

Student visa programme quarterly report

Quarter ending at 31 March 2014



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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 2-3 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 3 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

March 2014:

From 22 March 2014, Schedule 2 of the Migration Regulations 1994 (the Regulations) was amended to repeal the visa criterion relating to 'substantial compliance'. This criterion was removed to provide decision makers with the discretion to take into account exceptional circumstances that may have led to a Student visa holder unintentionally breaching a condition of their Student visa.

Further information can be found at: www.immi.gov.au/About/Pages/legal/nolcs/20140322-10.aspx

On 22 March 2014 the government simplified the Assessment Level (AL) Framework by removing AL4 and AL5. As a result the AL Framework now comprises three assessment levels (AL1 to AL3) with former AL4 countries/sectors reduced to AL3. The financial requirement for AL3 student visa applicants was also reduced from 18 months to 12 months. However, as a result of this change, funds for AL3 applicants are required to be provided by the visa applicant or their close relative.

Further information can be found at: www.immi.gov.au/students/student-visa-assessment-simplified.htm

Also on 22 March 2014, streamlined visa processing arrangements, similar to those currently in place for universities, were introduced for prospective students of low immigration risk education providers who offer bachelor, masters or doctoral degree level courses.

Further information can be found at: www.immi.gov.au/students/student-visa-non-university.htm

Executive Summary

Key Points:

- In the March 2014 quarter, student visa lodgements increased by 9.8 per cent compared with the same quarter in the previous year. This was driven by offshore lodgements which increased by 23.7 per cent in the same period.
- Total student visa grants increased by 11.1 per cent in the March 2014 quarter. Offshore grants increased by 27.0 per cent, making this quarter the highest for offshore grants in the past five years.
- The grant rate for student visa applications for the March 2014 quarter remains high at 94.2 per cent.
- On 31 March 2014, there were 366 914 student visa holders in Australia.

1 Applications lodged

In the March 2014 quarter, there were 93 396 student visa application lodgements, which was an increase of 9.8 per cent when compared with the same period of the previous year (85 084). Student visa lodgements generally peak in March each year due to higher onshore lodgements prior to the commencement of the academic year.

Offshore student visa applications continue to increase with 49 128 lodgements in the March 2014 quarter - an increase of 23.7 per cent compared with the March 2013 quarter. This growth was mainly driven by applications for Higher Education visas.

Onshore lodgements decreased to 44 268 (2.4 per cent) in the March 2014 quarter, compared with 45 353 in the same quarter in the previous year. The decrease is attributed to lower lodgements for all subclasses onshore with the exception of VET, which increased 1.4 per cent.

In 2013-14 programme year to 31 March 2014, there were 238 912 student visa lodgements of which 45.9 per cent were nationals from China, India, Vietnam, Nepal and South Korea. This compares with 215 862 lodgements during the same period in 2012-13.

For offshore visa applications, China remains the top source country in the 2013-14 programme year to 31 March 2014 (25 472 lodgements). In this period, offshore visa applications increased for nationals from China (20.1 per cent), India (108.7 per cent), Vietnam (40.7 per cent) and Nepal (171 per cent) compared with the same period in 2012-13.

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.

Total student visa grants (83 380) increased by 11.1 per cent in the March 2014 quarter compared with the same period in 2012-13.

This was led by an increase of 27 per cent in offshore grants (50 965) during the March 2014 quarter, which was the highest March quarter for offshore grants in the last five years. Onshore grants decreased during this period to 32 415, a decrease of 7.1 per cent compared to the same period in the previous year.

Of the total student visas granted in the 2013-14 programme year to 31 March 2014, 21 per cent were to Chinese nationals followed by 11.1 per cent to Indian nationals.

Offshore grants in the 2013-14 programme year to 31 March 2014 increased by 27.3 per cent (131 464 grants) compared with the same period in 2012-13 (103 234 grants). This was a result of an increase in offshore visa grants for nationals of China (25.4 per cent), India (121.3 per cent), Vietnam (35.9 per cent), Brazil (45.6 per cent), Nepal (175.3 per cent) and Thailand (55.9 per cent).

In 2013-14 until 31 March 2014, offshore grants for Higher Education visas increased by 38.3 per cent to 74 732 grants compared with the same period in 2012-13.

3 Grant rates

Total grant rates for student visas remained high in the March 2014 quarter (94.2 per cent) when compared with the same period in the previous year (94.4 percent). During this reporting period, offshore grant rates increased slightly to 92.5 per cent from 92.4 per cent. Onshore grant rates increased to 96.8 per cent from 96.7 per cent in the same comparison period.

Offshore visa grant rates for VET and Higher Education visas increased in this quarter to 76.8 and 93.6 per cent respectively compared with 76.5 and 93.5 per cent in the same quarter in 2013-14.

In the March 2014 quarter, there was a considerable increase in the offshore grant rate for Indian nationals (93.5 per cent) compared with the March 2013 quarter (87.1 per cent).

Offshore visa grant rates for Chinese nationals remained high at 95.3 per cent.

Executive Summary - continued

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 student visa program assessment level and the supporting evidence provided by the applicant.

In the March 2014 quarter, 75 per cent of all applications granted were processed within 29 calendar days - the lowest processing time in the last four quarters.

In the March 2014 quarter, 75 per cent of offshore visa applications granted were processed within 27 calendar days.

March is typically a peak period for onshore student visa lodgements. During the March 2014 quarter, 75 per cent of onshore applications granted were processed within 31 calendar days, compared with 21 calendar days for the same period in the previous year.

5 Applications on hand

As at 31 March 2014, there was a total of 28 946 primary student visa applications on hand. Of these, 13 201 were offshore applications and 15 745 were onshore applications.

Onshore student visa applicants are granted a bridging visa until a decision on their student visa application is made.

6 Visa holders In Australia

On 31 March 2014 there were 366 914 student visa holders in Australia. This compares with 332 359 student visa holders as at 31 March 2013 – an increase of 10.4 per cent.

More than half (60.8 per cent) of the student visa holders in Australia on 31 March 2014 held a higher education visa followed by a VET visa at 18.8 per cent.

As at 31 March 2014, almost one quarter (24.5 per cent) of the student visa holders were Chinese nationals. Indian nationals accounted for 10.0 per cent of student visa holders.

7 Destinations

In the 2013-14 program year to 31 March 2014, there were 93 512 visas granted to former student visa holders. Among this group, the Tourist visa was the most common visa option with 24 510 visas granted (26.2 per cent), while 20 848 (22.3 per cent) were granted a subsequent Student visa.

8 Subclass 485

There were 16 270 Subclass 485 visas lodged in the 2013-14 programme year to 31 March 2014. This is a decrease of 28.3 per cent when compared with the same period last year (22 696). Lodgements are expected to increase when a greater number of onshore students become eligible to meet the requirements for the Post-Study Work stream.

Of the total Subclass 485 visas lodged in this reporting period, China represents 32.6 per cent and India 14.1 per cent.

Grants also decreased by 45.4 per cent to 15 979 (from 29 271) in the same reporting period. The decrease in grants can be attributed to the lower lodgement rate.

China, India and Nepal (31.5 per cent, 17.2 per cent, and 10.4 respectively) were the top three source countries granted Subclass 485 visas.

On 31 March 2014 there were 25 106 Subclass 485 visa holders in Australia which was lower than 31 March 2013 when there were 41 088 visa holders.

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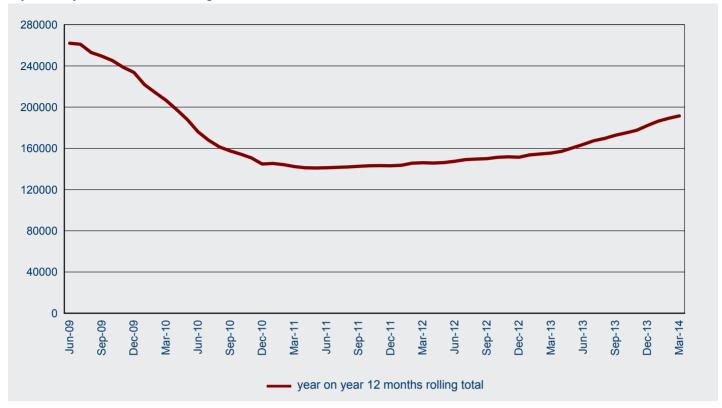


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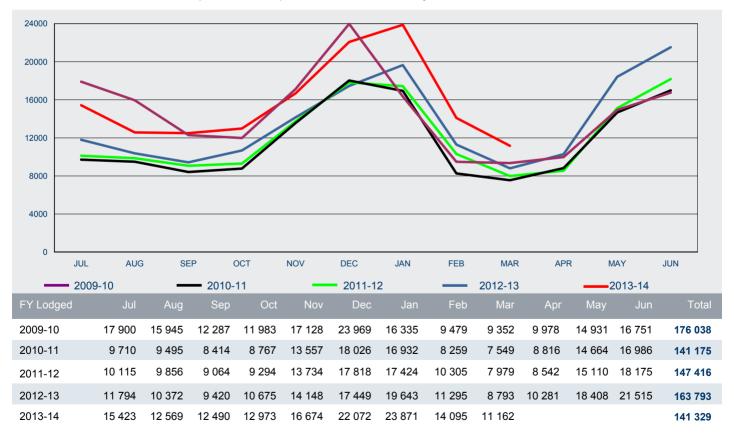


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- year on year 12 months rolling total

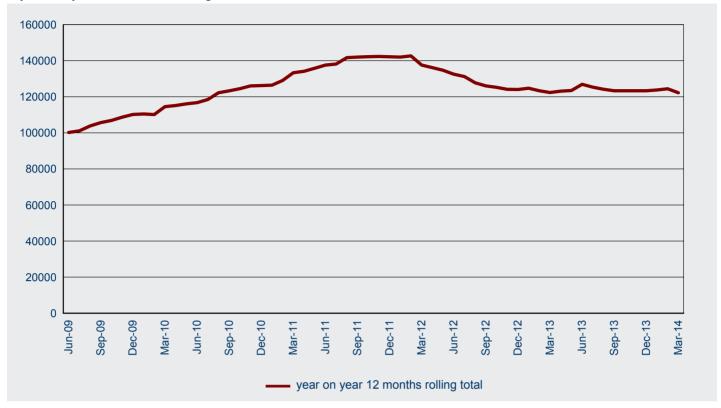


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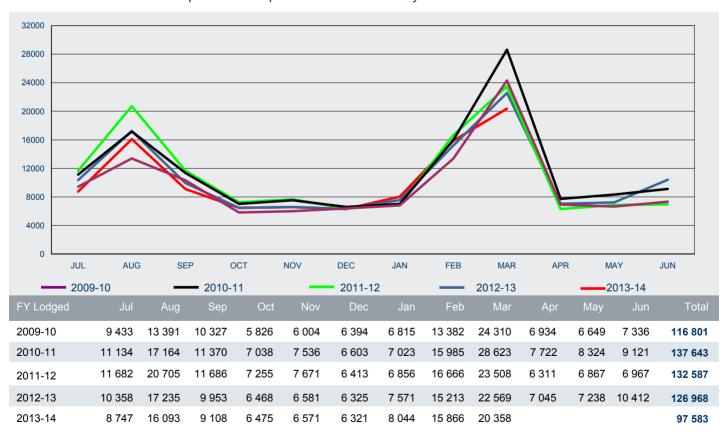


