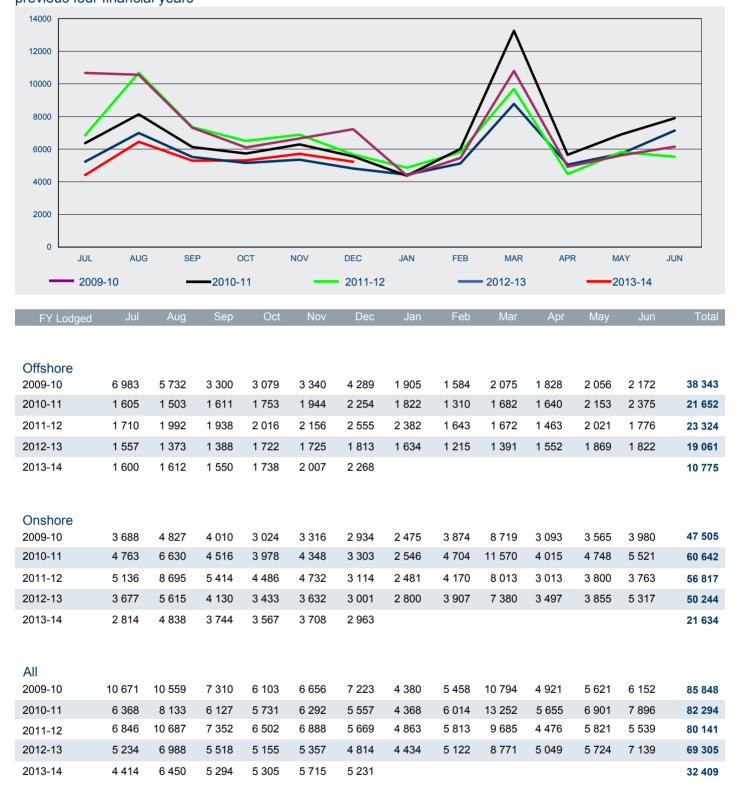
1.07 Number of student visa applications lodged for subclass 570 Independent ELICOS Sector in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 by client location and month - comparison with previous four financial years



1.08 Number of student visa applications lodged for subclass 571 Schools Sector in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 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 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 by client location and month - comparison with previous four financial years



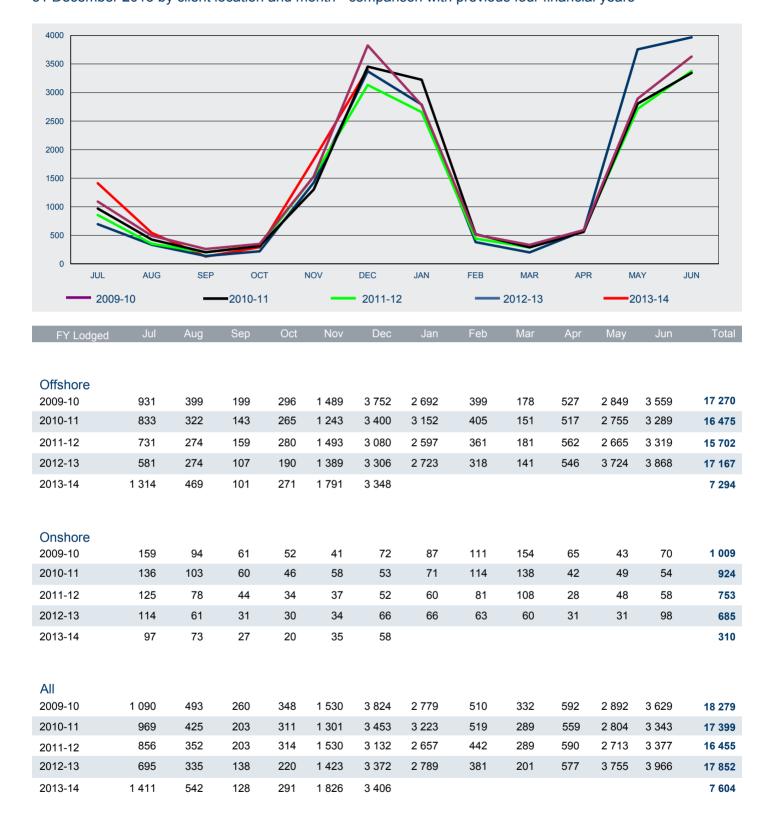
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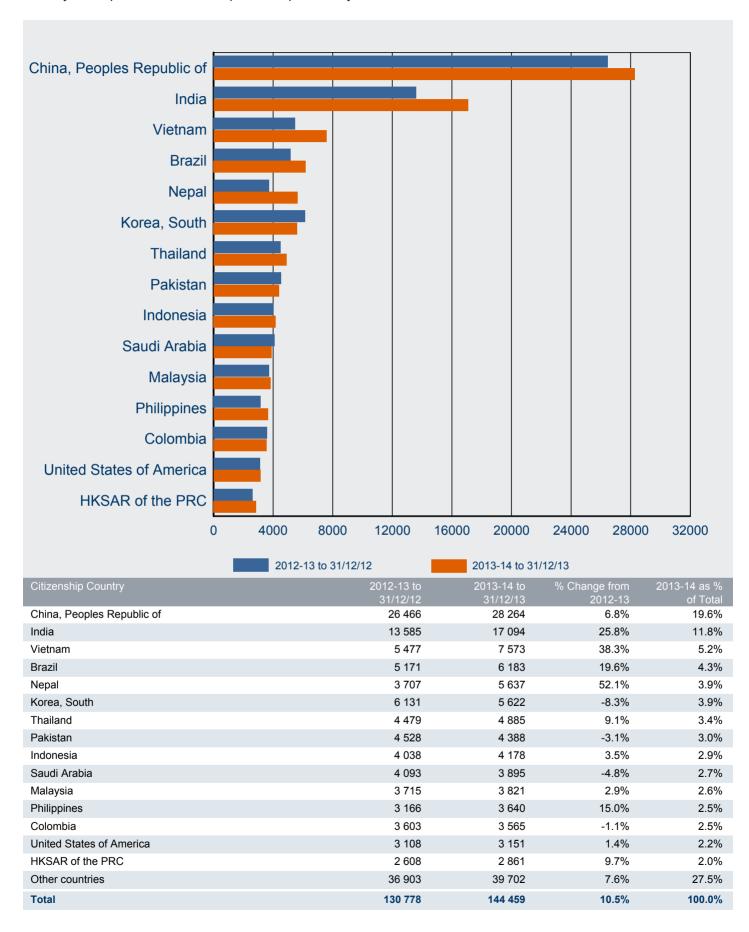
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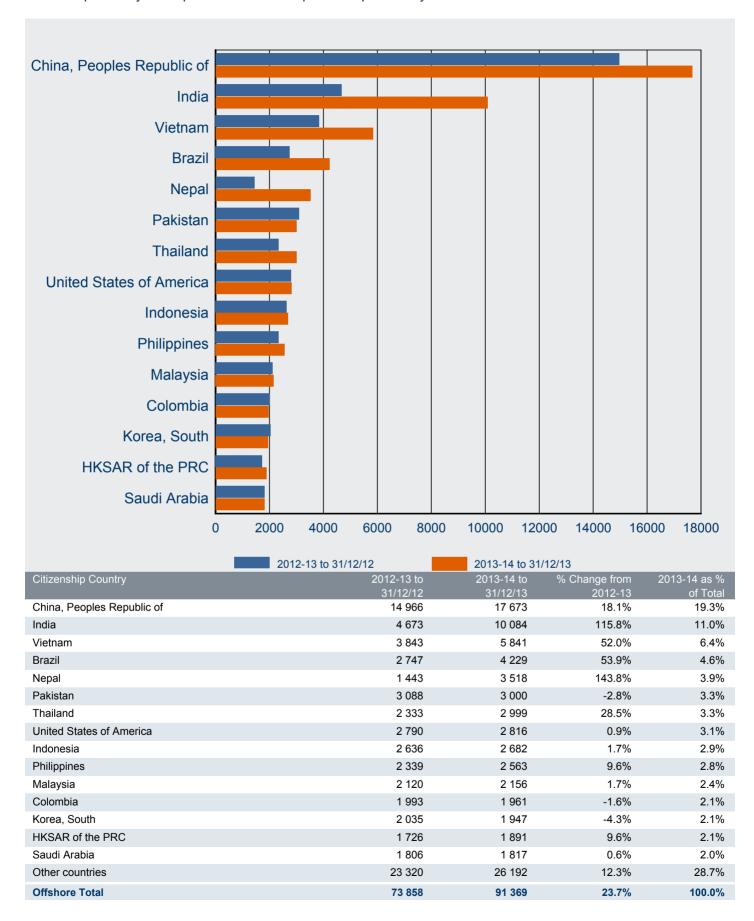
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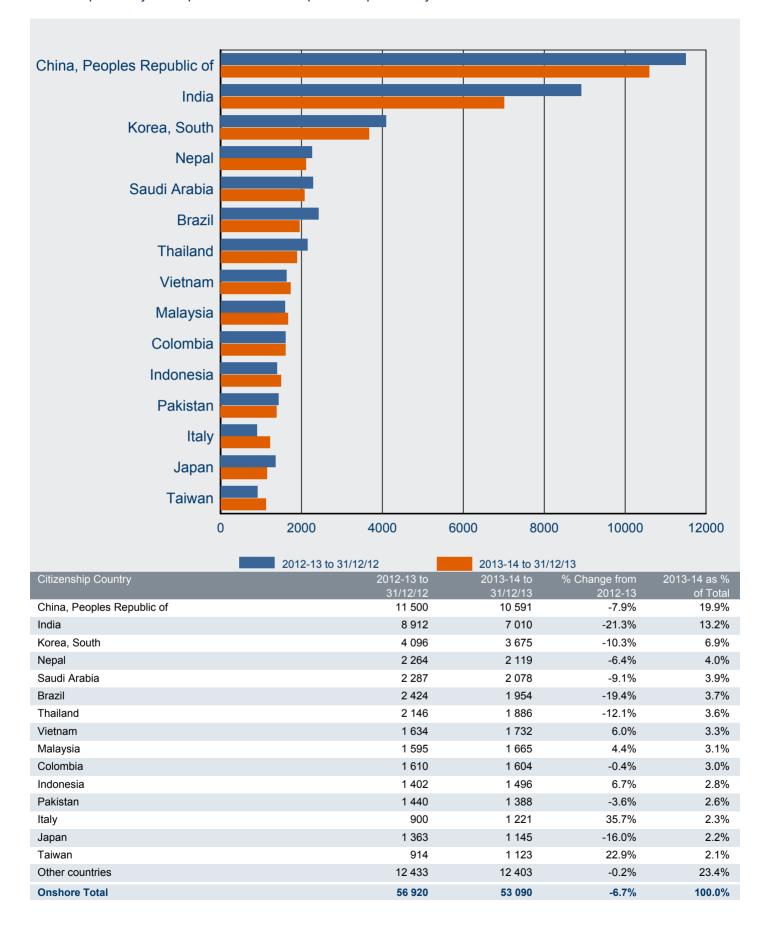
1.14 Number of student visa applications lodged in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



1.15 Number of student visa applications lodged OFFSHORE in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



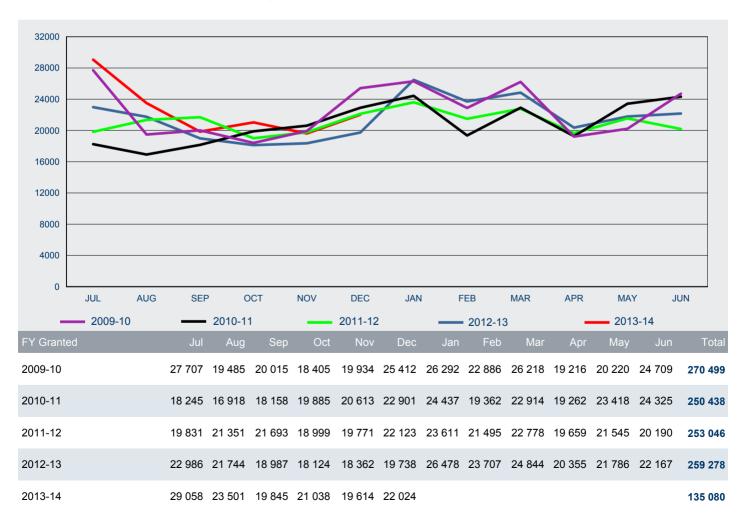
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2.01 Number of student visa applications granted by month - year on year 12 months rolling total

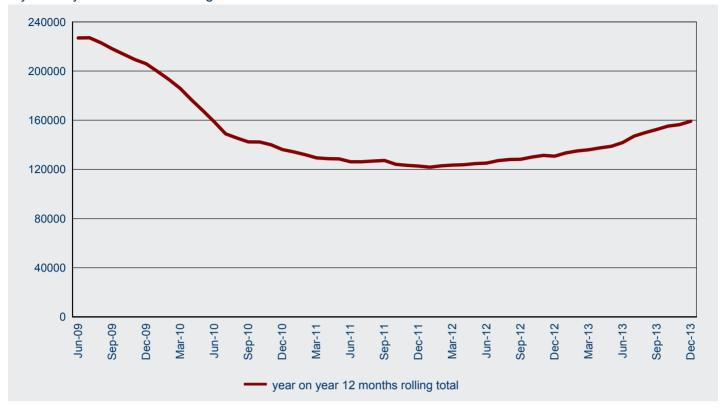


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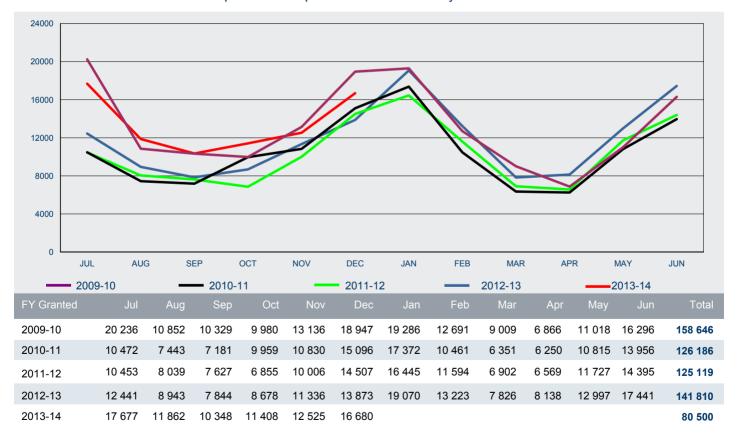


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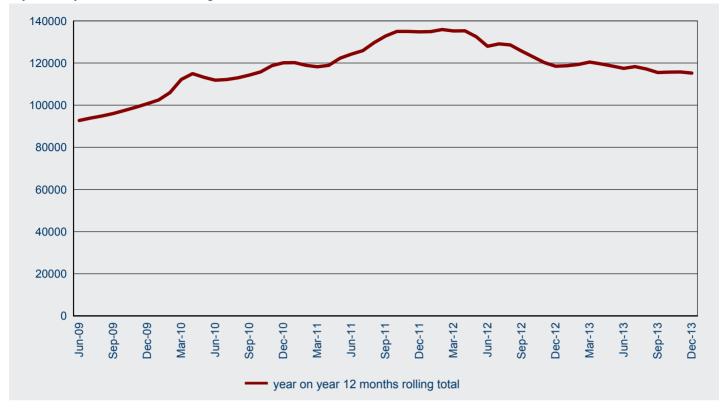


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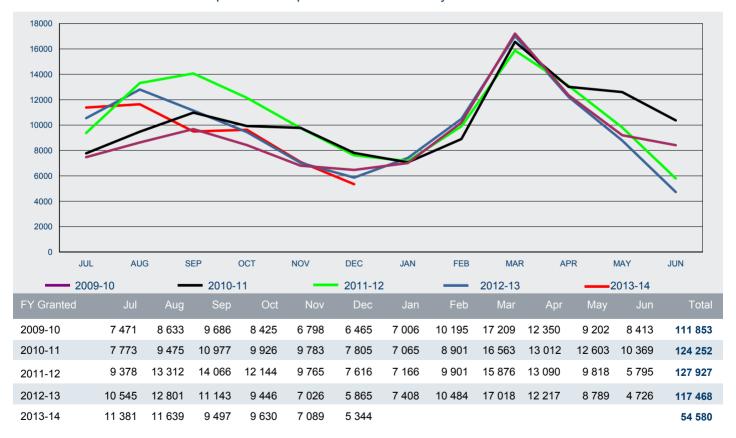


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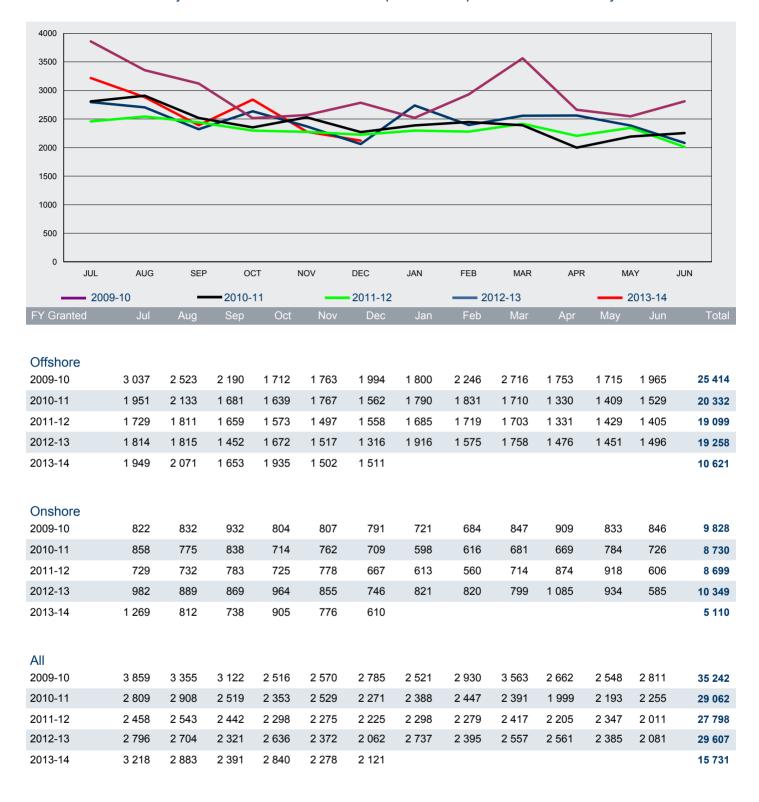
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2.06 Number of student visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 by month where the client was ONSHORE - comparison with previous four financial years



2.07 Number of visa applications granted for subclass 570 Independent ELICOS Sector in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 by client location and month - comparison with previous four financial years



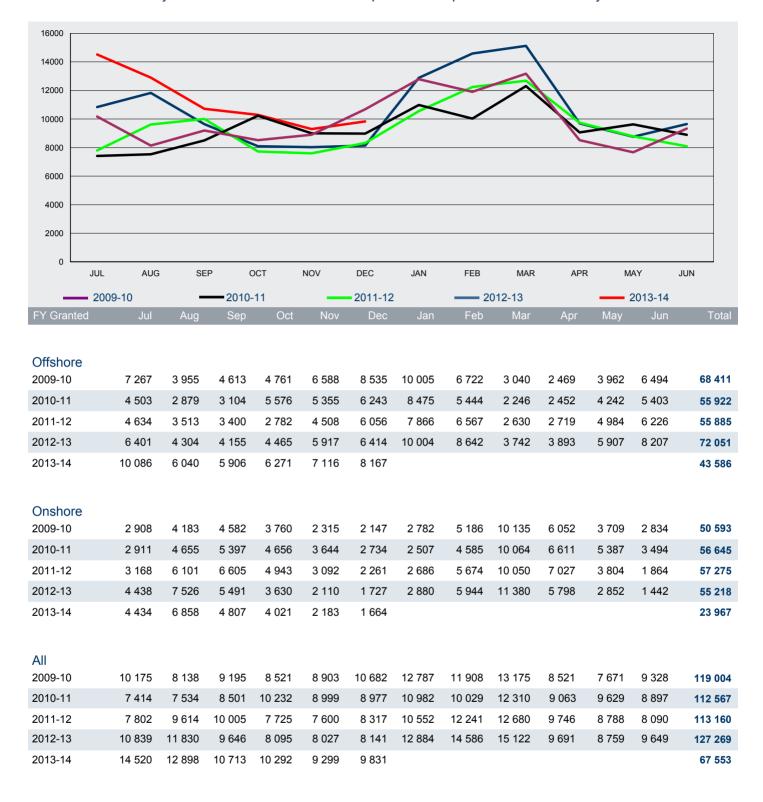
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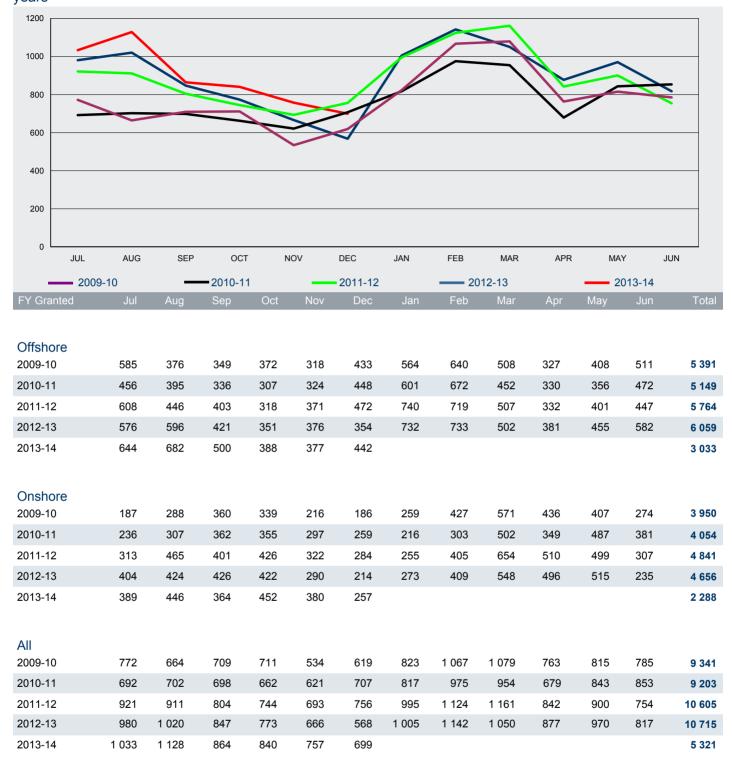
2.09 Number of visa applications granted for subclass 572 Vocational Education and Training Sector in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 by client location and month - comparison with previous four financial years