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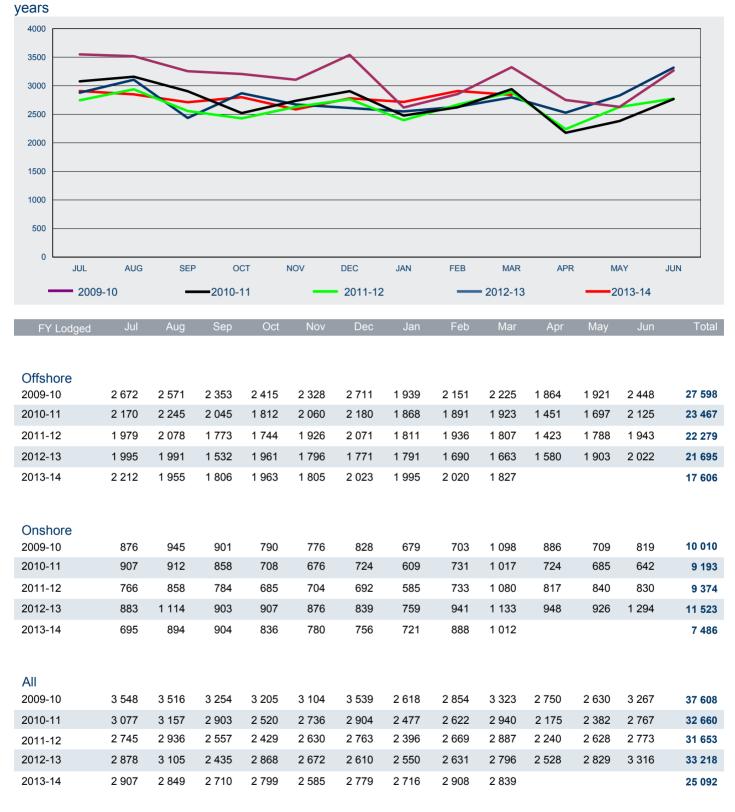
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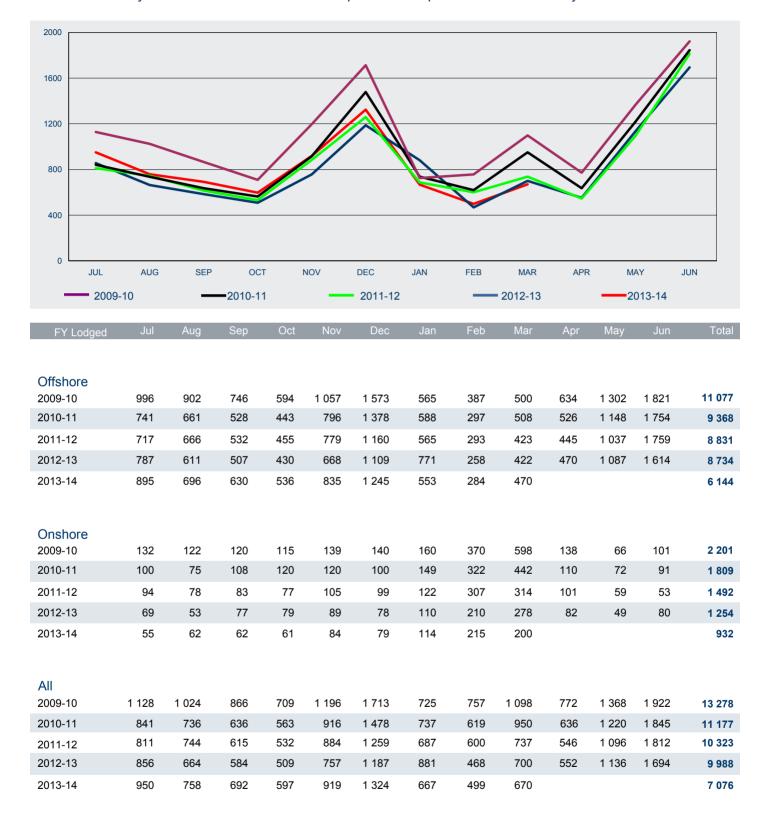
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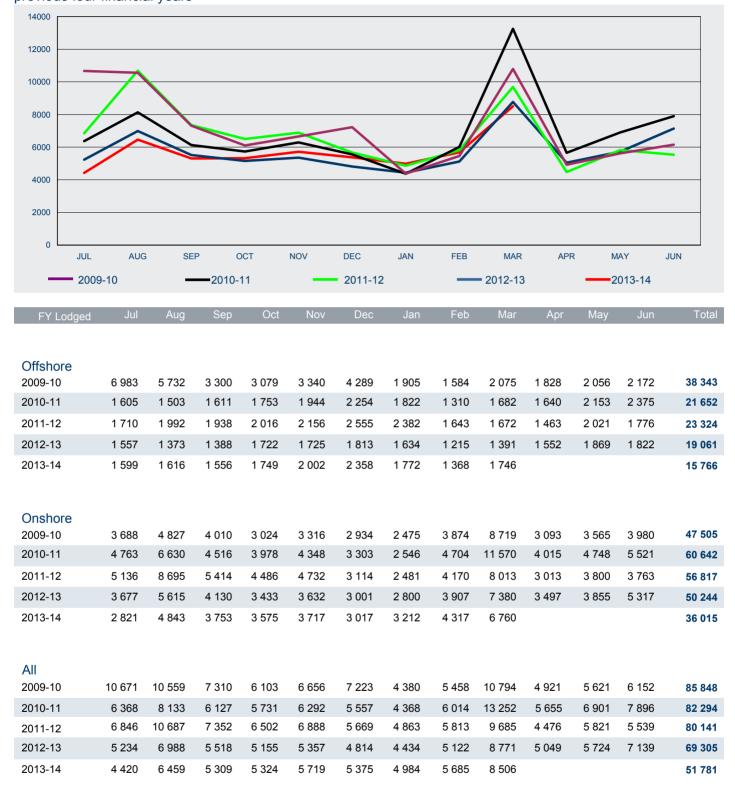
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1.08 Number of student visa applications lodged for subclass 571 Schools Sector in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 by client location and month - comparison with previous four financial years



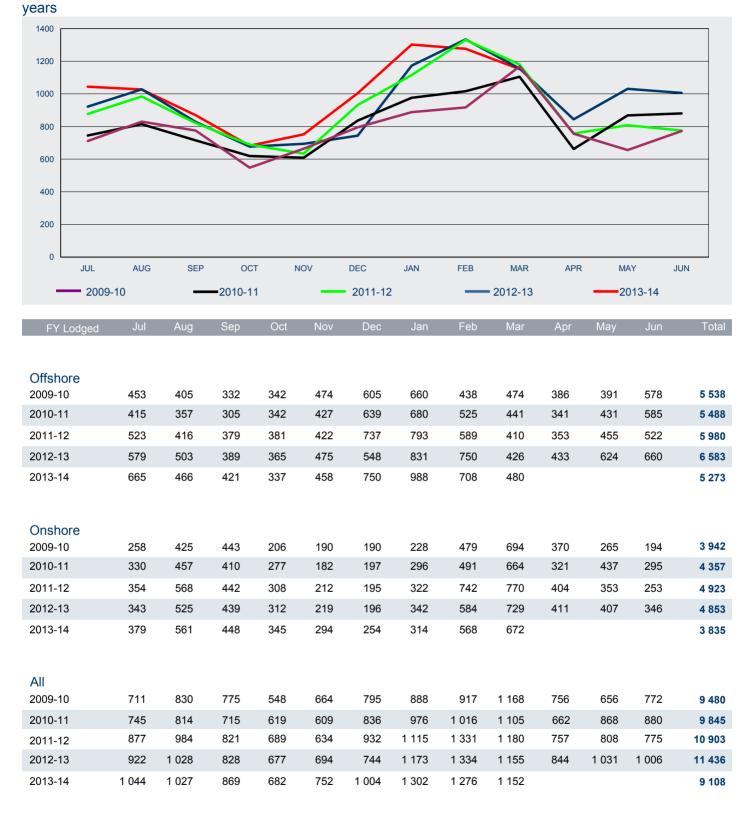
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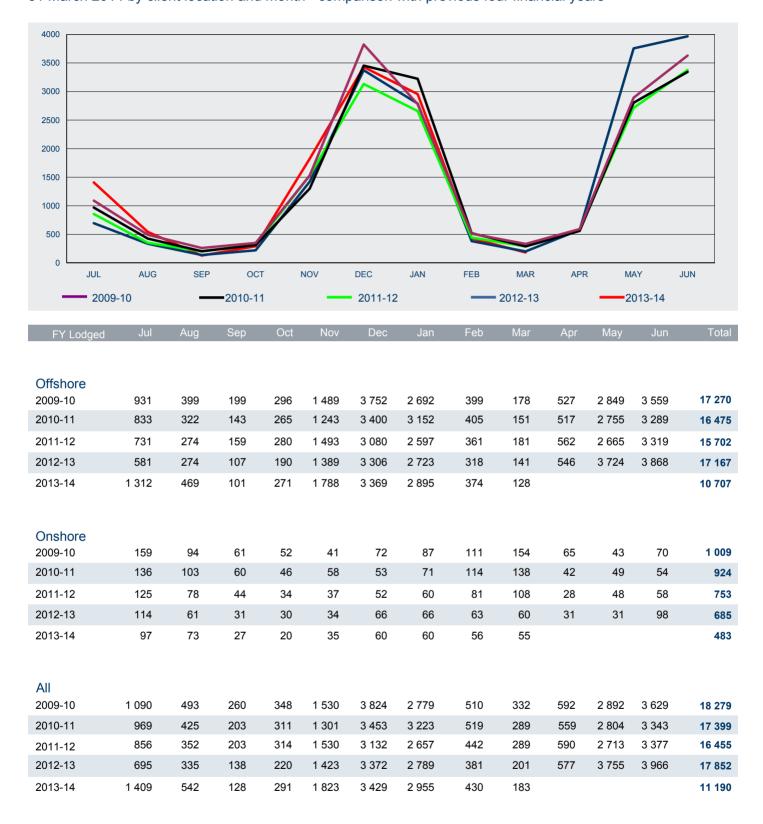
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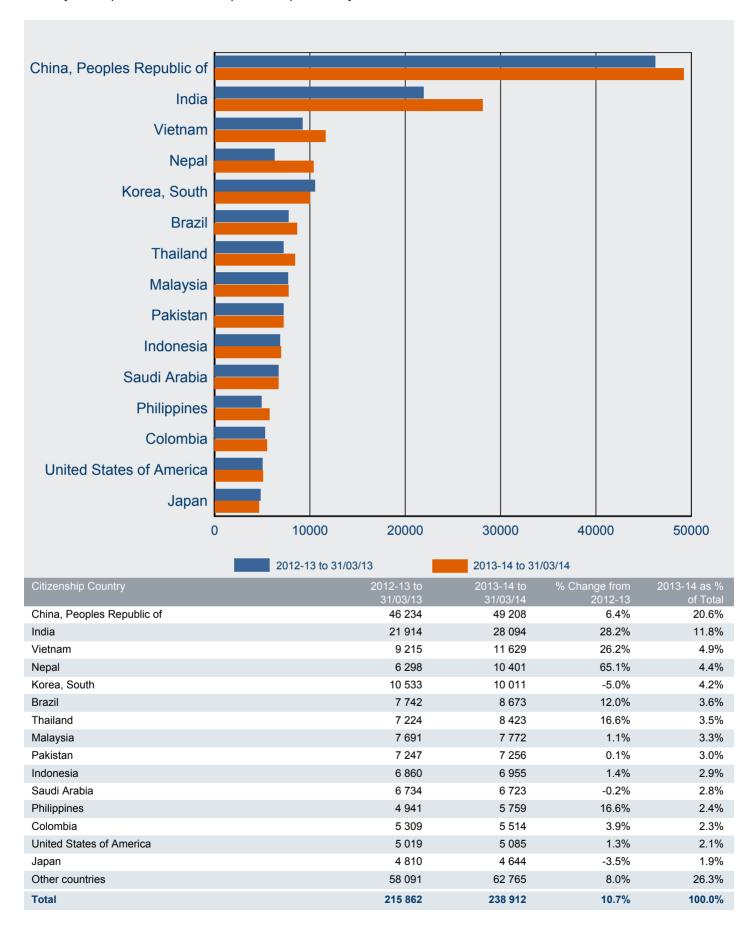
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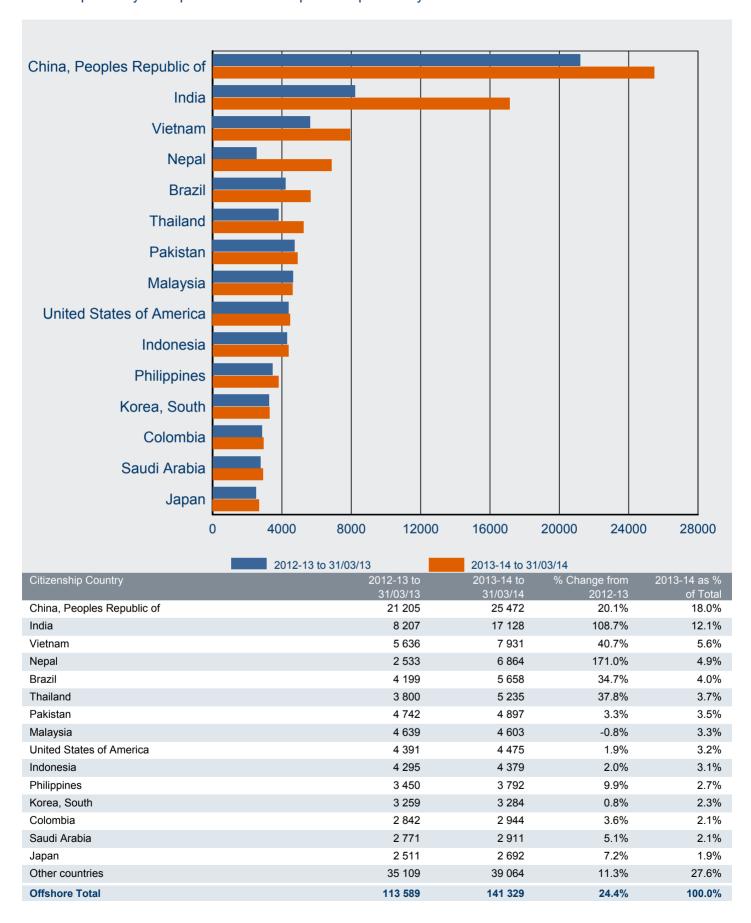
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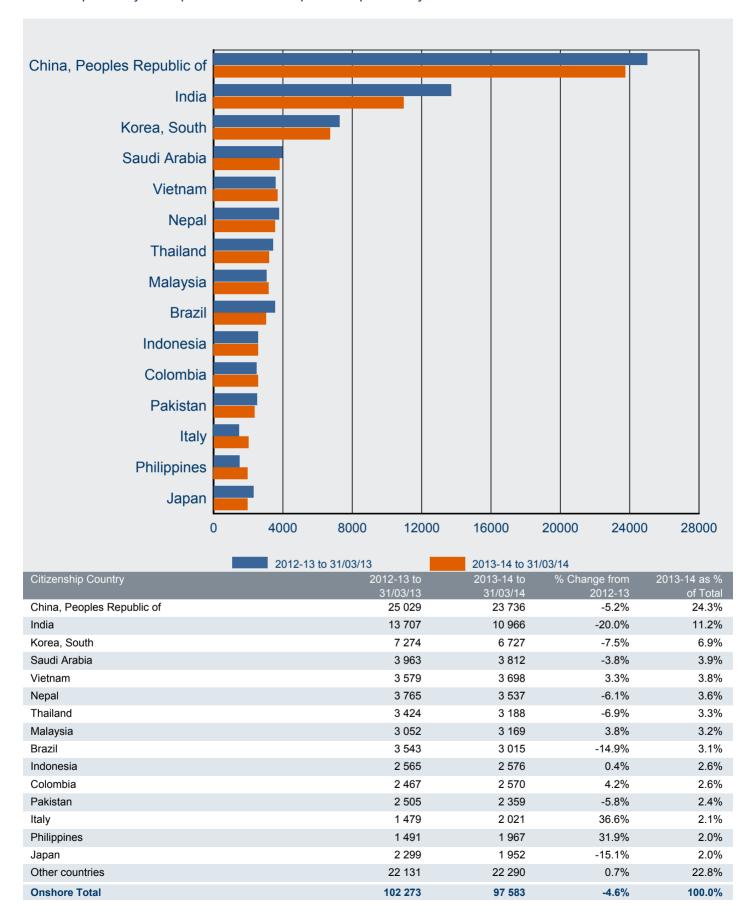
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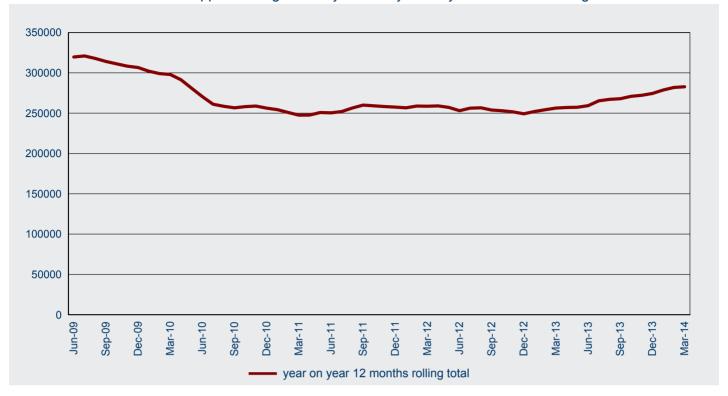
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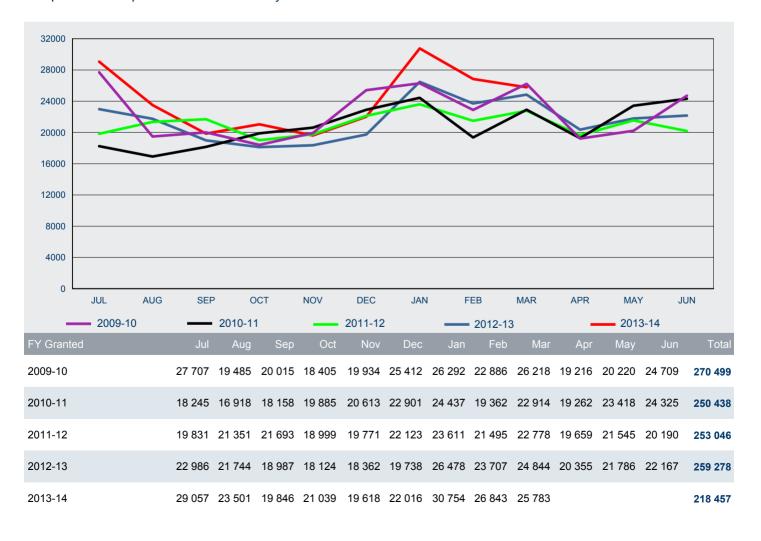
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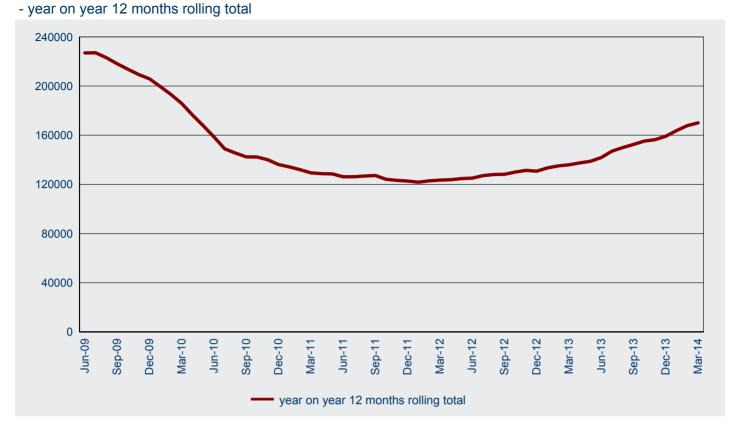
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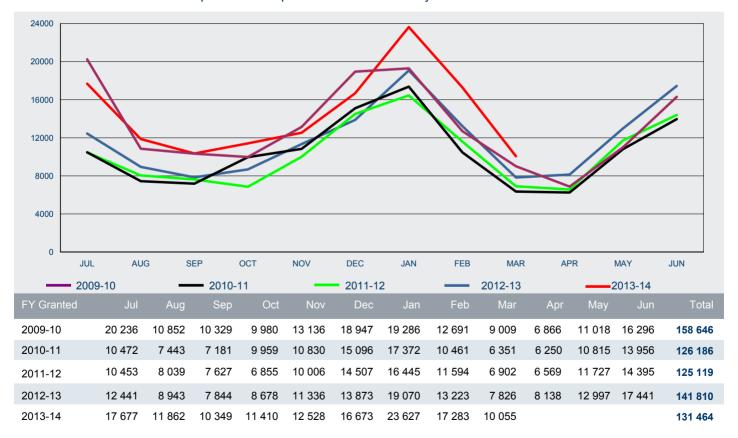
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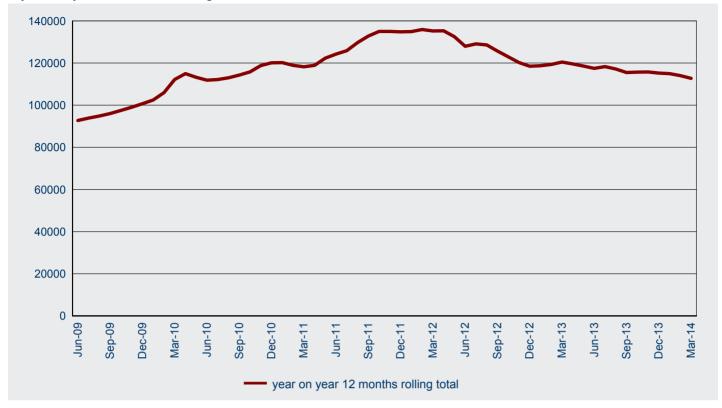


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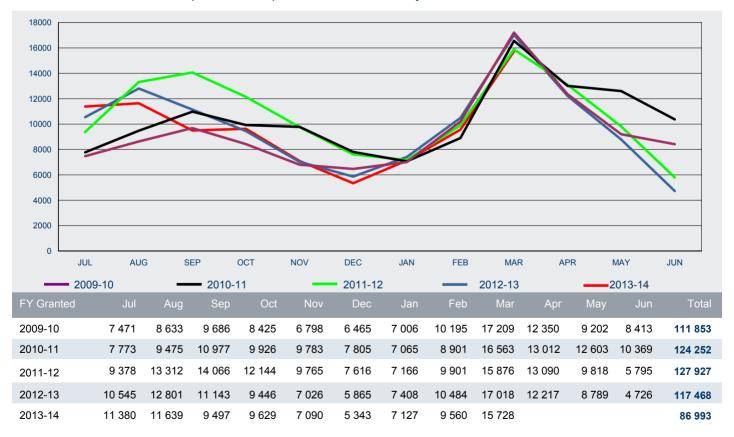