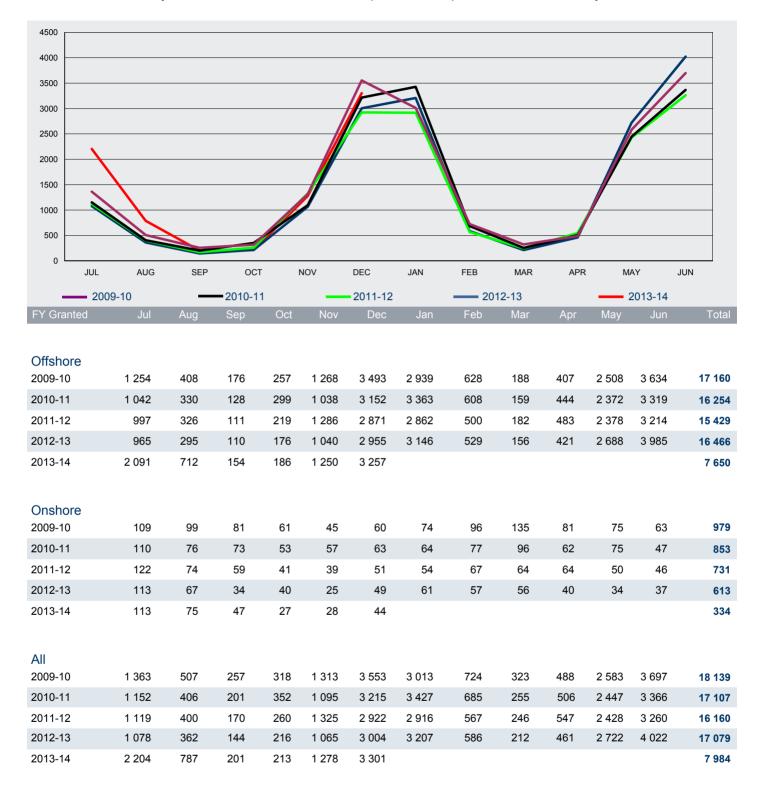
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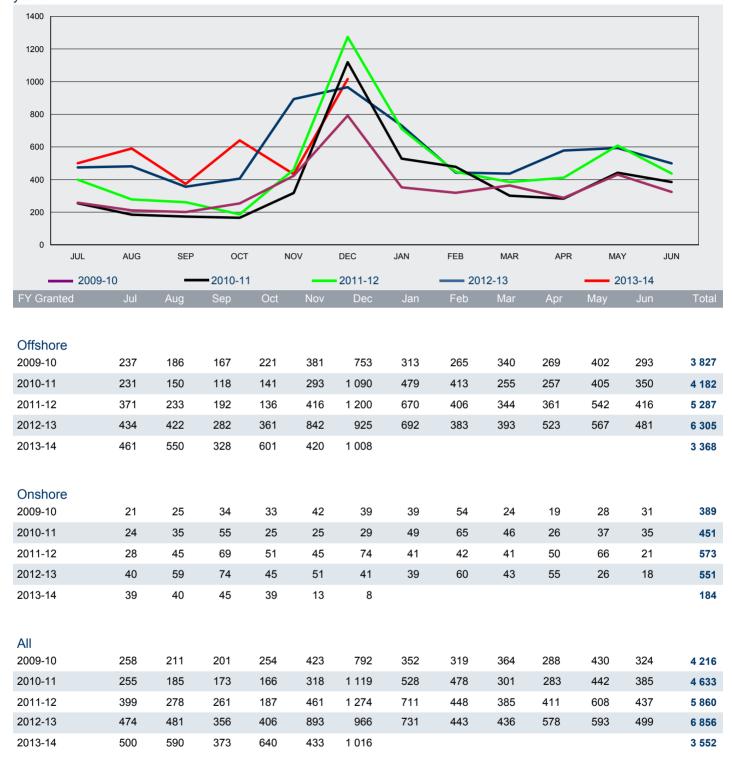
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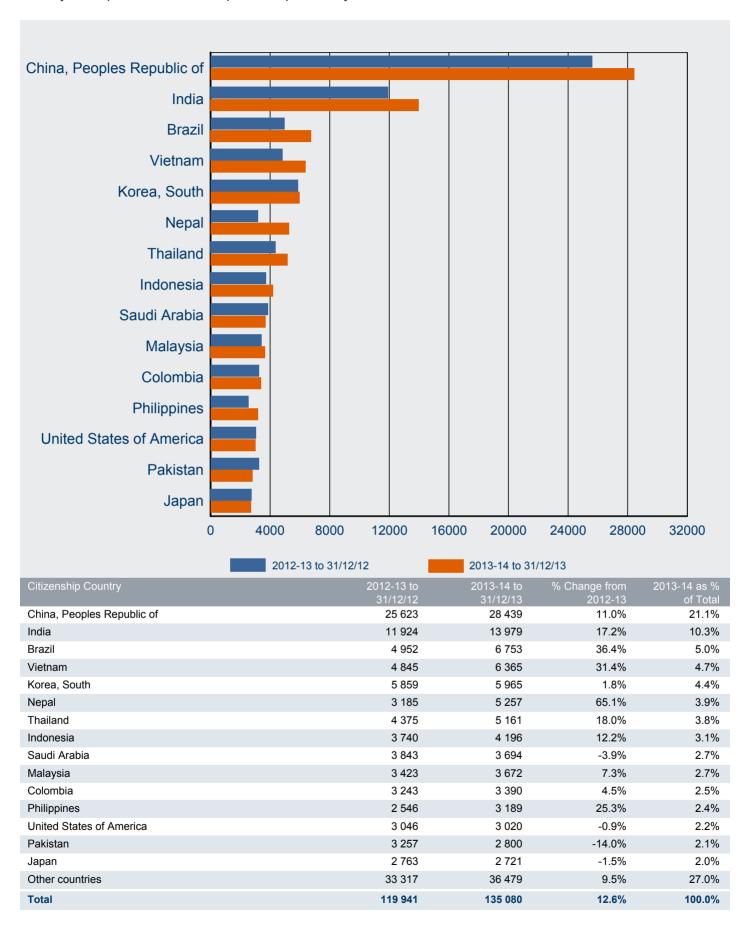
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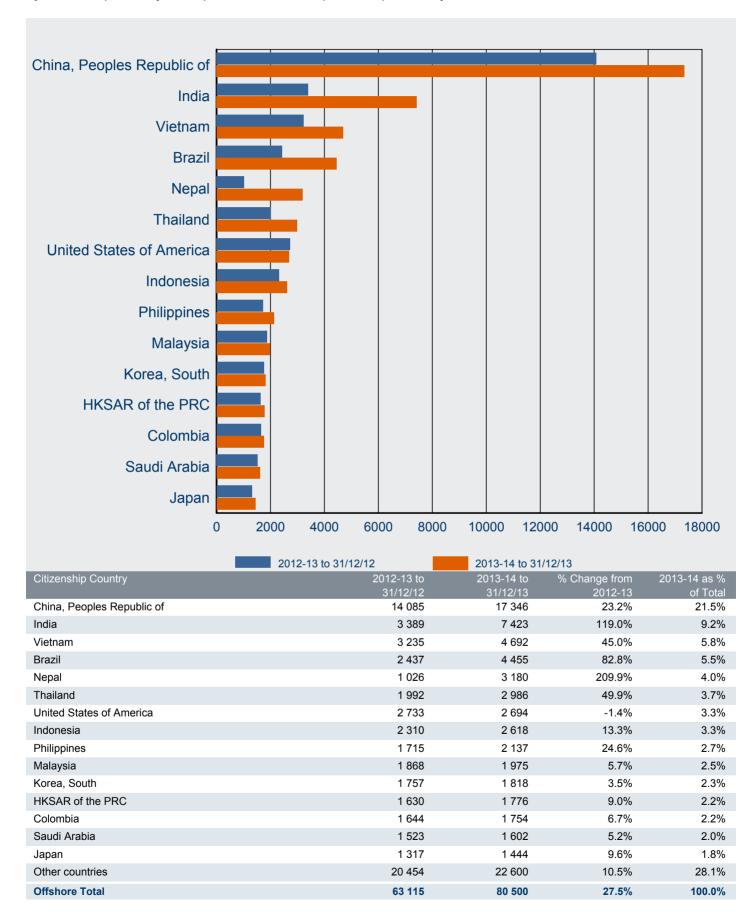
2.13 Number of visa applications granted for subclass 576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 by client location and month - comparison with previous four financial years



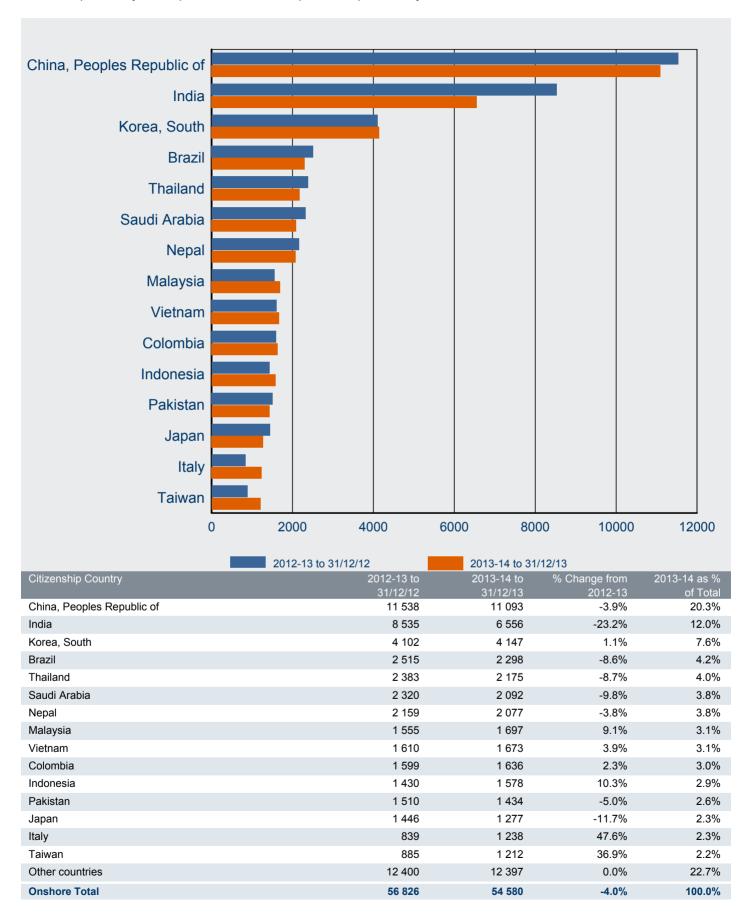
2.14 Number of student visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



2.15 Number of student visa applications granted OFFSHORE in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



2.16 Number of student visa applications granted ONSHORE in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



2.17 Number of subclass 570 Independent ELICOS Sector visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 where the client location was OFFSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2012-13 to 31/12/12	2013-14 to 31/12/13	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
Brazil	1760	1943	10.4%	18.3%
Colombia	1468	1566	6.7%	14.7%
Thailand	638	970	52.0%	9.1%
Japan	661	752	13.8%	7.1%
Saudi Arabia	629	725	15.3%	6.8%
Spain	552	695	25.9%	6.5%
Korea, South	528	505	-4.4%	4.8%
Czech Republic	426	442	3.8%	4.2%
Italy	262	401	53.1%	3.8%
Switzerland	326	327	0.3%	3.1%
Taiwan	268	262	-2.2%	2.5%
Chile	213	211	-0.9%	2.0%
Poland	129	197	52.7%	1.9%
France	170	190	11.8%	1.8%
Mexico	84	141	67.9%	1.3%
Other countries	1472	1294	-12.1%	12.2%
Sub-total Offshore	9 586	10 621	10.8%	100.0%

2.18 Number of subclass 570 Independent ELICOS Sector visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 where the client location was ONSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2012-13 to 31/12/12	2013-14 to 31/12/13	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
Colombia	888	867	-2.4%	17.0%
Korea, South	695	802	15.4%	15.7%
Brazil	879	643	-26.8%	12.6%
Saudi Arabia	437	430	-1.6%	8.4%
Italy	301	385	27.9%	7.5%
Japan	499	380	-23.8%	7.4%
Taiwan	180	271	50.6%	5.3%
Spain	198	182	-8.1%	3.6%
Thailand	114	146	28.1%	2.9%
Malaysia	77	88	14.3%	1.7%
Chile	69	86	24.6%	1.7%
Czech Republic	90	82	-8.9%	1.6%
France	60	81	35.0%	1.6%
HKSAR of the PRC	70	55	-21.4%	1.1%
China, Peoples Republic of	45	55	22.2%	1.1%
Other countries	703	557	-20.8%	10.9%
Sub-total Onshore	5 305	5 110	-3.7%	100.0%
Total	14 891	15 731	5.6%	

2.19 Number of subclass 571 Schools Sector visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 where the client location was OFFSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2012-13 to 31/12/12	2013-14 to 31/12/13	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
China, Peoples Republic of	1726	2038	18.1%	46.9%
Vietnam	388	388	0.0%	8.9%
Germany, Fed Republic of	380	386	1.6%	8.9%
Japan	236	243	3.0%	5.6%
HKSAR of the PRC	145	181	24.8%	4.2%
Korea, South	117	141	20.5%	3.2%
Italy	62	95	53.2%	2.2%
Brazil	47	94	100.0%	2.2%
Malaysia	65	63	-3.1%	1.5%
Thailand	55	56	1.8%	1.3%
France	34	49	44.1%	1.1%
Indonesia	36	48	33.3%	1.1%
Singapore	18	45	150.0%	1.0%
Taiwan	43	44	2.3%	1.0%
India	17	43	152.9%	1.0%
Other countries	409	430	5.1%	9.9%
Sub-total Offshore	3 778	4 344	15.0%	100.0%

2.20 Number of subclass 571 Schools Sector visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 where the client location was ONSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2012-13 to 31/12/12	2013-14 to 31/12/13	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
Korea, South	150	118	-21.3%	30.9%
Japan	53	43	-18.9%	11.3%
China, Peoples Republic of	65	37	-43.1%	9.7%
Germany, Fed Republic of	24	28	16.7%	7.3%
Taiwan	17	20	17.6%	5.2%
United States of America	12	14	16.7%	3.7%
Vietnam	9	14	55.6%	3.7%
Brazil	7	13	85.7%	3.4%
Italy	9	12	33.3%	3.1%
Malaysia	<5	10	150.0%	2.6%
Thailand	<5	9	125.0%	2.4%
HKSAR of the PRC	<5	9	200.0%	2.4%
Singapore	<5	6	100.0%	1.6%
Indonesia	<5	5	25.0%	1.3%
United Kingdom	8	<5	-50.0%	1.0%
Other countries	61	40	-34.4%	10.5%
Sub-total Onshore	433	382	-11.8%	100.0%
Total	4 211	4 726	12.2%	

2.21 Number of subclass 572 Vocational Education and Training Sector visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 where the client location was OFFSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2012-13 to 31/12/12	2013-14 to 31/12/13	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
Philippines	684	1025	49.9%	13.0%
Korea, South	489	589	20.4%	7.5%
Indonesia	509	508	-0.2%	6.4%
India	528	434	-17.8%	5.5%
United States of America	361	367	1.7%	4.6%
Thailand	179	343	91.6%	4.3%
Taiwan	160	257	60.6%	3.3%
Brazil	199	227	14.1%	2.9%
Spain	110	216	96.4%	2.7%
Bhutan	24	203	745.8%	2.6%
Malaysia	185	196	5.9%	2.5%
Italy	110	190	72.7%	2.4%
United Kingdom	260	189	-27.3%	2.4%
Japan	113	159	40.7%	2.0%
China, Peoples Republic of	181	149	-17.7%	1.9%
Other countries	2522	2846	12.8%	36.0%
Sub-total Offshore	6 614	7 898	19.4%	100.0%

2.22 Number of subclass 572 Vocational Education and Training Sector visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 where the client location was ONSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2012-13 to 31/12/12	2013-14 to 31/12/13	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
India	6348	4564	-28.1%	20.5%
Korea, South	2288	2320	1.4%	10.4%
Thailand	1652	1603	-3.0%	7.2%
China, Peoples Republic of	1637	1488	-9.1%	6.7%
Brazil	1451	1412	-2.7%	6.3%
Malaysia	663	834	25.8%	3.7%
Italy	441	745	68.9%	3.3%
Philippines	513	693	35.1%	3.1%
Indonesia	554	660	19.1%	3.0%
Taiwan	340	612	80.0%	2.7%
Japan	639	598	-6.4%	2.7%
United Kingdom	462	582	26.0%	2.6%
Pakistan	674	560	-16.9%	2.5%
Colombia	416	460	10.6%	2.1%
Nepal	600	459	-23.5%	2.1%
Other countries	4670	4725	1.2%	21.2%
Sub-total Onshore	23 348	22 315	-4.4%	100.0%
Total	29 962	30 213	0.8%	