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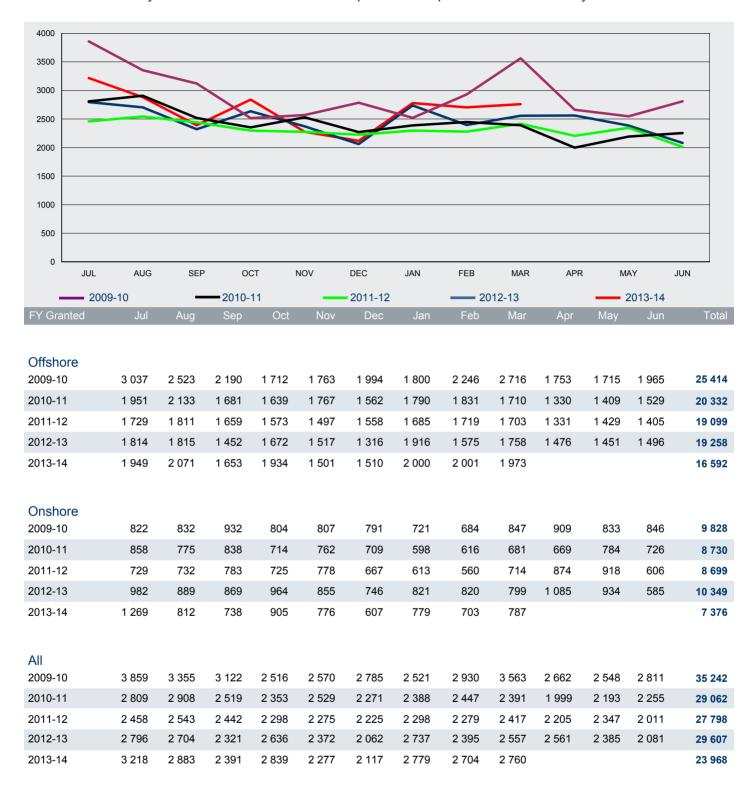
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2.06 Number of student visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 by month where the client was ONSHORE - comparison with previous four financial years



2.07 Number of visa applications granted for subclass 570 Independent ELICOS Sector in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 by client location and month - comparison with previous four financial years



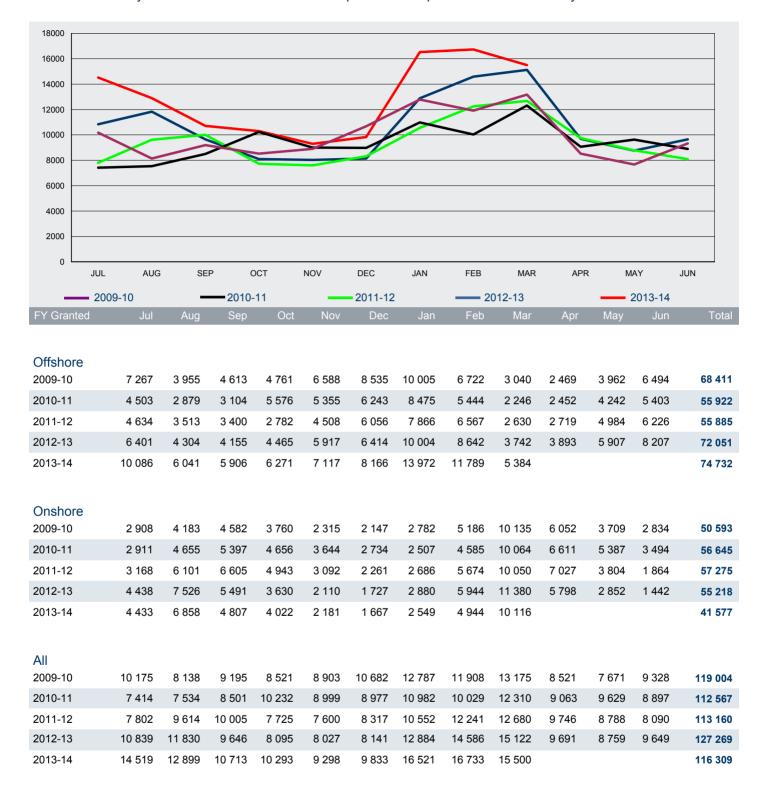
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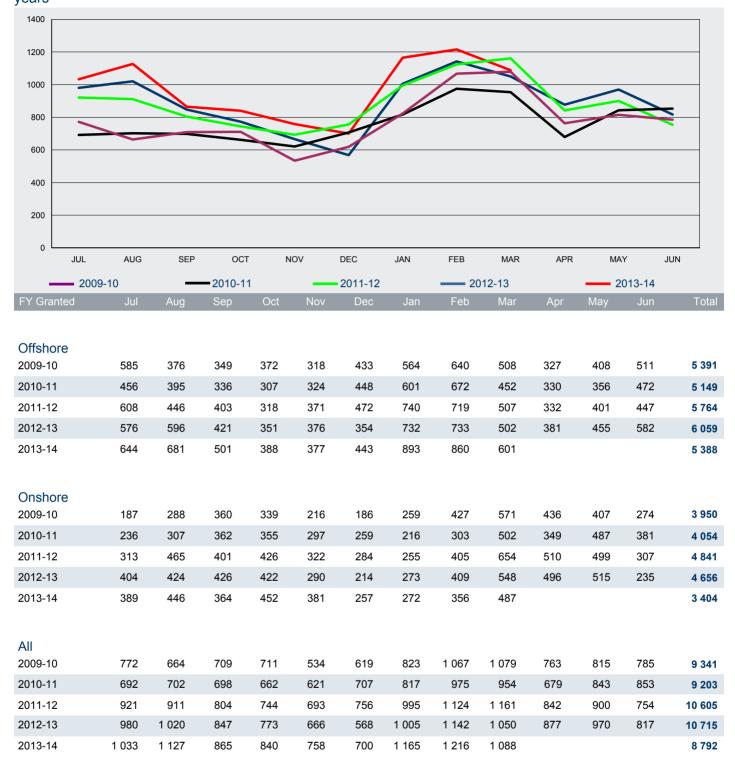
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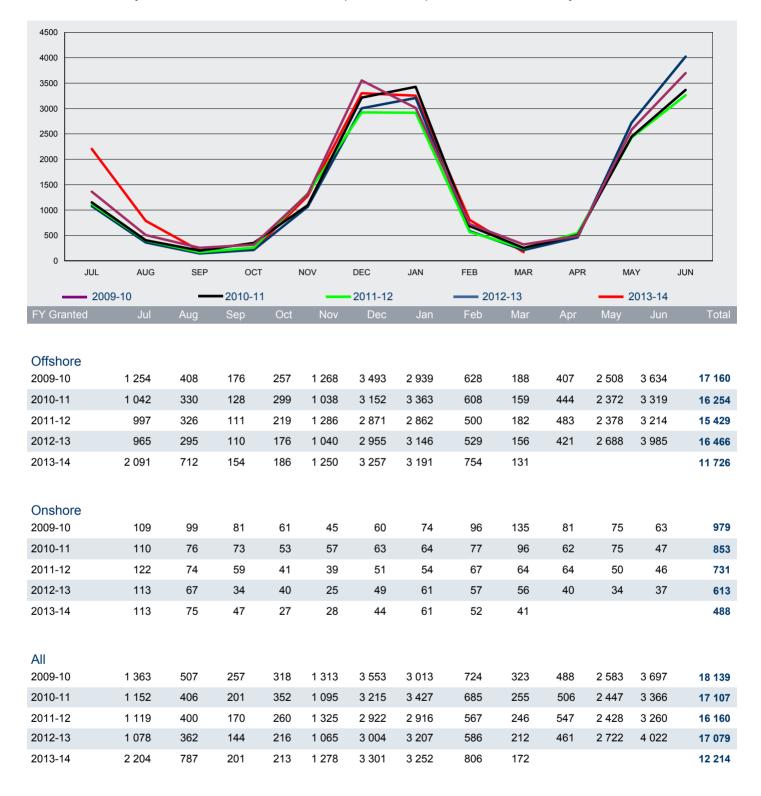
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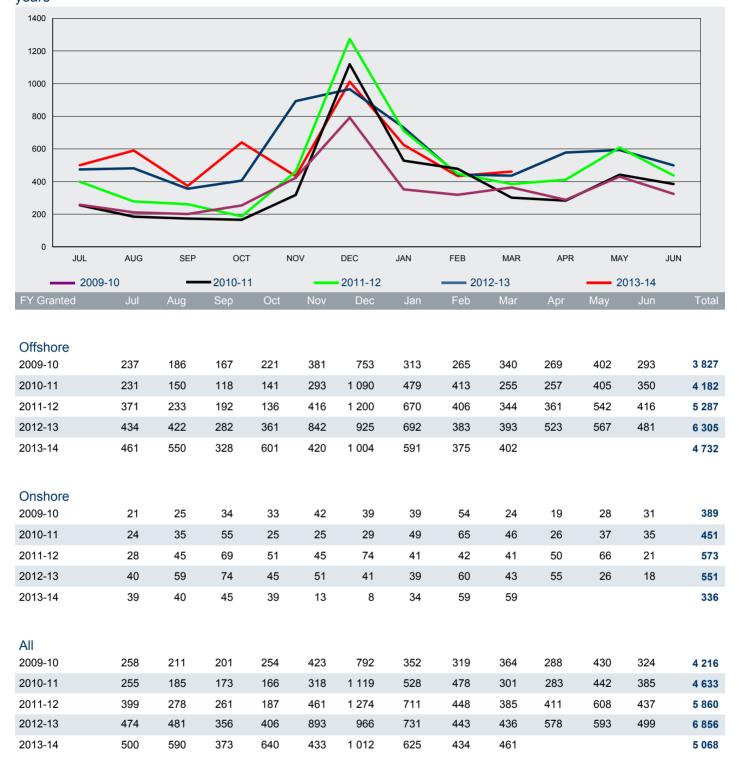
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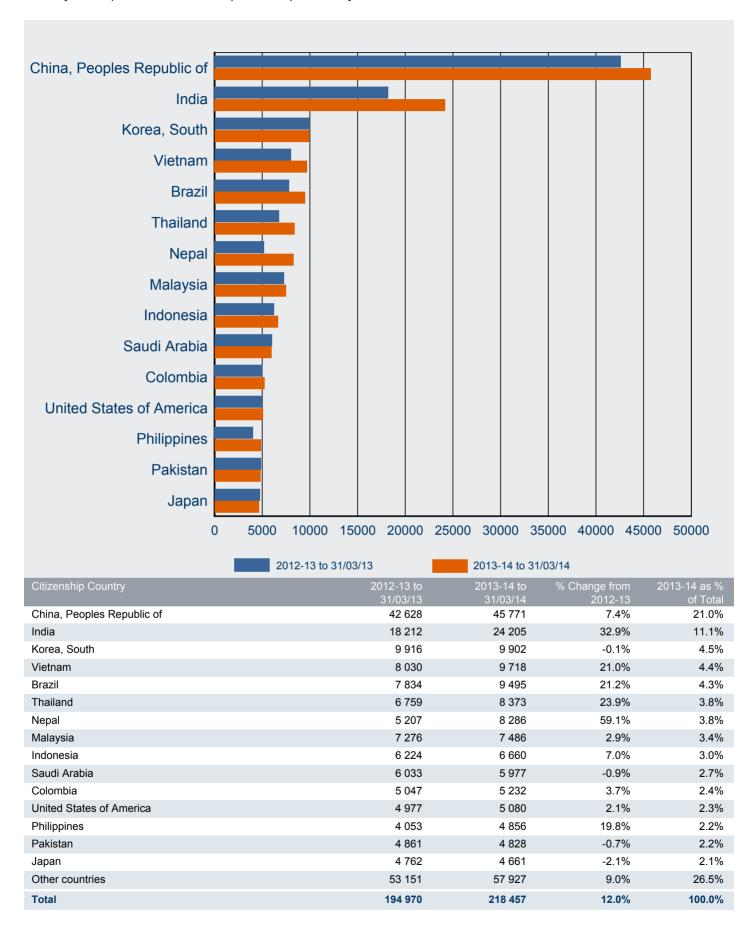
2.12 Number of visa applications granted for subclass 575 Non-Award Sector in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 by client location and month - comparison with previous four financial years



2.13 Number of visa applications granted for subclass 576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 by client location and month - comparison with previous four financial years



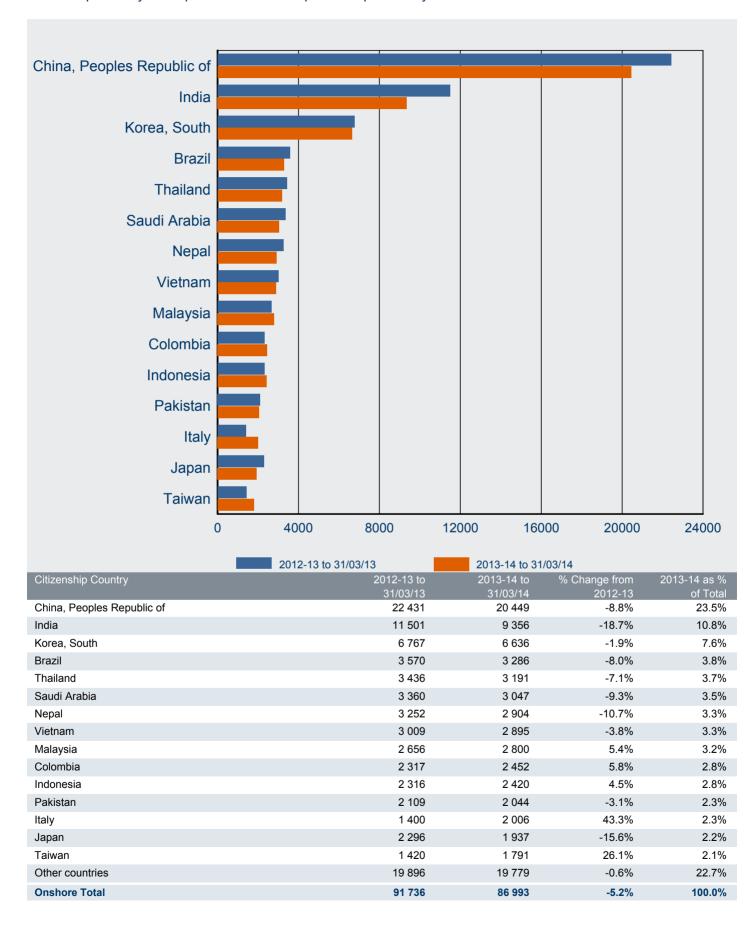
2.14 Number of student visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



2.15 Number of student visa applications granted OFFSHORE in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



2.16 Number of student visa applications granted ONSHORE in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 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 March 2014 where the client location was OFFSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2012-13 to 31/03/13	2013-14 to 31/03/14	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
Brazil	2907	3191	9.8%	19.2%
Colombia	2403	2459	2.3%	14.8%
Thailand	1103	1899	72.2%	11.4%
Japan	1256	1417	12.8%	8.5%
Saudi Arabia	956	1085	13.5%	6.5%
Spain	742	885	19.3%	5.3%
Korea, South	852	772	-9.4%	4.7%
Italy	375	587	56.5%	3.5%
Czech Republic	506	514	1.6%	3.1%
Chile	349	413	18.3%	2.5%
Taiwan	374	402	7.5%	2.4%
Switzerland	385	369	-4.2%	2.2%
Poland	176	253	43.8%	1.5%
France	212	236	11.3%	1.4%
Mexico	129	189	46.5%	1.1%
Other countries	2110	1921	-9.0%	11.6%
Sub-total Offshore	14 835	16 592	11.8%	100.0%

2.18 Number of subclass 570 Independent ELICOS Sector visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 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 31/03/13	2013-14 to 31/03/14	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
Colombia	1257	1262	0.4%	17.1%
Korea, South	1085	1124	3.6%	15.2%
Brazil	1206	845	-29.9%	11.5%
Saudi Arabia	629	643	2.2%	8.7%
Italy	493	641	30.0%	8.7%
Japan	743	545	-26.6%	7.4%
Taiwan	273	374	37.0%	5.1%
Spain	303	280	-7.6%	3.8%
Thailand	171	202	18.1%	2.7%
Malaysia	94	126	34.0%	1.7%
France	93	120	29.0%	1.6%
Chile	92	119	29.3%	1.6%
Czech Republic	138	115	-16.7%	1.6%
HKSAR of the PRC	100	97	-3.0%	1.3%
Poland	102	87	-14.7%	1.2%
Other countries	966	796	-17.6%	10.8%
Sub-total Onshore	7 745	7 376	-4.8%	100.0%
Total	22 580	23 968	6.1%	

2.19 Number of subclass 571 Schools Sector visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 where the client location was OFFSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2012-13 to 31/03/13	2013-14 to 31/03/14	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
China, Peoples Republic of	2020	2519	24.7%	41.9%
Germany, Fed Republic of	552	516	-6.5%	8.6%
Vietnam	501	476	-5.0%	7.9%
Japan	383	384	0.3%	6.4%
HKSAR of the PRC	178	234	31.5%	3.9%
Korea, South	219	225	2.7%	3.7%
Brazil	283	170	-39.9%	2.8%
Italy	109	130	19.3%	2.2%
Papua New Guinea	142	127	-10.6%	2.1%
Malaysia	117	116	-0.9%	1.9%
Thailand	106	107	0.9%	1.8%
India	39	89	128.2%	1.5%
France	56	85	51.8%	1.4%
Indonesia	56	67	19.6%	1.1%
Taiwan	64	61	-4.7%	1.0%
Other countries	659	711	7.9%	11.8%
Sub-total Offshore	5 484	6 017	9.7%	100.0%

2.20 Number of subclass 571 Schools Sector visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 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 31/03/13	2013-14 to 31/03/14	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
Korea, South	287	213	-25.8%	30.5%
China, Peoples Republic of	184	119	-35.3%	17.0%
Japan	73	62	-15.1%	8.9%
Vietnam	39	36	-7.7%	5.2%
Germany, Fed Republic of	35	36	2.9%	5.2%
Taiwan	26	29	11.5%	4.1%
Malaysia	17	24	41.2%	3.4%
United States of America	13	20	53.8%	2.9%
HKSAR of the PRC	7	16	128.6%	2.3%
Thailand	14	15	7.1%	2.1%
Papua New Guinea	17	14	-17.6%	2.0%
Singapore	7	14	100.0%	2.0%
Italy	12	13	8.3%	1.9%
Brazil	10	13	30.0%	1.9%
Indonesia	10	8	-20.0%	1.1%
Other countries	97	67	-30.9%	9.6%
Sub-total Onshore	848	699	-17.6%	100.0%
Total	6 332	6 716	6.1%	

2.21 Number of subclass 572 Vocational Education and Training Sector visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 where the client location was OFFSHORE by citizenship country comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2012-13 to 31/03/13	2013-14 to 31/03/14	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
Philippines	1114	1512	35.7%	12.3%
Korea, South	762	976	28.1%	7.9%
Indonesia	717	800	11.6%	6.5%
India	839	645	-23.1%	5.3%
Thailand	314	555	76.8%	4.5%
United States of America	451	501	11.1%	4.1%
Bhutan	58	435	650.0%	3.5%
Brazil	364	372	2.2%	3.0%
Taiwan	241	370	53.5%	3.0%
Japan	259	345	33.2%	2.8%
Malaysia	322	317	-1.6%	2.6%
Spain	149	305	104.7%	2.5%
Italy	159	299	88.1%	2.4%
United Kingdom	326	289	-11.3%	2.4%
HKSAR of the PRC	175	228	30.3%	1.9%
Other countries	3874	4328	11.7%	35.3%
Sub-total Offshore	10 124	12 277	21.3%	100.0%

2.22 Number of subclass 572 Vocational Education and Training Sector visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 where the client location was ONSHORE by citizenship country comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2012-13 to 31/03/13	2013-14 to 31/03/14	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
India	8309	6317	-24.0%	19.1%
Korea, South	3465	3657	5.5%	11.0%
Thailand	2307	2326	0.8%	7.0%
China, Peoples Republic of	2456	2285	-7.0%	6.9%
Brazil	2073	2078	0.2%	6.3%
Malaysia	973	1205	23.8%	3.6%
Italy	739	1160	57.0%	3.5%
Indonesia	832	1018	22.4%	3.1%
Philippines	735	976	32.8%	2.9%
United Kingdom	768	959	24.9%	2.9%
Japan	971	895	-7.8%	2.7%
Taiwan	525	874	66.5%	2.6%
Pakistan	914	766	-16.2%	2.3%
Colombia	586	687	17.2%	2.1%
Nepal	830	591	-28.8%	1.8%
Other countries	7170	7319	2.1%	22.1%
Sub-total Onshore	33 653	33 113	-1.6%	100.0%
Total	43 777	45 390	3.7%	

2.23 Number of subclass 573 Higher Education Sector visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 where the client location was OFFSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2012-13 to 31/03/13	2013-14 to 31/03/14	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
China, Peoples Republic of	16599	21175	27.6%	28.3%
India	5434	13733	152.7%	18.4%
Vietnam	3703	5358	44.7%	7.2%
Nepal	1700	5070	198.2%	6.8%
Malaysia	3474	3673	5.7%	4.9%
Thailand	1614	2466	52.8%	3.3%
Pakistan	1968	2162	9.9%	2.9%
Indonesia	1878	2113	12.5%	2.8%
HKSAR of the PRC	1901	1992	4.8%	2.7%
Singapore	1814	1776	-2.1%	2.4%
Saudi Arabia	1302	1299	-0.2%	1.7%
Philippines	1119	1277	14.1%	1.7%
Sri Lanka	922	1173	27.2%	1.6%
Korea, South	1145	1116	-2.5%	1.5%
Canada	793	817	3.0%	1.1%
Other countries	8678	9532	9.8%	12.8%
Sub-total Offshore	54 044	74 732	38.3%	100.0%

2.24 Number of subclass 573 Higher Education Sector visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 where the client location was ONSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2012-13 to 31/03/13	2013-14 to 31/03/14	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
China, Peoples Republic of	19136	17412	-9.0%	41.9%
India	3056	2874	-6.0%	6.9%
Nepal	2283	2197	-3.8%	5.3%
Vietnam	2185	2110	-3.4%	5.1%
Saudi Arabia	2072	1762	-15.0%	4.2%
Korea, South	1811	1554	-14.2%	3.7%
Malaysia	1339	1253	-6.4%	3.0%
Pakistan	1114	1182	6.1%	2.8%
Indonesia	1123	1040	-7.4%	2.5%
HKSAR of the PRC	979	951	-2.9%	2.3%
Bangladesh	812	689	-15.1%	1.7%
Philippines	489	617	26.2%	1.5%
Thailand	876	595	-32.1%	1.4%
Sri Lanka	699	577	-17.5%	1.4%
Singapore	627	564	-10.0%	1.4%
Other countries	6525	6200	-5.0%	14.9%
Sub-total Onshore	45 126	41 577	-7.9%	100.0%
Total	99 170	116 309	17.3%	

2.25 Number of subclass 574 Postgraduate Research Sector visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 where the client location was OFFSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2012-13 to 31/03/13	2013-14 to 31/03/14	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
China, Peoples Republic of	639	764	19.6%	14.2%
Iraq	140	554	295.7%	10.3%
Bangladesh	298	421	41.3%	7.8%
Iran	422	318	-24.6%	5.9%
Saudi Arabia	207	308	48.8%	5.7%
Malaysia	422	284	-32.7%	5.3%
India	278	280	0.7%	5.2%
Indonesia	311	257	-17.4%	4.8%
Vietnam	167	250	49.7%	4.6%
Sri Lanka	140	169	20.7%	3.1%
Pakistan	119	169	42.0%	3.1%
United States of America	111	107	-3.6%	2.0%
Nepal	59	92	55.9%	1.7%
Oman	23	73	217.4%	1.4%
Germany, Fed Republic of	60	70	16.7%	1.3%
Other countries	1245	1272	2.2%	23.6%
Sub-total Offshore	4 641	5 388	16.1%	100.0%