2.23 Number of subclass 573 Higher Education Sector visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 where the client location was OFFSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2012-13 to 31/12/12	2013-14 to 31/12/13	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
China, Peoples Republic of	11235	14225	26.6%	32.6%
India	2630	6732	156.0%	15.4%
Vietnam	2305	3646	58.2%	8.4%
Nepal	873	2983	241.7%	6.8%
Thailand	987	1522	54.2%	3.5%
Malaysia	1204	1354	12.5%	3.1%
HKSAR of the PRC	1266	1334	5.4%	3.1%
Indonesia	986	1194	21.1%	2.7%
Pakistan	1174	965	-17.8%	2.2%
Singapore	958	932	-2.7%	2.1%
Philippines	666	831	24.8%	1.9%
Saudi Arabia	737	650	-11.8%	1.5%
Canada	586	593	1.2%	1.4%
Sri Lanka	499	587	17.6%	1.3%
Korea, South	542	487	-10.1%	1.1%
Other countries	5008	5551	10.8%	12.7%
Sub-total Offshore	31 656	43 586	37.7%	100.0%

2.24 Number of subclass 573 Higher Education Sector visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 where the client location was ONSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

with same period in previous year				
Citizenship Country	2012-13 to 31/12/12	2013-14 to 31/12/13	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
China, Peoples Republic of	9428	9154	-2.9%	38.2%
India	2090	1872	-10.4%	7.8%
Nepal	1460	1543	5.7%	6.4%
Vietnam	1110	1206	8.6%	5.0%
Saudi Arabia	1478	1203	-18.6%	5.0%
Korea, South	899	850	-5.5%	3.5%
Pakistan	767	810	5.6%	3.4%
Indonesia	642	660	2.8%	2.8%
Malaysia	650	638	-1.8%	2.7%
HKSAR of the PRC	550	543	-1.3%	2.3%
Bangladesh	510	441	-13.5%	1.8%
Sri Lanka	444	394	-11.3%	1.6%
Thailand	566	381	-32.7%	1.6%
Philippines	276	336	21.7%	1.4%
Singapore	333	318	-4.5%	1.3%
Other countries	3719	3618	-2.7%	15.1%
Sub-total Onshore	24 922	23 967	-3.8%	100.0%
Total	56 578	67 553	19.4%	

2.25 Number of subclass 574 Postgraduate Research Sector visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 where the client location was OFFSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2012-13 to 31/12/12	2013-14 to 31/12/13	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
China, Peoples Republic of	479	538	12.3%	17.7%
Iraq	74	378	410.8%	12.5%
Bangladesh	116	188	62.1%	6.2%
Malaysia	248	182	-26.6%	6.0%
Saudi Arabia	100	175	75.0%	5.8%
Iran	288	172	-40.3%	5.7%
Indonesia	221	163	-26.2%	5.4%
India	140	146	4.3%	4.8%
Vietnam	99	101	2.0%	3.3%
Pakistan	73	72	-1.4%	2.4%
Sri Lanka	56	72	28.6%	2.4%
United States of America	64	54	-15.6%	1.8%
Oman	13	48	269.2%	1.6%
Brazil	15	44	193.3%	1.5%
United Kingdom	35	41	17.1%	1.4%
Other countries	653	659	0.9%	21.7%
Sub-total Offshore	2 674	3 033	13.4%	100.0%

2.26 Number of subclass 574 Postgraduate Research Sector visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 where the client location was ONSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2012-13 to 31/12/12	2013-14 to 31/12/13	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
China, Peoples Republic of	344	339	-1.5%	14.8%
Saudi Arabia	281	330	17.4%	14.4%
Indonesia	173	198	14.5%	8.7%
Iran	89	119	33.7%	5.2%
Malaysia	154	115	-25.3%	5.0%
Vietnam	88	112	27.3%	4.9%
Libya	87	110	26.4%	4.8%
Bangladesh	85	97	14.1%	4.2%
India	62	90	45.2%	3.9%
Pakistan	52	50	-3.8%	2.2%
United States of America	40	45	12.5%	2.0%
Sri Lanka	41	44	7.3%	1.9%
Singapore	27	44	63.0%	1.9%
Germany, Fed Republic of	47	40	-14.9%	1.7%
Chile	21	36	71.4%	1.6%
Other countries	589	519	-11.9%	22.7%
Sub-total Onshore	2 180	2 288	5.0%	100.0%
Total	4 854	5 321	9.6%	

2.27 Number of subclass 575 Non-Award Sector visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 where the client location was OFFSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2012-13 to 31/12/12	2013-14 to 31/12/13	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
Brazil	363	2068	469.7%	27.0%
United States of America	1890	1892	0.1%	24.7%
Germany, Fed Republic of	427	535	25.3%	7.0%
Canada	330	343	3.9%	4.5%
China, Peoples Republic of	217	279	28.6%	3.6%
Norway	218	240	10.1%	3.1%
Sweden	182	228	25.3%	3.0%
France	169	214	26.6%	2.8%
United Kingdom	198	155	-21.7%	2.0%
Japan	145	153	5.5%	2.0%
Mexico	137	128	-6.6%	1.7%
Denmark	120	124	3.3%	1.6%
Philippines	93	119	28.0%	1.6%
Italy	89	100	12.4%	1.3%
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	78	96	23.1%	1.3%
Other countries	885	976	10.3%	12.8%
Sub-total Offshore	5 541	7 650	38.1%	100.0%

2.28 Number of subclass 575 Non-Award Sector visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 where the client location was ONSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

with same period in previous year				
Citizenship Country	2012-13 to 31/12/12	2013-14 to 31/12/13	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
Brazil	10	42	320.0%	12.6%
Korea, South	46	32	-30.4%	9.6%
United States of America	21	28	33.3%	8.4%
Japan	16	25	56.3%	7.5%
China, Peoples Republic of	19	20	5.3%	6.0%
Germany, Fed Republic of	19	17	-10.5%	5.1%
Saudi Arabia	12	17	41.7%	5.1%
France	24	16	-33.3%	4.8%
Colombia	18	13	-27.8%	3.9%
Sweden	10	12	20.0%	3.6%
Malaysia	7	12	71.4%	3.6%
Canada	10	10	0.0%	3.0%
Spain	7	8	14.3%	2.4%
India	9	7	-22.2%	2.1%
Mexico	6	7	16.7%	2.1%
Other countries	94	68	-27.7%	20.4%
Sub-total Onshore	328	334	1.8%	100.0%
Total	5 869	7 984	36.0%	

2.29 Number of subclass 576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 where the client location was OFFSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2012-13 to 31/12/12	2013-14 to 31/12/13	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
Indonesia	462	628	35.9%	18.6%
Vietnam	317	368	16.1%	10.9%
Pakistan	222	241	8.6%	7.2%
Papua New Guinea	183	217	18.6%	6.4%
Philippines	218	116	-46.8%	3.4%
Bangladesh	109	114	4.6%	3.4%
Cambodia	92	109	18.5%	3.2%
Sri Lanka	96	100	4.2%	3.0%
Mongolia	67	92	37.3%	2.7%
Tonga	39	90	130.8%	2.7%
Malaysia	65	73	12.3%	2.2%
Nepal	39	70	79.5%	2.1%
Timor-Leste	69	66	-4.3%	2.0%
Bhutan	61	58	-4.9%	1.7%
Myanmar	11	56	409.1%	1.7%
Other countries	1216	970	-20.2%	28.8%
Sub-total Offshore	3 266	3 368	3.1%	100.0%

2.30 Number of subclass 576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 where the client location was ONSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

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Citizenship Country	2012-13 to 31/12/12	2013-14 to 31/12/13	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
Indonesia	46	37	-19.6%	20.1%
Papua New Guinea	67	22	-67.2%	12.0%
Vietnam	35	19	-45.7%	10.3%
Afghanistan	<5	12	200.0%	6.5%
Pakistan	14	11	-21.4%	6.0%
Cambodia	8	9	12.5%	4.9%
Bhutan	<5	7	250.0%	3.8%
Bangladesh	5	6	20.0%	3.3%
Fiji	<5	6	100.0%	3.3%
Mongolia	9	<5	-55.6%	2.2%
Timor-Leste	5	<5	-20.0%	2.2%
Palestinian Authority	<5	<5	300.0%	2.2%
Philippines	<5	<5	300.0%	2.2%
Rwanda	<5	<5	300.0%	2.2%
Jordan	0	<5	0.0%	2.2%
Other countries	109	31	-71.6%	16.8%
Sub-total Onshore	310	184	-40.6%	100.0%
Total	3 576	3 552	-0.7%	

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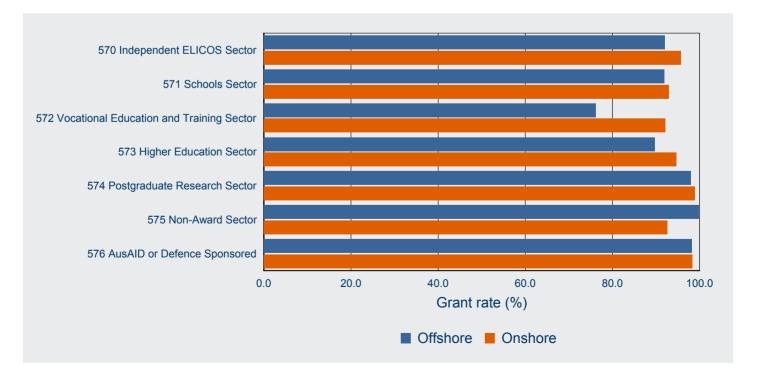
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3.01 Grant rate of student visa applications decided in the three month period between 1 October 2013 and 31 December 2013 by client location and visa subclass - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Subclass	01/10/12 to 31/12/12	01/01/13 to 31/03/13	01/04/13 to 30/06/13	01/07/13 to 30/09/13	01/10/13 to 31/12/13
Offshore					
570 Independent ELICOS Sector	90.0%	92.2%	91.2%	93.9%	92.1%
571 Schools Sector	93.8%	93.0%	95.0%	94.4%	91.9%
572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	76.1%	76.5%	77.8%	79.8%	76.2%
573 Higher Education Sector	91.1%	93.5%	91.9%	92.6%	89.7%
574 Postgraduate Research Sector	96.6%	97.2%	98.5%	99.1%	98.0%
575 Non-Award Sector	99.6%	99.6%	99.8%	99.5%	99.8%
576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored	99.0%	98.4%	99.7%	99.6%	98.3%
All Offshore	90.8%	92.4%	92.4%	92.4%	90.2%
Onshore					
570 Independent ELICOS Sector	94.7%	95.7%	94.8%	96.2%	95.6%
571 Schools Sector	95.3%	96.5%	91.4%	95.0%	93.0%
572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	92.1%	93.1%	91.4%	94.7%	92.29
573 Higher Education Sector	95.3%	98.7%	94.8%	98.3%	94.7%
574 Postgraduate Research Sector	98.7%	99.4%	99.1%	99.1%	98.9%
575 Non-Award Sector	91.9%	97.2%	94.1%	96.3%	92.5%
576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored	96.5%	94.7%	99.0%	93.9%	98.49
All Onshore	93.8%	96.7%	93.5%	96.8%	93.7%
All	92.0%	94.4%	92.8%	94.3%	91.49
All	52.0%	34.4 %	3∠.0%	34.3%	51.47

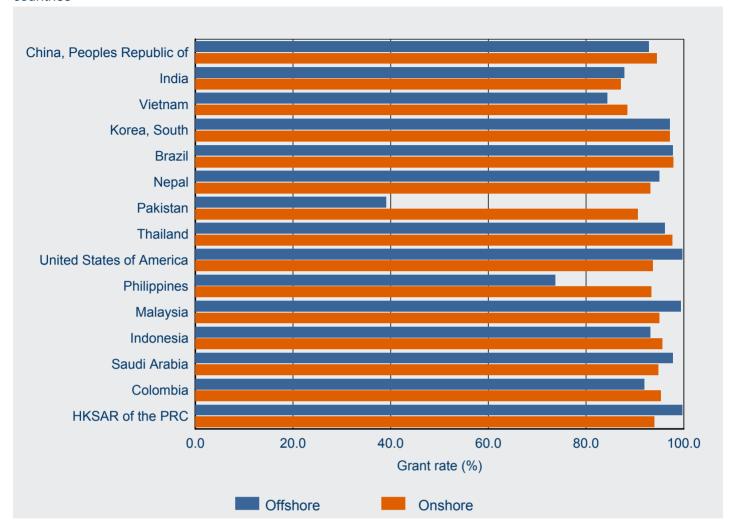
3.02 Grant rate of student visa applications decided in the three month period between 1 October 2013 and 31 December 2013 by client location and visa subclass