2.26 Number of subclass 574 Postgraduate Research Sector visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 where the client location was ONSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2012-13 to 31/03/13	2013-14 to 31/03/14	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
China, Peoples Republic of	556	531	-4.5%	15.6%
Saudi Arabia	479	480	0.2%	14.1%
Indonesia	262	274	4.6%	8.0%
Vietnam	138	186	34.8%	5.5%
Malaysia	221	176	-20.4%	5.2%
Bangladesh	120	161	34.2%	4.7%
Iran	121	154	27.3%	4.5%
Libya	132	131	-0.8%	3.8%
India	88	126	43.2%	3.7%
Pakistan	60	77	28.3%	2.3%
Singapore	39	68	74.4%	2.0%
Sri Lanka	76	67	-11.8%	2.0%
United States of America	66	60	-9.1%	1.8%
Germany, Fed Republic of	70	56	-20.0%	1.6%
Nepal	50	48	-4.0%	1.4%
Other countries	932	809	-13.2%	23.8%
Sub-total Onshore	3 410	3 404	-0.2%	100.0%
Total	8 051	8 792	9.2%	

2.27 Number of subclass 575 Non-Award Sector visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 where the client location was OFFSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2012-13 to 31/03/13	2013-14 to 31/03/14	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
United States of America	3171	3257	2.7%	27.8%
Brazil	565	2284	304.2%	19.5%
Germany, Fed Republic of	745	883	18.5%	7.5%
Canada	508	546	7.5%	4.7%
China, Peoples Republic of	380	477	25.5%	4.1%
Norway	351	402	14.5%	3.4%
France	285	326	14.4%	2.8%
Sweden	269	313	16.4%	2.7%
Japan	268	307	14.6%	2.6%
United Kingdom	297	279	-6.1%	2.4%
Mexico	210	212	1.0%	1.8%
Denmark	197	208	5.6%	1.8%
Philippines	186	179	-3.8%	1.5%
Italy	157	176	12.1%	1.5%
Malaysia	169	161	-4.7%	1.4%
Other countries	1614	1716	6.3%	14.6%
Sub-total Offshore	9 372	11 726	25.1%	100.0%

2.28 Number of subclass 575 Non-Award Sector visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 where the client location was ONSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2012-13 to 31/03/13	2013-14 to 31/03/14	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
Brazil	15	60	300.0%	12.3%
United States of America	39	52	33.3%	10.7%
Korea, South	63	45	-28.6%	9.2%
Saudi Arabia	18	30	66.7%	6.1%
Japan	22	28	27.3%	5.7%
China, Peoples Republic of	34	25	-26.5%	5.1%
France	30	25	-16.7%	5.1%
Germany, Fed Republic of	30	23	-23.3%	4.7%
Sweden	16	17	6.3%	3.5%
Colombia	26	15	-42.3%	3.1%
Malaysia	12	15	25.0%	3.1%
Spain	12	13	8.3%	2.7%
Canada	20	12	-40.0%	2.5%
Italy	10	11	10.0%	2.3%
Norway	32	10	-68.8%	2.0%
Other countries	123	107	-13.0%	21.9%
Sub-total Onshore	502	488	-2.8%	100.0%
Total	9 874	12 214	23.7%	

2.29 Number of subclass 576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 where the client location was OFFSHORE by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

Citizenship Country	2012-13 to 31/03/13	2013-14 to 31/03/14	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
Indonesia	792	857	8.2%	18.1%
Vietnam	443	462	4.3%	9.8%
Papua New Guinea	319	429	34.5%	9.1%
Pakistan	278	284	2.2%	6.0%
Philippines	265	173	-34.7%	3.7%
Bangladesh	132	153	15.9%	3.2%
Cambodia	144	148	2.8%	3.1%
Bhutan	96	128	33.3%	2.7%
Mongolia	105	117	11.4%	2.5%
Timor-Leste	97	117	20.6%	2.5%
Nepal	63	109	73.0%	2.3%
Tonga	67	105	56.7%	2.2%
Sri Lanka	100	103	3.0%	2.2%
Malaysia	80	78	-2.5%	1.6%
Lao Peoples Dem Republic	87	76	-12.6%	1.6%
Other countries	1666	1393	-16.4%	29.4%
Sub-total Offshore	4 734	4 732	0.0%	100.0%

2.30 Number of subclass 576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 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 31/03/13	2013-14 to 31/03/14	% Change from 2012-13	2013-14 as % of Total
Indonesia	67	57	-14.9%	17.0%
Papua New Guinea	97	52	-46.4%	15.5%
Vietnam	54	37	-31.5%	11.0%
Lao Peoples Dem Republic	10	17	70.0%	5.1%
Afghanistan	<5	15	275.0%	4.5%
Cambodia	12	14	16.7%	4.2%
Bangladesh	8	14	75.0%	4.2%
Bhutan	<5	13	333.3%	3.9%
Pakistan	17	12	-29.4%	3.6%
Mongolia	17	11	-35.3%	3.3%
Philippines	<5	10	233.3%	3.0%
Solomon Islands	24	8	-66.7%	2.4%
Timor-Leste	8	8	0.0%	2.4%
Fiji	<5	8	100.0%	2.4%
Sri Lanka	5	6	20.0%	1.8%
Other countries	119	54	-54.6%	16.1%
Sub-total Onshore	452	336	-25.7%	100.0%
Total	5 186	5 068	-2.3%	

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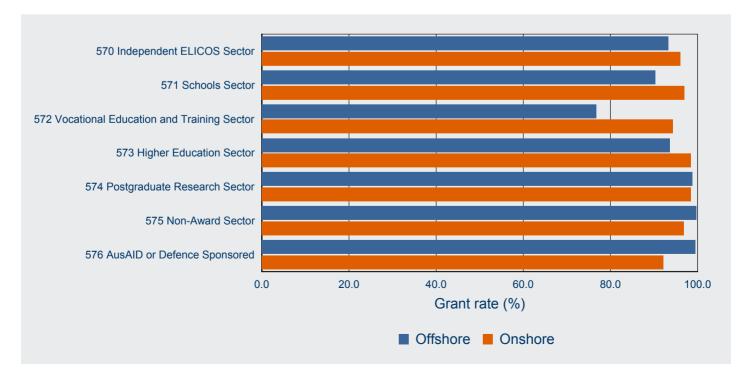
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3.01 Grant rate of student visa applications decided in the three month period between 1 January 2014 and 31 March 2014 by client location and visa subclass - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Subclass	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	01/01/14 to 31/03/14
Offshore					
570 Independent ELICOS Sector	92.2%	91.2%	93.9%	92.1%	93.3%
571 Schools Sector	93.0%	95.0%	94.4%	91.9%	90.3%
572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	76.5%	77.8%	79.9%	76.3%	76.8%
573 Higher Education Sector	93.5%	91.9%	92.6%	89.7%	93.6%
574 Postgraduate Research Sector	97.2%	98.5%	99.1%	98.0%	98.7%
575 Non-Award Sector	99.6%	99.8%	99.5%	99.8%	99.7%
576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored	98.4%	99.7%	99.6%	98.3%	99.5%
All Offshore	92.4%	92.4%	92.4%	90.2%	92.5%
Onshore					
570 Independent ELICOS Sector	95.7%	94.8%	96.3%	95.6%	96.1%
571 Schools Sector	96.5%	91.4%	95.0%	93.4%	96.9%
572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	93.1%	91.4%	94.8%	92.4%	94.3%
573 Higher Education Sector	98.7%	94.8%	98.4%	94.8%	98.5%
574 Postgraduate Research Sector	99.4%	99.1%	99.1%	98.9%	98.4%
575 Non-Award Sector	97.2%	94.1%	96.3%	92.5%	96.9%
576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored	94.7%	99.0%	93.9%	98.4%	92.1%
All Onshore	96.7%	93.5%	96.9%	93.9%	96.8%
All	94.4%	92.8%	94.4%	91.5%	94.2%

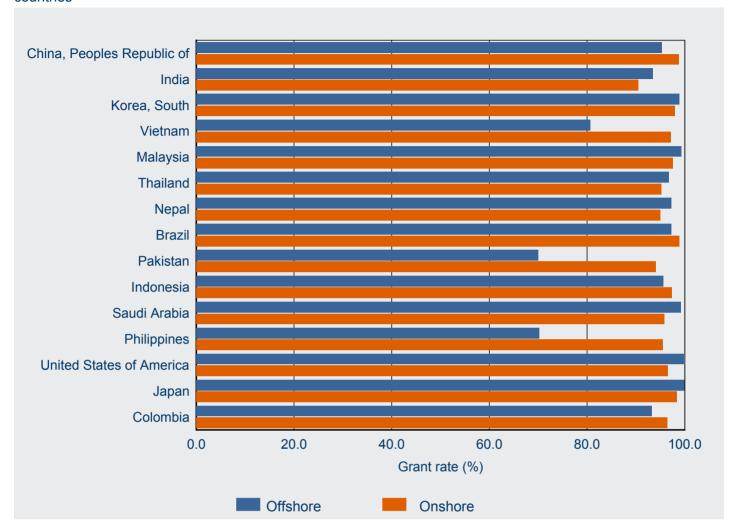
3.02 Grant rate of student visa applications decided in the three month period between 1 January 2014 and 31 March 2014 by client location and visa subclass



3.03 Grant rate of student visa applications decided in the three month period between 1 January 2014 and 31 March 2014 by client location and citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/01/13 to	01/04/13 to	01/07/13 to	01/10/13 to	01/01/14 to
Chizenship Country	31/03/13	30/06/13	30/09/13	31/12/13	31/03/14
Offshore					
China, Peoples Republic of	93.3%	94.7%	96.9%	92.9%	95.3%
India	87.1%	83.5%	90.9%	87.9%	93.5%
Malaysia	99.5%	98.3%	97.3%	99.4%	99.3%
Nepal	89.9%	89.4%	96.1%	95.0%	97.3%
Thailand	93.5%	95.5%	97.4%	96.2%	96.7%
Vietnam	90.3%	89.5%	87.3%	84.4%	80.7%
United States of America	99.8%	99.8%	99.1%	99.7%	99.8%
Brazil	98.9%	97.9%	99.3%	97.8%	97.2%
Indonesia	91.8%	90.1%	92.1%	93.2%	95.6%
Korea, South	98.6%	97.3%	97.6%	97.2%	98.9%
Pakistan	68.6%	63.8%	51.4%	39.1%	70.0%
Saudi Arabia	98.4%	97.6%	98.8%	97.8%	99.3%
Japan	99.7%	99.7%	99.7%	99.4%	99.9%
Philippines	83.4%	83.9%	74.8%	73.9%	70.2%
Colombia	92.3%	90.8%	90.4%	92.0%	93.3%
Other countries	92.4%	94.2%	92.3%	92.6%	91.7%
All Offshore	92.4%	92.4%	92.4%	90.2%	92.5%
Onshore					
China, Peoples Republic of	98.9%	93.8%	98.4%	94.5%	98.8%
India	88.4%	88.0%	90.9%	87.5%	90.5%
Korea, South	98.2%	96.8%	98.4%	97.3%	98.0%
Vietnam	97.8%	90.8%	96.2%	88.5%	97.1%
Malaysia	96.9%	95.1%	97.2%	95.1%	97.6%
Thailand	96.3%	96.6%	96.7%	97.7%	95.2%
Brazil	99.2%	98.3%	98.7%	97.9%	98.9%
Saudi Arabia	96.6%	94.8%	96.3%	94.8%	95.8%
Indonesia	98.0%	95.1%	98.1%	95.6%	97.3%
Nepal	94.9%	91.5%	95.8%	93.2%	95.1%
Colombia	95.4%	97.3%	98.2%	95.7%	96.5%
Italy	97.1%	93.4%	98.7%	98.8%	97.8%
Japan	99.0%	99.1%	99.5%	98.2%	98.4%
HKSAR of the PRC	95.6%	91.4%	96.7%	94.5%	96.2%
Pakistan	91.9%	91.6%	96.2%	91.4%	94.1%
Other countries	96.7%	94.1%	97.0%	94.5%	96.6%
All Onshore	96.7%	93.5%	96.9%	93.9%	96.8%
All	94.4%	92.8%	94.4%	91.5%	94.2%

3.04 Grant rate of student visa applications decided in the three month period between 1 January 2014 and 31 March 2014 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.

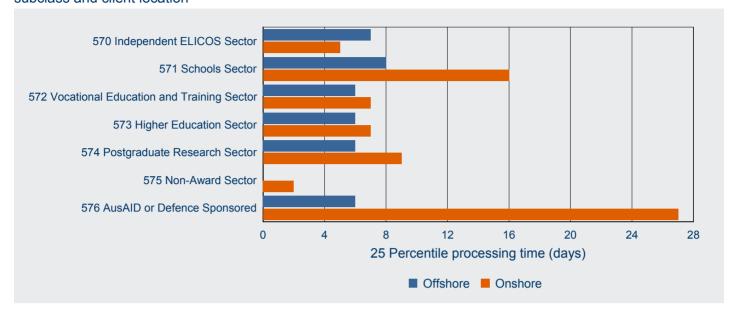
4.01 Processing time (in calendar days) for student PRIMARY visa applications granted in the three month period between 1 January 2014 and 31 March 2014 by client location and visa subclass - comparison with previous four periods

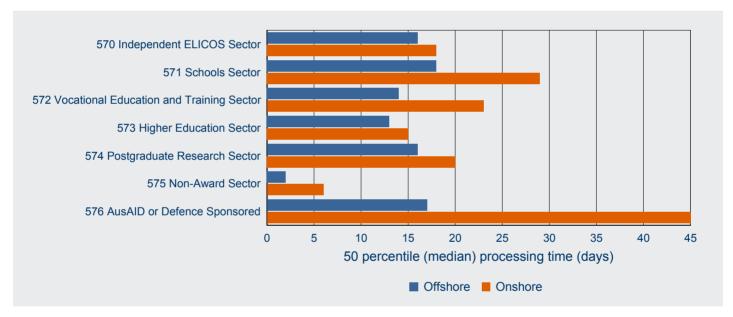
Visa Subclass		01/01/13 to 31/03/13 (days)	01/04/13 to 30/06/13 (days)	01/07/13 to 30/09/13 (days)	01/10/13 to 31/12/13 (days)	01/01/14 to 31/03/14 (days)
Offshore						
570 Independent ELICOS	25th percentile	8	7	6	5	7
Sector	50th percentile (Median)	17	13	15	14	16
	75th percentile	27	21	24	22	25
571 Schools Sector	25th percentile	6	4	9	7	8
	50th percentile (Median)	15	9	15	15	18
	75th percentile	32	19	28	35	34
572 Vocational Education	25th percentile	8	6	7	4	6
and Training Sector	50th percentile (Median)	20	15	17	13	14
	75th percentile	37	34	37	29	32
573 Higher Education	25th percentile	6	6	7	6	6
Sector	50th percentile (Median)	12	12	13	12	13
	75th percentile	21	21	25	23	28
574 Postgraduate	25th percentile	7	8	8	7	6
Research Sector	50th percentile (Median)	15	19	19	14	16
	75th percentile	28	37	35	28	30
575 Non-Award Sector	25th percentile	0	0	3	0	0
	50th percentile (Median)	0	0	12	0	2
	75th percentile	14	7	28	9	17
576 AusAID or Defence	25th percentile	6	5	4	6	6
Sponsored	50th percentile (Median)	19	10	11	19	17
	75th percentile	49	32	20	48	69
All Offshore	25th percentile	6	3	7	5	6
	50th percentile (Median)	13	10	14	11	13
	75th percentile	24	20	26	23	27

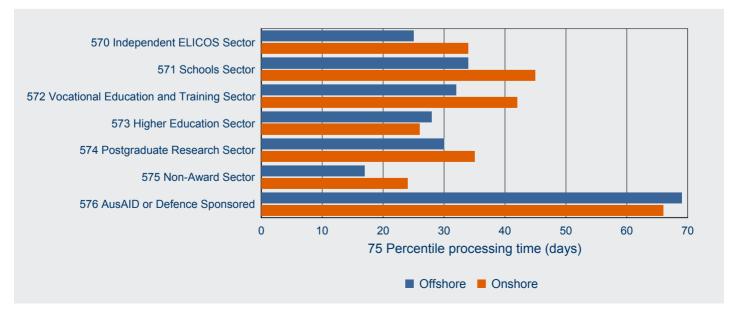
4.01 Processing time (in calendar days) for student PRIMARY visa applications granted in the three month period between 1 January 2014 and 31 March 2014 by client location and visa subclass - comparison with previous four periods - continued

Visa Subclass		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)	01/01/14 to 31/03/14 (days)
Onshore						
570 Independent ELICOS	25th percentile	3	4	4	4	5
Sector	50th percentile (Median)	12	14	14	15	18
	75th percentile	25	29	28	32	34
571 Schools Sector	25th percentile	7	21	15	10	16
	50th percentile (Median)	15	37	29	25	29
	75th percentile	29	57	58	43	45
572 Vocational Education	25th percentile	4	8	8	10	7
and Training Sector	50th percentile (Median)	14	27	22	27	23
	75th percentile	31	42	39	45	42
573 Higher Education	25th percentile	3	17	4	14	7
Sector	50th percentile (Median)	9	30	14	32	15
	75th percentile	17	43	27	50	26
574 Postgraduate	25th percentile	5	8	8	11	9
Research Sector	50th percentile (Median)	12	21	19	27	20
	75th percentile	23	37	34	50	35
575 Non-Award Sector	25th percentile	3	2	3	2	2
	50th percentile (Median)	13	6	11	5	6
	75th percentile	26	27	29	18	24
576 AusAID or Defence	25th percentile	11	15	9	14	27
Sponsored	50th percentile (Median)	24	32	20	38	45
	75th percentile	44	62	44	76	66
All Onshore	25th percentile	3	10	5	10	7
	50th percentile (Median)	11	27	17	27	17
	75th percentile	21	41	31	46	31
All	25th percentile	4	5	7	6	6
	50th percentile (Median)	12	14	15	14	15
	75th percentile	22	30	28	32	29

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 January 2014 and 31 March 2014 by visa subclass and client location







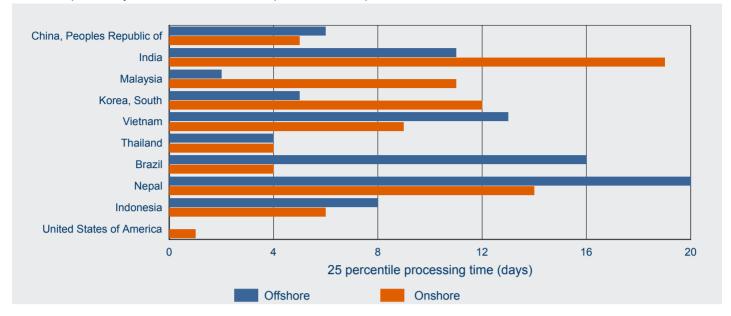
4.03 Processing time (in calendar days) for student PRIMARY visa applications granted in the three month period between 1 January 2014 and 31 March 2014 by client location and citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

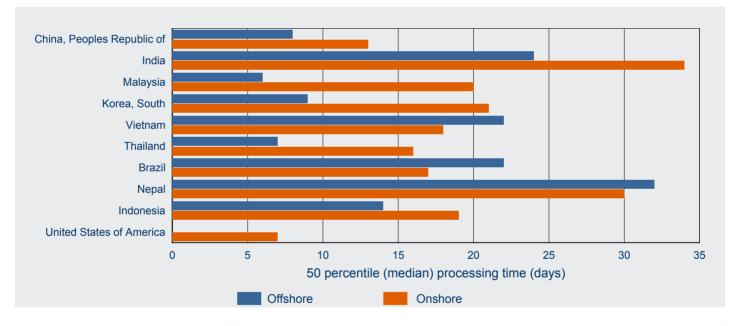
Citizenship country		01/01/13 to 31/03/13 (days)	01/04/13 to 30/06/13 (days)	01/07/13 to 30/09/13 (days)	01/10/13 to 31/12/13 (days)	01/01/14 to 31/03/14 (days)
Offshore						
China, Peoples Republic	25th percentile	6	6	7	6	6
of	50th percentile (Median)	9	10	10	9	8
	75th percentile	16	16	19	18	15
India	25th percentile	11	11	12	10	11
	50th percentile (Median)	16	18	20	21	24
	75th percentile	24	29	29	43	42
Brazil	25th percentile	9	10	13	13	16
	50th percentile (Median)	19	17	21	18	22
	75th percentile	27	28	34	25	28
Vietnam	25th percentile	13	11	10	14	13
	50th percentile (Median)	20	14	14	19	22
	75th percentile	32	22	26	32	31
United States of America	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile (Median)	0	0	1	0	0
	75th percentile	0	0	4	1	5
Malaysia	25th percentile	4	4	5	4	2
	50th percentile (Median)	7	7	9	7	6
	75th percentile	13	13	16	14	13
Thailand	25th percentile	6	5	5	4	4
	50th percentile (Median)	15	11	10	6	7
	75th percentile	21	17	19	12	12
Indonesia	25th percentile	12	13	11	11	8
	50th percentile (Median)	20	27	20	20	14
	75th percentile	30	49	32	48	23
Nepal	25th percentile	19	15	20	17	20
	50th percentile (Median)	26	21	30	29	32
	75th percentile	33	55	64	54	47
Korea, South	25th percentile	8	6	7	6	5
	50th percentile (Median)	14	10	12	10	9
	75th percentile	21	18	20	17	15
Other countries	25th percentile	5	0	5	2	5
	50th percentile (Median)	14	8	14	10	14
	75th percentile	28	20	27	22	28
All Offshore	25th percentile	6	3	7	5	6
	50th percentile (Median)	13	10	14	11	13
	75th percentile	24	20	26	23	27

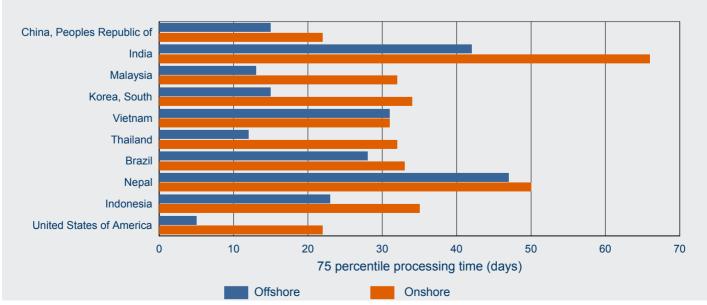
4.03 Processing time (in calendar days) for student PRIMARY visa applications granted in the three month period between 1 January 2014 and 31 March 2014 by client location and citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods - continued

Citizenship country		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)	01/01/14 to 31/03/14 (days)
Onshore				_		_
China, Peoples Republic of	25th percentile	2	17	3	13	5
	50th percentile (Median)	7	29	11	31	13
India	75th percentile	15 8	41 21	22 14	50 25	22 19
iriuia	25th percentile 50th percentile (Median)	o 21	34	31	39	34
		46	52		66	66
Korea, South	75th percentile 25th percentile	5	9	54 11	10	12
Notea, South	50th percentile (Median)	14	23	21	23	21
	75th percentile	26	37	34	40	34
Brazil	25th percentile	3	5	4	40	4
Diazii	50th percentile (Median)	11	14	15	- 17	- 17
	75th percentile	23	29	29	32	33
Vietnam	25th percentile	4	29	6	14	9
	50th percentile (Median)	11	33	16	30	18
	75th percentile	20	48	29	50	31
Malaysia	25th percentile	7	15	10	13	11
	50th percentile (Median)	15	29	21	26	20
	75th percentile	26	40	34	43	32
Thailand	25th percentile	2	3	5	4	4
	50th percentile (Median)	7	13	14	15	16
	75th percentile	18	30	29	35	32
Colombia	25th percentile	6	6	6	6	9
	50th percentile (Median)	16	20	17	21	25
	75th percentile	32	35	32	39	48
Nepal	25th percentile	4	19	12	22	14
	50th percentile (Median)	14	32	27	34	30
	75th percentile	33	49	43	53	50
Saudi Arabia	25th percentile	4	10	7	8	7
	50th percentile (Median)	12	27	19	25	17
	75th percentile	21	42	34	46	30
Other countries	25th percentile	3	7	6	8	7
	50th percentile (Median)	12	24	18	24	19
	75th percentile	24	40	33	42	34
All Onshore	25th percentile	3	10	5	10	7
	50th percentile (Median)	11	27	17	27	17
	75th percentile	21	41	31	46	31
All	25th percentile	4	5	7	6	6
	50th percentile (Median)	12	14	15 28	14	15
	75th percentile	22	30	28	32	29