3.03 Grant rate of student visa applications decided in the three month period between 1 October 2013 and 31 December 2013 by client location and citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

previous four periods	04/40/40 1-	04/04/40 +-	04/04/40 +-	04/07/40 +-	04/40/40 5-
Citizenship Country	01/10/12 to 31/12/12	01/01/13 to 31/03/13	01/04/13 to 30/06/13	01/07/13 to 30/09/13	01/10/13 to 31/12/13
Offshore					
China, Peoples Republic of	92.9%	93.3%	94.7%	96.9%	92.9%
India	77.5%	87.1%	83.5%	90.9%	87.8%
Vietnam	85.6%	90.3%	89.5%	87.3%	84.4%
United States of America	99.9%	99.8%	99.8%	99.1%	99.7%
Brazil	96.2%	98.9%	97.9%	99.3%	97.8%
Thailand	90.0%	93.5%	95.5%	97.4%	96.2%
Nepal	79.2%	89.9%	89.4%	96.1%	95.0%
Malaysia	98.9%	99.5%	98.3%	97.3%	99.4%
Indonesia	97.1%	91.8%	90.1%	92.1%	93.2%
Philippines	86.3%	83.4%	83.9%	74.5%	73.7%
Korea, South	97.9%	98.6%	97.3%	97.6%	97.2%
HKSAR of the PRC	99.1%	98.5%	97.9%	99.2%	99.7%
Canada	99.9%	99.6%	99.4%	100.0%	99.8%
Colombia	93.9%	92.3%	90.8%	90.4%	92.0%
Singapore	99.6%	99.3%	99.3%	99.6%	99.7%
Other countries	88.4%	90.0%	90.9%	88.3%	85.2%
All Offshore	90.8%	92.4%	92.4%	92.4%	90.2%
Onshore					
India	89.1%	88.4%	88.0%	90.6%	87.2%
China, Peoples Republic of	93.8%	98.9%	93.8%	98.4%	94.5%
Korea, South	96.4%	98.2%	96.8%	98.3%	97.1%
Nepal	92.2%	94.9%	91.5%	95.7%	93.1%
Thailand	97.1%	96.3%	96.6%	96.7%	97.7%
Brazil	98.3%	99.2%	98.3%	98.5%	97.9%
Saudi Arabia	96.8%	96.6%	94.8%	96.2%	94.8%
Italy	96.9%	97.1%	93.4%	98.7%	98.6%
Malaysia	94.9%	96.9%	95.1%	97.2%	95.0%
Colombia	96.0%	95.4%	97.3%	98.2%	95.3%
Pakistan	91.8%	91.9%	91.6%	95.7%	90.6%
Indonesia	93.2%	98.0%	95.1%	98.0%	95.6%
Japan	98.3%	99.0%	99.1%	99.5%	98.0%
Vietnam	91.4%	97.8%	90.8%	96.0%	88.5%
Taiwan	96.1%	98.0%	97.3%	98.4%	96.6%
Other countries	94.1%	96.5%	93.6%	96.8%	94.1%
All Onshore	93.8%	96.7%	93.5%	96.8%	93.7%
All	92.0%	94.4%	92.8%	94.3%	91.4%

3.04 Grant rate of student visa applications decided in the three month period between 1 October 2013 and 31 December 2013 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.

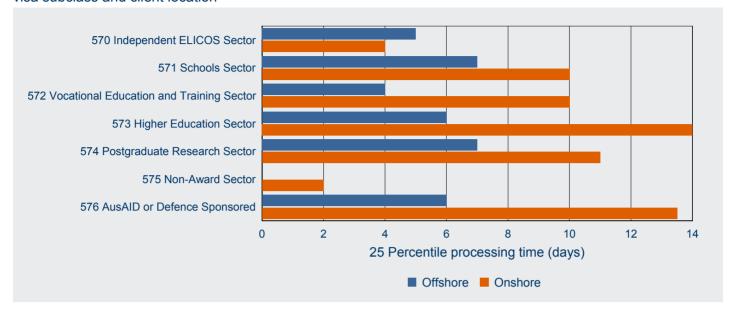
4.01 Processing time (in calendar days) for student PRIMARY visa applications granted in the three month period between 1 October 2013 and 31 December 2013 by client location and visa subclass - comparison with previous four periods

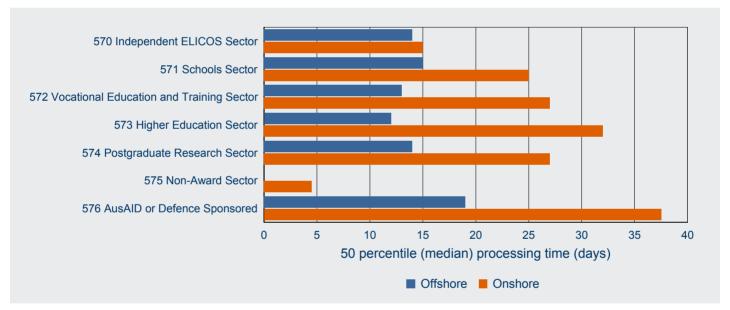
Visa Subclass		01/10/12 to 31/12/12 (days)	01/01/13 to 31/03/13 (days)	01/04/13 to 30/06/13 (days)	01/07/13 to 30/09/13 (days)	01/10/13 to 31/12/13 (days)
Offshore						
570 Independent ELICOS	25th percentile	6	8	7	6	5
Sector	50th percentile (Median)	14	17	13	15	14
	75th percentile	23	27	21	24	22
571 Schools Sector	25th percentile	7	6	4	9	7
	50th percentile (Median)	14	15	9	15	15
	75th percentile	28	32	19	28	35
572 Vocational Education	25th percentile	4	8	6	7	4
and Training Sector	50th percentile (Median)	14	20	15	17	13
	75th percentile	28	37	34	37	29
573 Higher Education	25th percentile	6	6	6	7	6
Sector	50th percentile (Median)	11	12	12	13	12
	75th percentile	20	21	21	25	23
574 Postgraduate	25th percentile	6	7	8	8	7
Research Sector	50th percentile (Median)	15	15	19	19	14
	75th percentile	28	28	37	35	28
575 Non-Award Sector	25th percentile	0	0	0	3	0
	50th percentile (Median)	0	0	0	12	0
	75th percentile	3	14	7	28	9
576 AusAID or Defence	25th percentile	7	6	5	4	6
Sponsored	50th percentile (Median)	19	19	10	11	19
	75th percentile	41	49	32	20	48
All Offshore	25th percentile	4	6	3	7	5
	50th percentile (Median)	11	13	10	14	11
	75th percentile	21	24	20	26	23

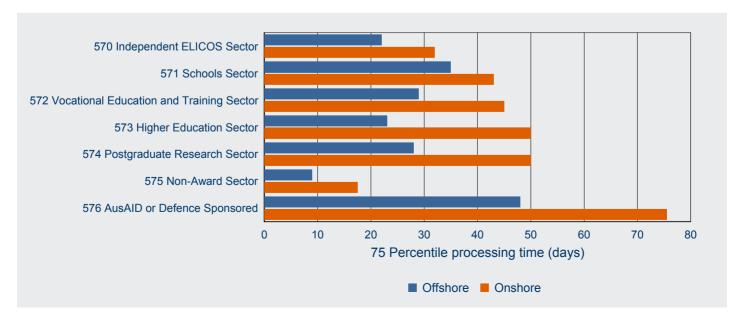
4.01 Processing time (in calendar days) for student PRIMARY visa applications granted in the three month period between 1 October 2013 and 31 December 2013 by client location and visa subclass - comparison with previous four periods - continued

Visa Subclass		01/10/12 to 31/12/12 (days)	01/01/13 to 31/03/13 (days)	01/04/13 to 30/06/13 (days)	01/07/13 to 30/09/13 (days)	01/10/13 to 31/12/13 (days)
Onshore						
570 Independent ELICOS	25th percentile	3	3	4	4	4
Sector	50th percentile (Median)	10	12	14	14	15
	75th percentile	28	25	29	28	32
571 Schools Sector	25th percentile	5	7	21	15	10
	50th percentile (Median)	16	15	37	29	25
	75th percentile	37	29	57	58	43
572 Vocational Education	25th percentile	5	4	8	8	10
and Training Sector	50th percentile (Median)	20	14	27	22	27
	75th percentile	41	31	42	39	45
573 Higher Education	25th percentile	7	3	17	4	14
Sector	50th percentile (Median)	21	9	30	14	32
	75th percentile	43	17	43	27	50
574 Postgraduate	25th percentile	7	5	8	8	11
Research Sector	50th percentile (Median)	17	12	21	19	27
	75th percentile	42	23	37	34	50
575 Non-Award Sector	25th percentile	1	3	2	3	2
	50th percentile (Median)	5	13	6	11	5
	75th percentile	14	26	27	29	18
576 AusAID or Defence	25th percentile	8	11	15	9	14
Sponsored	50th percentile (Median)	23	24	32	20	38
	75th percentile	60	44	62	44	76
All Onshore	25th percentile	5	3	10	5	10
	50th percentile (Median)	19	11	27	17	27
	75th percentile	40	21	41	31	46
All	25th percentile	4	4	5	7	6
	50th percentile (Median)	13	12	14	15	14
	75th percentile	27	22	30	28	32

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 2013 and 31 December 2013 by visa subclass and client location







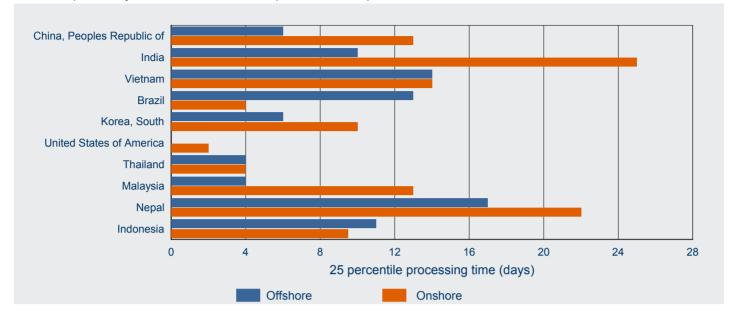
4.03 Processing time (in calendar days) for student PRIMARY visa applications granted in the three month period between 1 October 2013 and 31 December 2013 by client location and citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

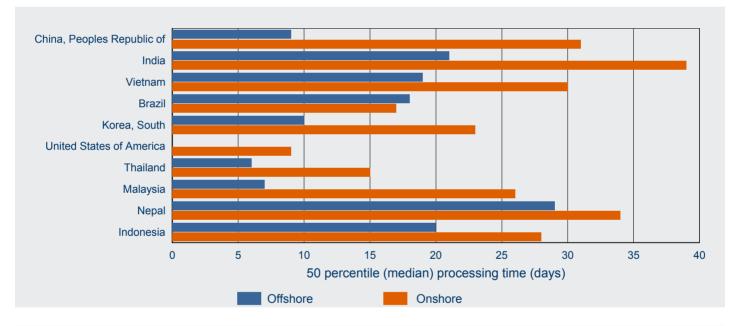
Citizenship country		01/10/12 to 31/12/12 (days)	01/01/13 to 31/03/13 (days)	01/04/13 to 30/06/13 (days)	01/07/13 to 30/09/13 (days)	01/10/13 to 31/12/13 (days)
Offshore	OFth maragrafile	6	6	0	7	0
China, Peoples Republic of	25th percentile	6	6	6	7	6
	50th percentile (Median)	10	9	10	10	9
India	75th percentile 25th percentile	16 13	16 11	16 11	19 12	18 10
iliula	50th percentile (Median)	19	16	18	20	21
		28	24	29	29	43
Vietnam	75th percentile 25th percentile	9	13	11	10	14
Viculaiii	50th percentile (Median)	15	20	14	14	19
	75th percentile	29	32	22	26	32
Brazil	25th percentile	8	9	10	13	13
Diazii	50th percentile (Median)	13	19	17	21	18
	75th percentile	20	27	28	34	25
United States of America	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
omica clates of 7 miorica	50th percentile (Median)	0	0	0	1	0
	75th percentile	0	0	0	4	1
Malaysia	25th percentile	3	4	4	5	4
	50th percentile (Median)	7	7	7	9	7
	75th percentile	14	13	13	16	14
Thailand	25th percentile	5	6	5	5	4
	50th percentile (Median)	10	15	11	10	6
	75th percentile	19	21	17	19	12
Indonesia	25th percentile	15	12	13	11	11
	50th percentile (Median)	22	20	27	20	20
	75th percentile	78	30	49	32	48
Korea, South	25th percentile	8	8	6	7	6
	50th percentile (Median)	12	14	10	12	10
	75th percentile	18	21	18	20	17
Colombia	25th percentile	21	15	11	14	15
	50th percentile (Median)	23	22	14	18	18
	75th percentile	26	36	18	24	23
Other countries	25th percentile	2	5	0	5	2
	50th percentile (Median)	10	14	8	14	11
	75th percentile	22	28	21	30	24
All Offshore	25th percentile	4	6	3	7	5
	50th percentile (Median)	11	13	10	14	11
	75th percentile	21	24	20	26	23

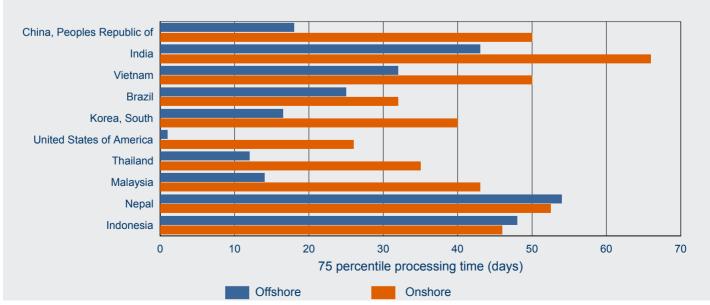
4.03 Processing time (in calendar days) for student PRIMARY visa applications granted in the three month period between 1 October 2013 and 31 December 2013 by client location and citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods - continued

Citizenship country		01/10/12 to 31/12/12 (days)	01/01/13 to 31/03/13 (days)	01/04/13 to 30/06/13 (days)	01/07/13 to 30/09/13 (days)	01/10/13 to 31/12/13 (days)
Onshore						
China, Peoples Republic of	25th percentile	6	2	17	3	13
OI .	50th percentile (Median)	18	7	29	11	31
	75th percentile	42	15	41	22	50
India	25th percentile	13	8	21	14	25
	50th percentile (Median)	30	21	34	31	39
. O !!	75th percentile	55	46	52	54	66
Korea, South	25th percentile	5	5	9	11	10
	50th percentile (Median)	17	14	23	21	23
	75th percentile	35	26	37	34	40
Brazil	25th percentile	3	3	5	4	4
	50th percentile (Median)	7	11	14	15	17
T. 2	75th percentile	23	23	29	29	32
Thailand	25th percentile	2	2	3	5	4
	50th percentile (Median)	7	7	13	14	15
V C - to - co-	75th percentile	24	18	30	29	35
Vietnam	25th percentile	8	4	20	6	14
	50th percentile (Median)	22	11	33	16	30
	75th percentile	47	20	48	29	50
Malaysia	25th percentile	7	7	15	10	13
	50th percentile (Median)	17	15	29	21	26
	75th percentile	36	26	40	34	43
Nepal	25th percentile	12	4	19	12	22
	50th percentile (Median)	29	14	32	27	34
0.1	75th percentile	55	33	49	43	53
Colombia	25th percentile	3	6	6	6	6
	50th percentile (Median)	14	16	20	17	21
	75th percentile	37	32	35	32	39
Saudi Arabia	25th percentile	7	4	10	7	8
	50th percentile (Median)	22	12	27	19	25
.	75th percentile	43	21	42	34	46
Other countries	25th percentile	4	3	7	6	8
	50th percentile (Median)	16	12	24	18	24
	75th percentile	38	24	40	33	42
All Onshore	25th percentile	5	3	10	5	10
	50th percentile (Median)	19	11	27	17	27
	75th percentile	40	21	41	31	46
ΔII	25th percentile	4	4	5	7	
All	25th percentile 50th percentile (Median)	13	4 12	5 14	<i>1</i> 15	6 14
	75th percentile	27	22	30	28	32
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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 2013 and 31 December 2013 by citizenship country and client location - top 10 citizenship countries



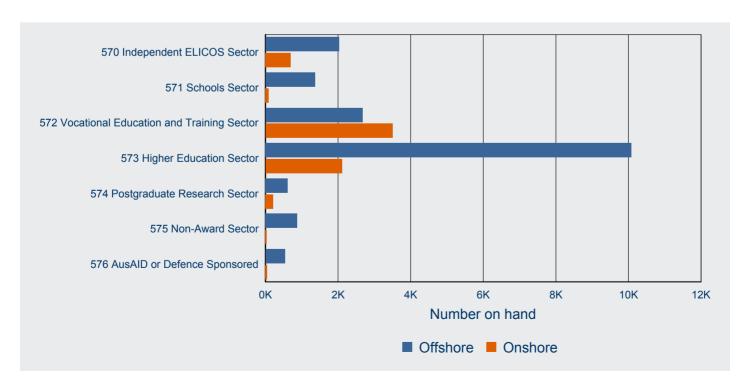




5.01 Number of student PRIMARY visa applications on hand at 31 December 2013 by client location and visa subclass - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Subclass	On hand at 31/12/12	On hand at 31/03/13	On hand at 30/06/13	On hand at 30/09/13	On hand at 31/12/13
Offshore					
570 Independent ELICOS Sector	1 963	1 427	1 901	1 749	2 031
571 Schools Sector	1 203	790	1 283	1 177	1 363
572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	2 208	1 819	2 349	2 170	2 676
573 Higher Education Sector	5 664	3 944	8 657	7 160	10 083
574 Postgraduate Research Sector	539	477	631	452	609
575 Non-Award Sector	799	189	1 285	189	880
576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored	584	412	259	583	538
Sub-total Offshore	12 960	9 058	16 365	13 480	18 180
Onshore					
570 Independent ELICOS Sector	577	770	1 089	721	691
571 Schools Sector	108	260	123	115	93
572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	3 532	5 713	5 686	4 570	3 500
573 Higher Education Sector	1 961	6 462	3 297	4 535	2 107
574 Postgraduate Research Sector	133	357	262	342	217
575 Non-Award Sector	39	43	77	30	35
576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored	35	44	33	37	42
Sub-total Onshore	6 385	13 649	10 567	10 350	6 685
Total	19 345	22 707	26 932	23 830	24 865

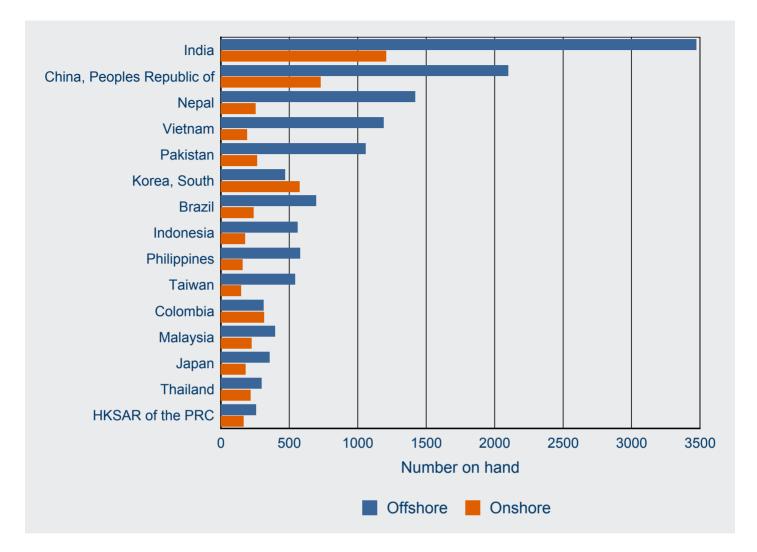
5.02 Number of student PRIMARY visa applications on hand at 31 December 2013 by client location and visa subclass



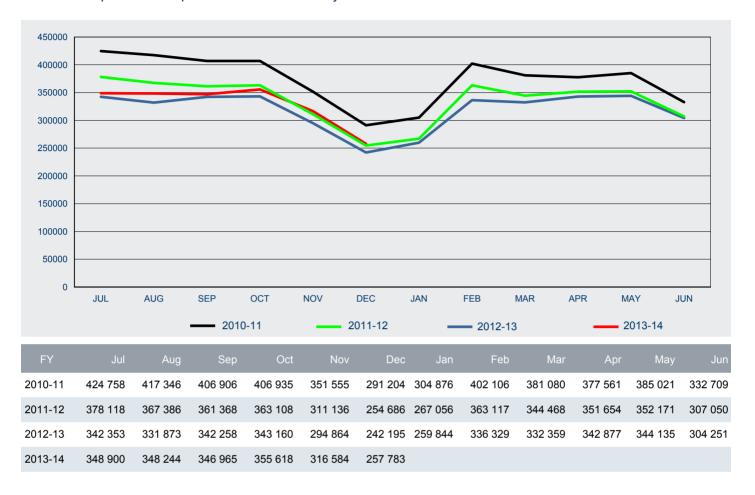
5.03 Number of student PRIMARY visa applications on hand at 31 December 2013 by client location and citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Subclass	On hand at 31/12/12	On hand at 31/03/13	On hand at 30/06/13	On hand at 30/09/13	On hand at 31/12/13
Offshore					
India	920	695	1 991	1 678	3 474
China, Peoples Republic of	1 925	1 581	2 719	2 671	2 100
Nepal	387	388	1 154	880	1 420
Vietnam	765	561	938	1 041	1 191
Pakistan	681	801	1 288	1 452	1 058
Brazil	573	164	1 037	321	695
Philippines	576	425	818	632	581
Indonesia	720	601	734	636	564
Taiwan	530	527	573	522	543
Korea, South	547	367	428	332	470
Malaysia	386	130	264	94	399
Japan	285	243	258	118	357
Singapore	323	95	163	66	320
Colombia	456	141	289	285	313
Thailand	299	316	437	215	299
Other countries	3 587	2 023	3 274	2 537	4 396
Sub-total Offshore	12 960	9 058	16 365	13 480	18 180
Onshore					
India	1 592	2 527	1 766	1 812	1 209
China, Peoples Republic of	697	3 028	1 550	1 863	730
Korea, South	466	844	1 023	631	575
Colombia	212	286	374	227	315
Pakistan	279	606	393	493	265
Nepal	369	585	353	611	255
Brazil	210	252	542	251	240
Malaysia	200	485	324	320	227
Thailand	149	310	512	287	218
Vietnam	170	627	261	360	193
Japan	130	197	311	207	180
Indonesia	115	323	294	275	176
HKSAR of the PRC	98	311	169	234	165
Philippines	101	230	198	221	158
Taiwan	92	176	255	230	149
Other countries	1 505	2 862	2 242	2 328	1 630
Sub-total Onshore	6 385	13 649	10 567	10 350	6 685
Total	19 345	22 707	26 932	23 830	24 865

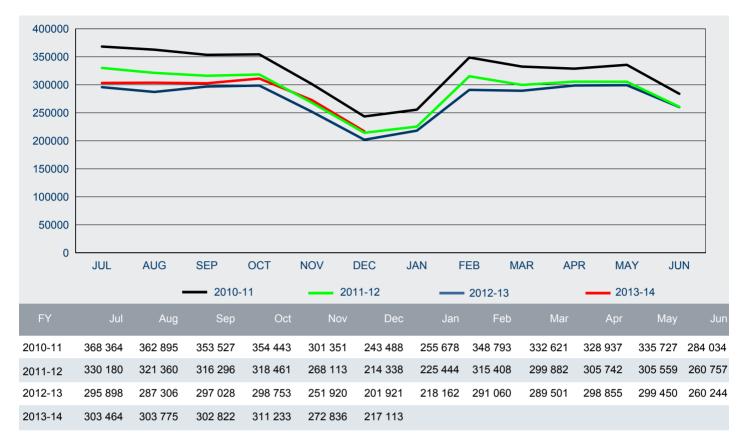
5.04 Number of student PRIMARY visa applications on hand at 31 December 2013 by citizenship country and client location - top 15 citizenship countries



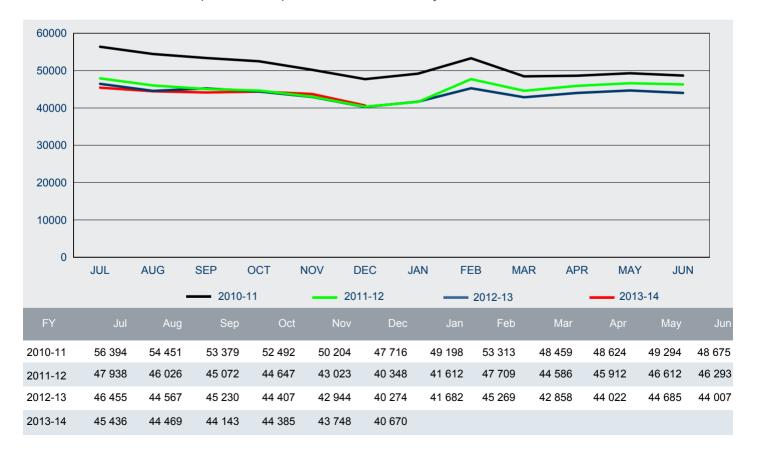
6.01 Number of student visa holders at the end of each month in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 by month - comparison with previous three financial years



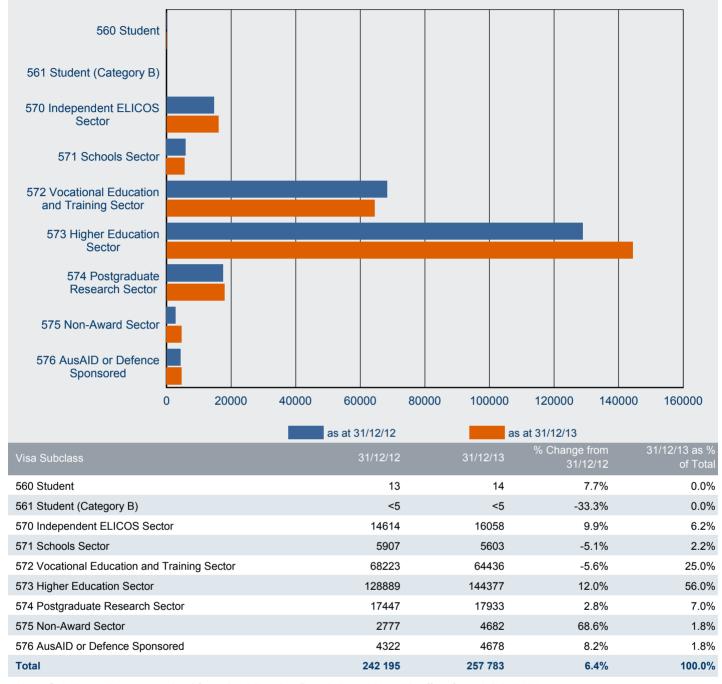
6.02 Number of student PRIMARY visa holders in Australia at the end of each month in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 - comparison with previous three financial years



6.03 Number of student SECONDARY visa holders in Australia at the end of each month in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 - comparison with previous three financial years



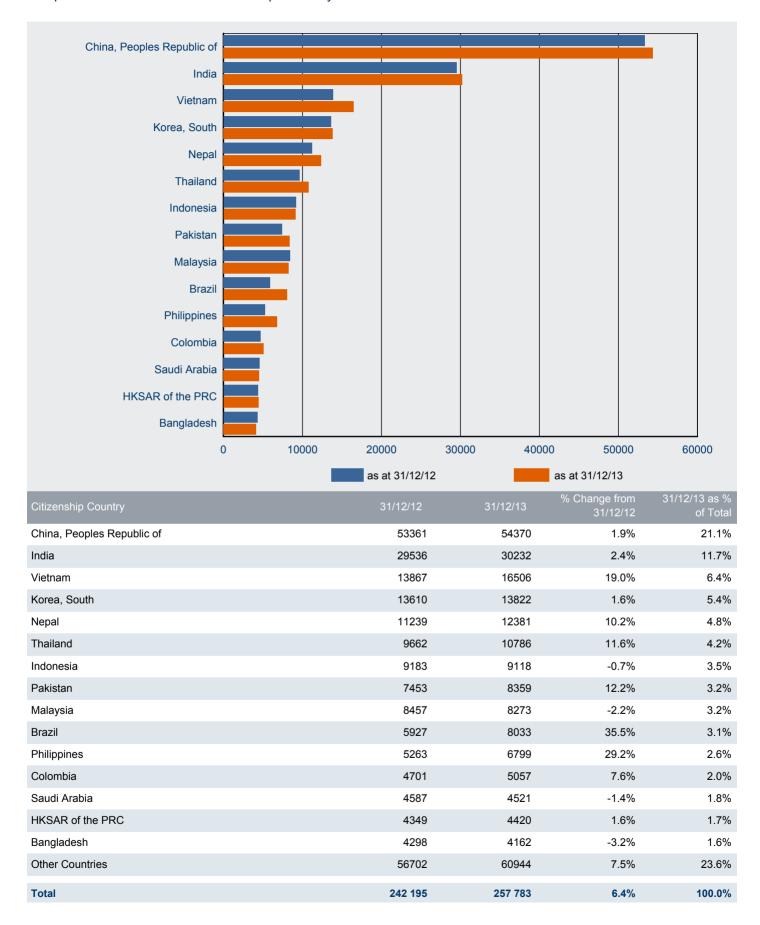
6.04 Number of student visa holders in Australia as at 31 December 2013 by visa subclass comparison with the same date in the previous year



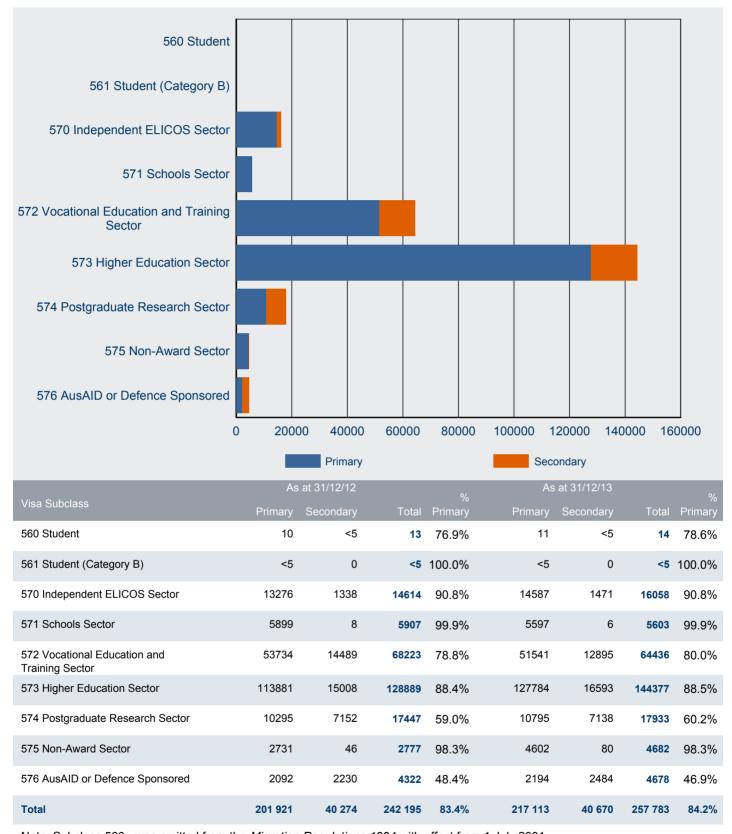
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Subclass 561 (Student - Category B) - since 1 September 1994, has not been specified under the Migration Regulations 1994.

6.05 Number of student visa holders in Australia as at 31 December 2013 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 2013 by visa subclass and applicant type



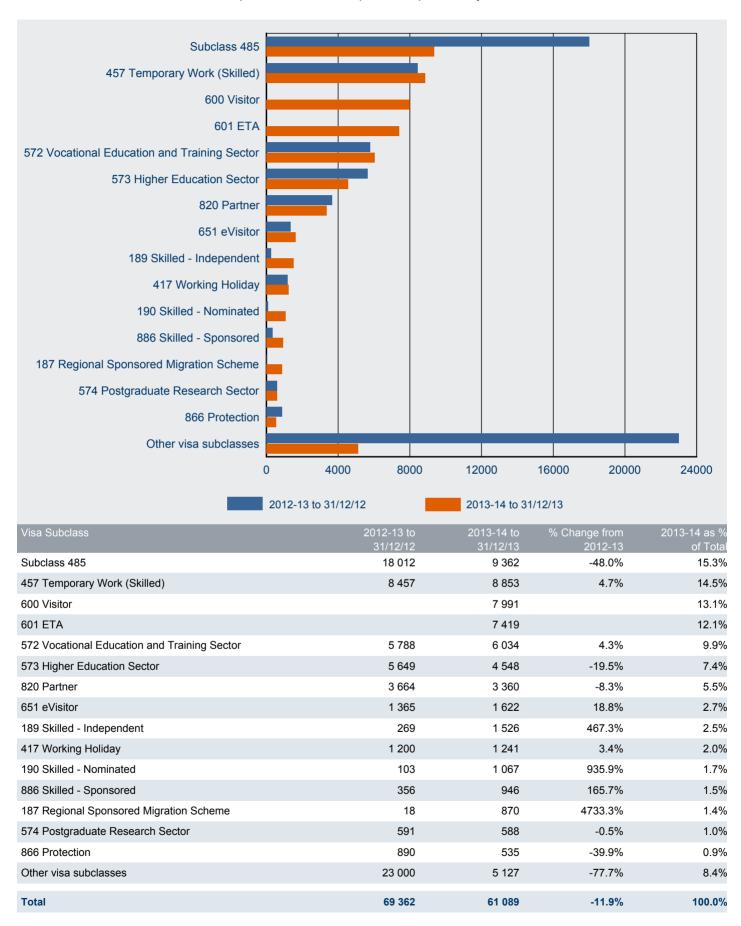
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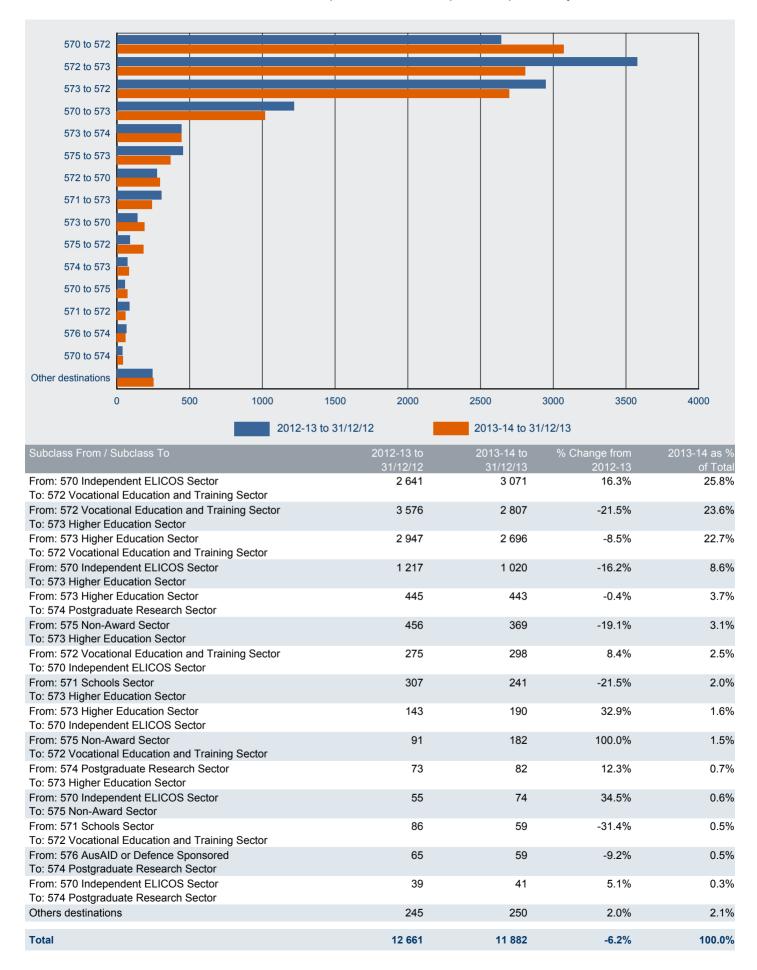
7.01 Number of visas granted in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 by visa category where the last visa held was a student visa - comparison with same period in previous year



7.02 Number of visas granted in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 by visa subclass where the last visa held was a student visa - comparison with same period in previous year



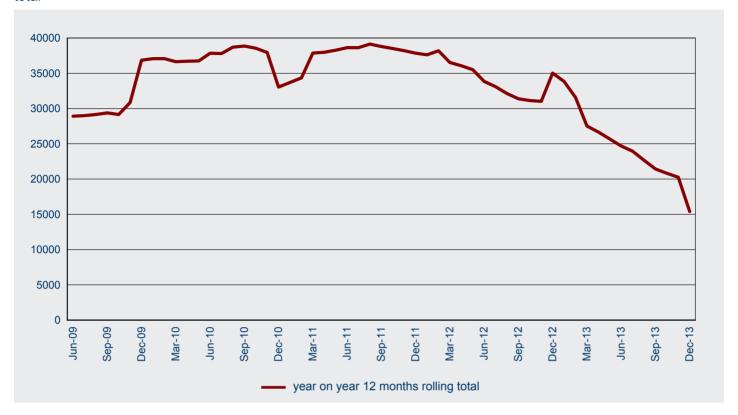
7.03 Number of student visas granted in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 by visa subclass where the last visa held was a different student visa - comparison with same period in previous year



8 Subclass 485 visa

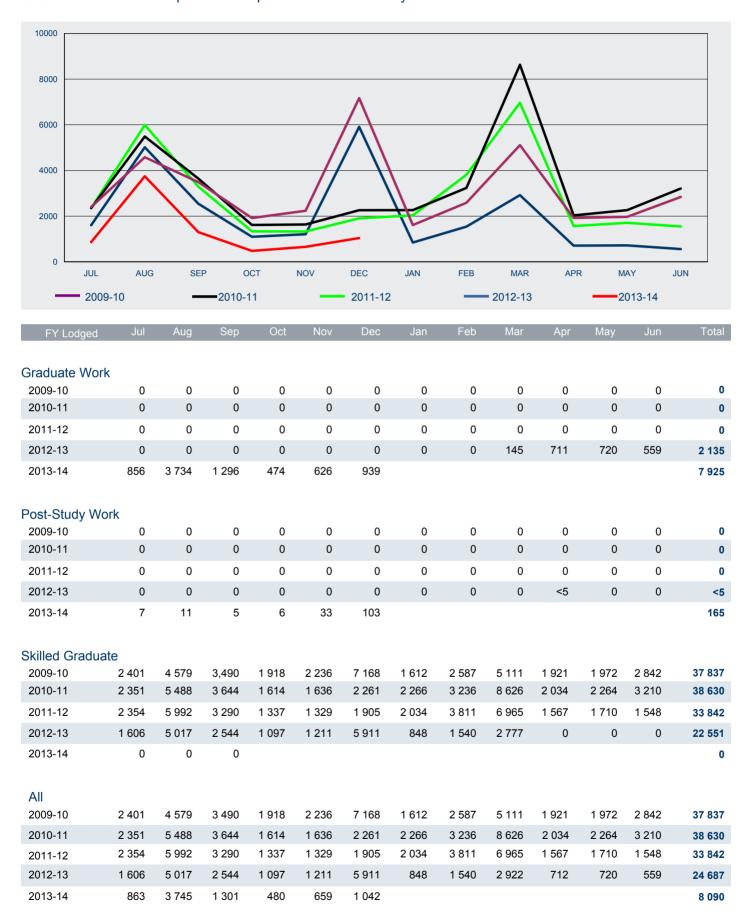
8 Subclass 485 visa - Lodged

8.01 Number of subclass 485 visa applications lodged by month - year on year 12 months rolling total



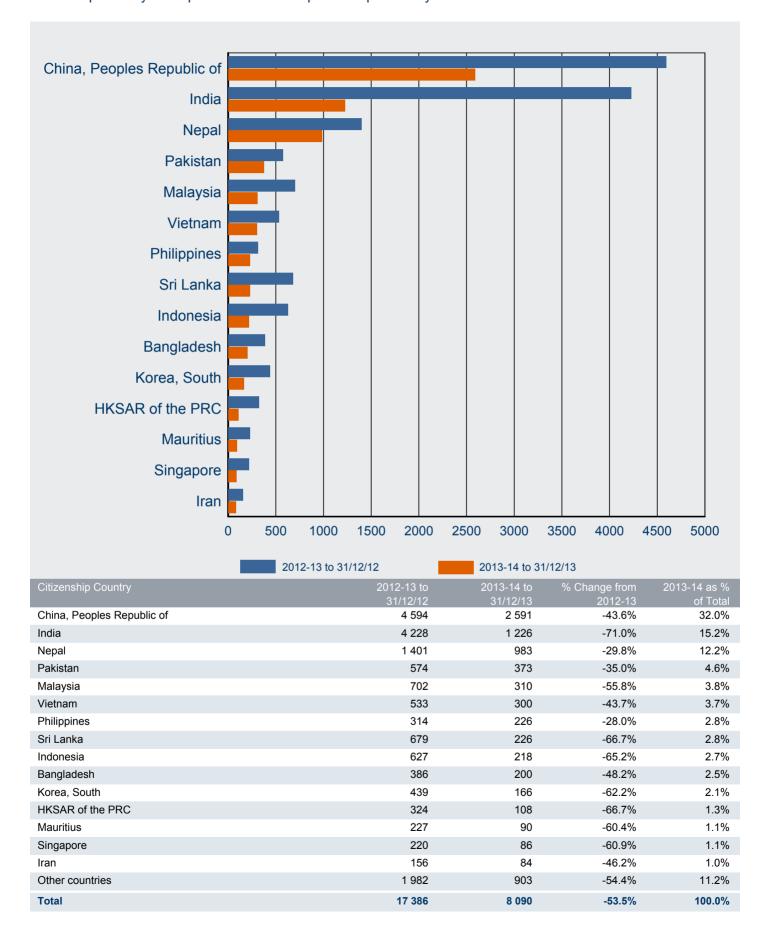
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8.02 Number of subclass 485 visa applications lodged in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 by visa stream and month - comparison with previous four financial years



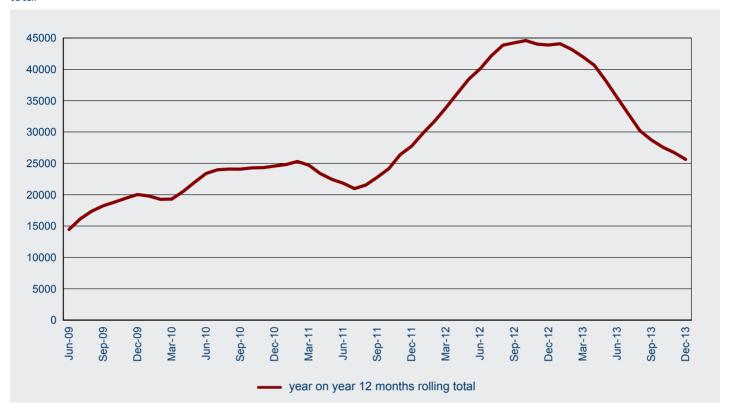
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8.03 Number of subclass 485 visa applications lodged in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



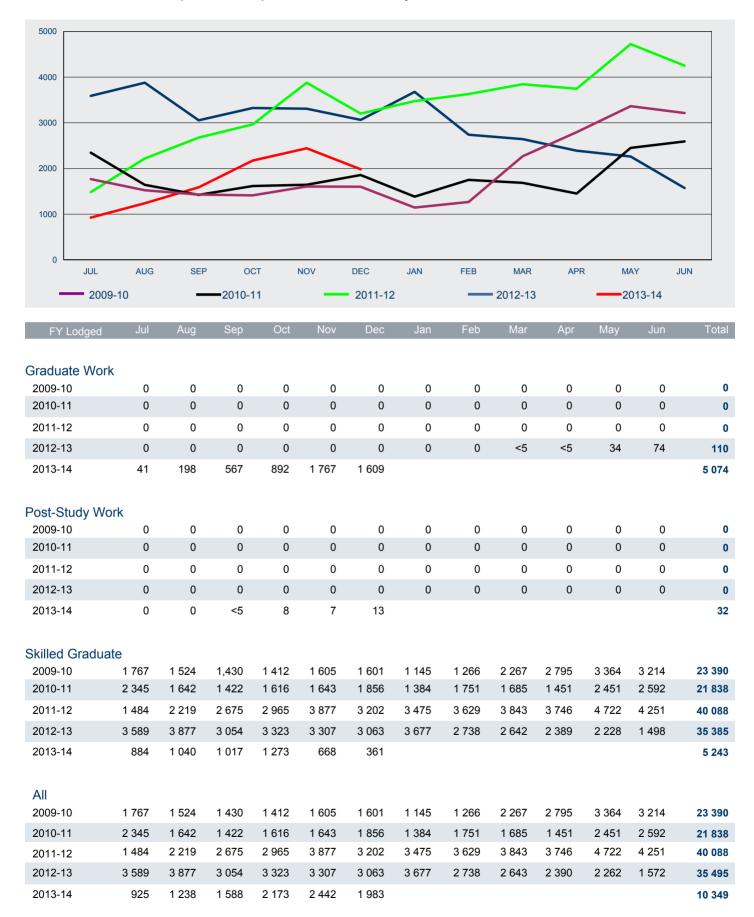
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8.04 Number of subclass 485 visa applications granted by month - year on year 12 months rolling total



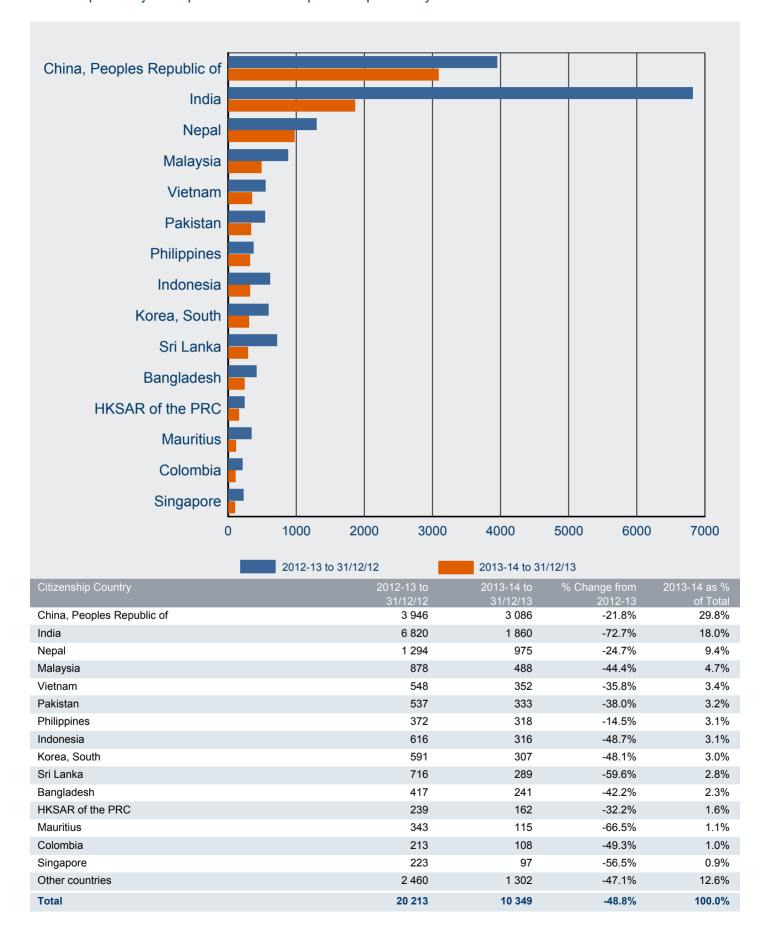
8 Subclass 485 visa - Granted

8.05 Number of subclass 485 visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 by visa stream and month - comparison with previous four financial years



8 Subclass 485 visa - Granted

8.06 Number of subclass 485 visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

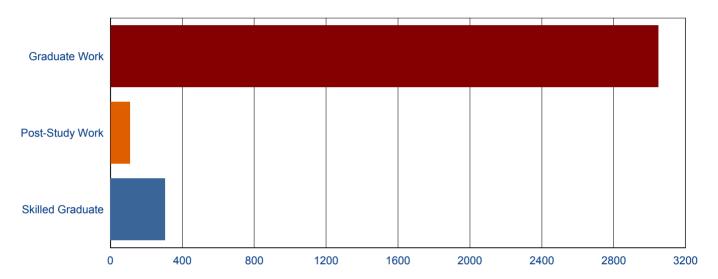


8 Subclass 485 visa - On hand

8.07 Number of subclass 485 PRIMARY visa applications on hand at 31 December 2013 by visa stream - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Stream	On hand at 31/12/12	On hand at 31/03/13	On hand at 30/06/13	On hand at 30/09/13	On hand at 31/12/13
Graduate Work	0	106	1 265	5 328	3 048
Post-Study Work	0	0	0	13	108
Skilled Graduate	16 373	11 318	5 487	2 698	304
Total	16 373	11 424	6 752	8 039	3 460

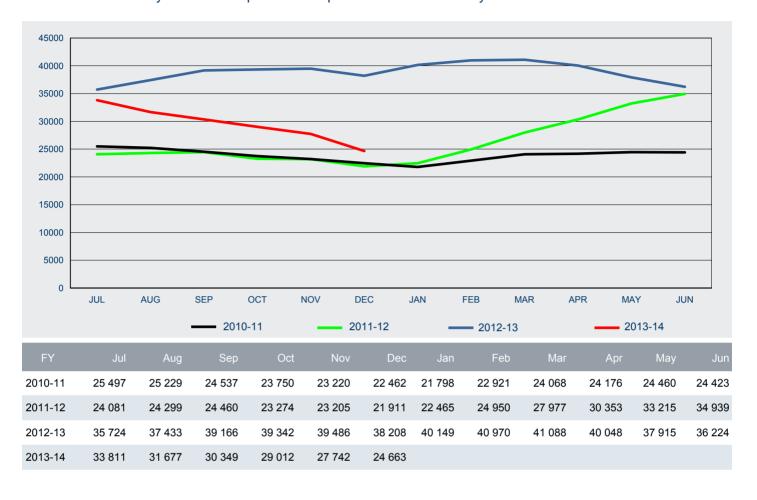
8.08 Number of subclass 485 PRIMARY visa applications on hand at 31 December 2013 by visa stream



8 Subclass 485 visa - Visa holders in Australia

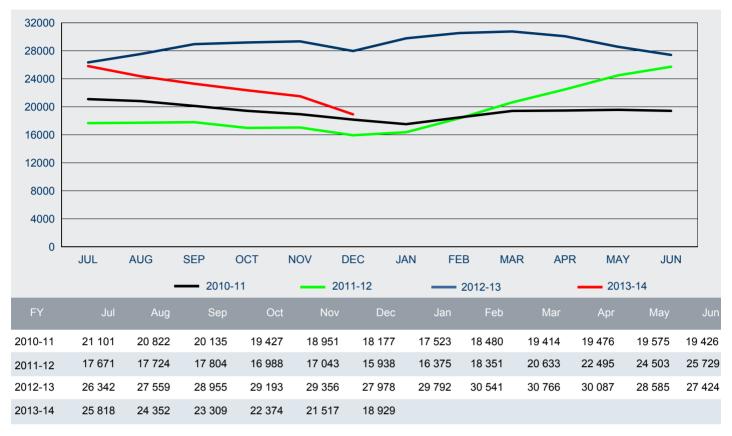
8.09 Number of subclass 485 visa holders at the end of each month in 2013-14 to

31 December 2013 by month - comparison with previous three financial years



8 Subclass 485 visa - Visa holders in Australia

8.10 Number of subclass 485 PRIMARY visa holders in Australia at the end of each month in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 - comparison with previous three financial years



8.11 Number of subclass 485 SECONDARY visa holders in Australia at the end of each month in 2013-14 to 31 December 2013 - comparison with previous three financial years