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 January 2014 and 31 March 2014 by citizenship country and client location - top 10 citizenship countries



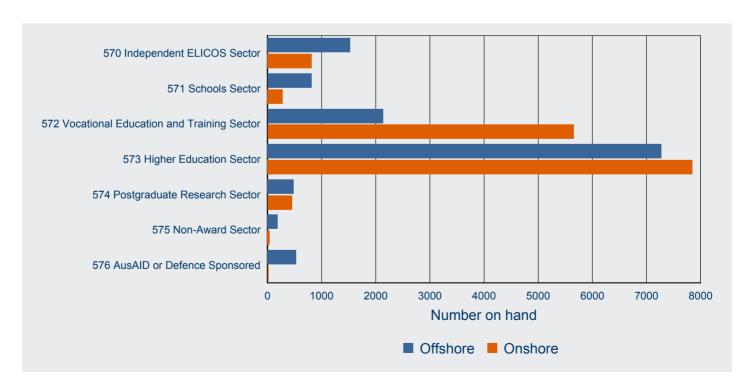




5.01 Number of student PRIMARY visa applications on hand at 31 March 2014 by client location and visa subclass - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Subclass	On hand at 31/03/13	On hand at 30/06/13	On hand at 30/09/13	On hand at 31/12/13	On hand at 31/03/14
Offshore					
570 Independent ELICOS Sector	1 426	1 864	1 733	2 139	1 549
571 Schools Sector	789	1 280	1 175	1 406	825
572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	1 814	2 338	2 143	2 643	2 158
573 Higher Education Sector	3 948	8 658	7 136	10 406	7 451
574 Postgraduate Research Sector	475	626	452	604	491
575 Non-Award Sector	190	1 281	191	905	192
576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored	411	256	584	513	535
Sub-total Offshore	9 053	16 303	13 414	18 616	13 201
Onshore					
570 Independent ELICOS Sector	773	1 092	725	690	860
571 Schools Sector	259	125	116	103	296
572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	5 885	5 900	4 802	3 781	5 890
573 Higher Education Sector	6 526	3 385	4 631	2 240	8 166
574 Postgraduate Research Sector	358	263	343	218	471
575 Non-Award Sector	44	78	31	38	43
576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored	45	34	39	59	19
Sub-total Onshore	13 890	10 877	10 687	7 129	15 745
Total	22 943	27 180	24 101	25 745	28 946

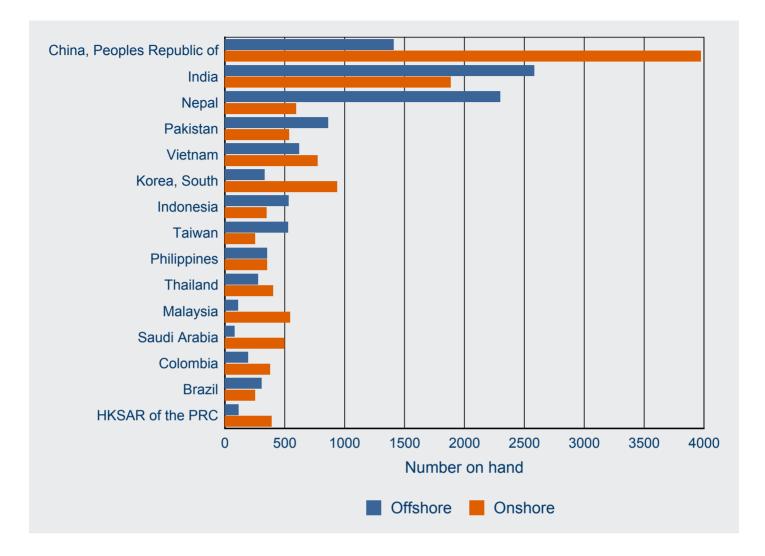
5.02 Number of student PRIMARY visa applications on hand at 31 March 2014 by client location and visa subclass



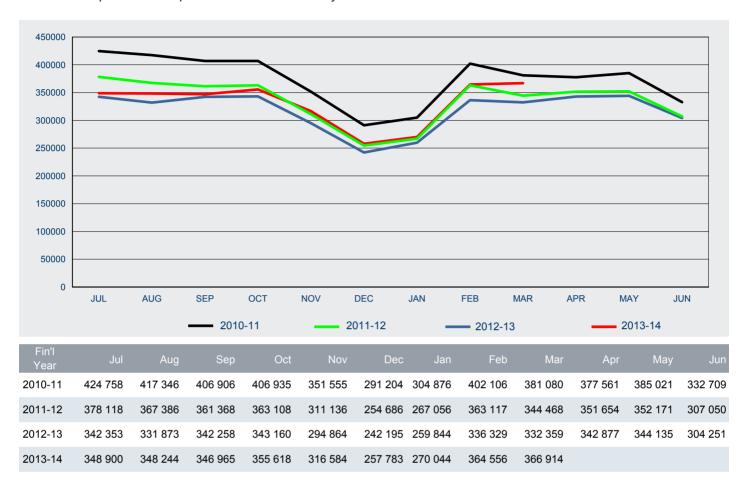
5.03 Number of student PRIMARY visa applications on hand at 31 March 2014 by client location and citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Subclass	On hand at 31/03/13	On hand at 30/06/13	On hand at 30/09/13	On hand at 31/12/13	On hand at 31/03/14
Offshore					
India	697	1 991	1 646	3 540	2 617
Nepal	388	1 154	858	1 447	2 301
China, Peoples Republic of	1 580	2 718	2 671	2 275	1 484
Pakistan	801	1 287	1 454	1 092	923
Vietnam	562	938	1 041	1 149	622
Taiwan	527	573	522	545	537
Indonesia	598	728	635	558	536
Philippines	426	818	634	589	354
Korea, South	367	428	332	471	341
Brazil	164	995	321	691	306
Thailand	316	437	206	295	289
Japan	244	258	118	357	198
Colombia	140	288	284	448	196
Papua New Guinea	161	117	73	231	136
Iran	82	135	80	153	131
Other countries	2 000	3 438	2 539	4 775	2 230
Sub-total Offshore	9 053	16 303	13 414	18 616	13 201
Onshore					
China, Peoples Republic of	3 050	1 585	1 907	795	4 173
India	2 630	1 886	1 940	1 361	1 928
Korea, South	848	1 028	635	586	970
Vietnam	635	272	371	207	811
Nepal	605	375	634	280	613
Malaysia	489	328	324	233	567
Pakistan	625	417	520	300	555
Saudi Arabia	441	233	309	157	524
Thailand	317	520	295	224	421
HKSAR of the PRC	312	169	231	151	411
Colombia	294	382	235	327	392
Philippines	237	208	231	173	365
Indonesia	325	297	279	186	359
Japan	197	311	207	181	284
Taiwan	176	255	230	151	269
Other countries	2 709	2 611	2 339	1 817	3 103
Sub-total Onshore	13 890	10 877	10 687	7 129	15 745
Total	22 943	27 180	24 101	25 745	28 946

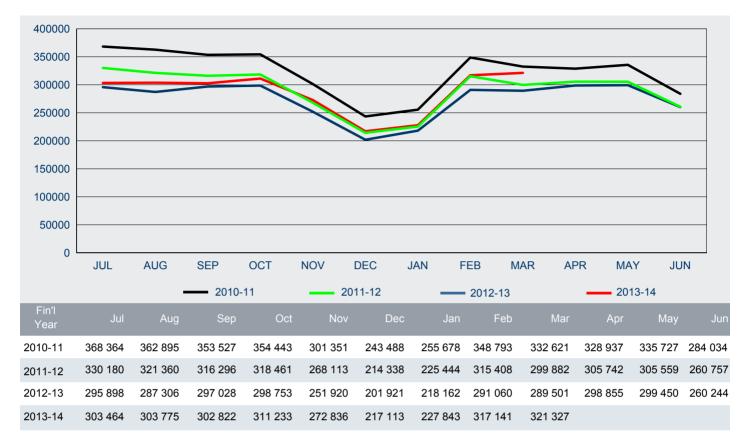
5.04 Number of student PRIMARY visa applications on hand at 31 March 2014 by citizenship country and client location - top 15 citizenship countries



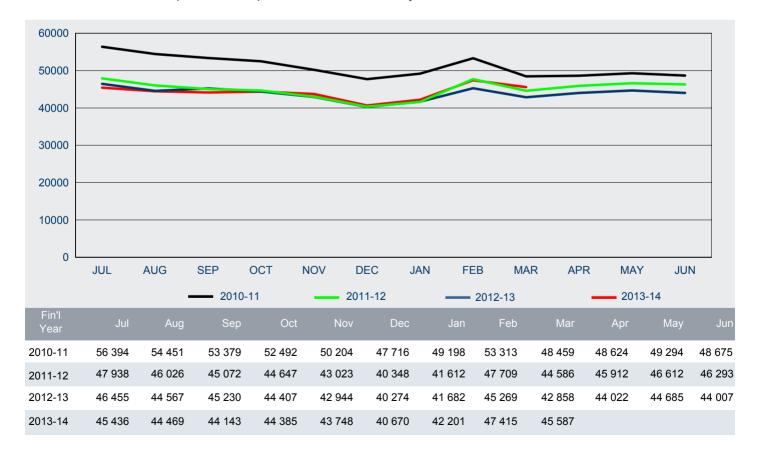
6.01 Number of student visa holders at the end of each month in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 by month - comparison with previous three financial years



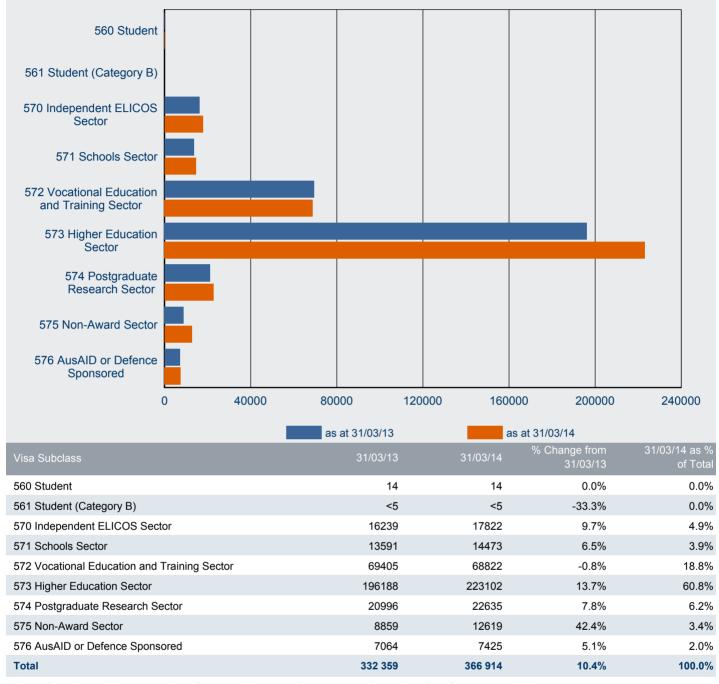
6.02 Number of student PRIMARY visa holders in Australia at the end of each month in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 - comparison with previous three financial years



6.03 Number of student SECONDARY visa holders in Australia at the end of each month in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 - comparison with previous three financial years



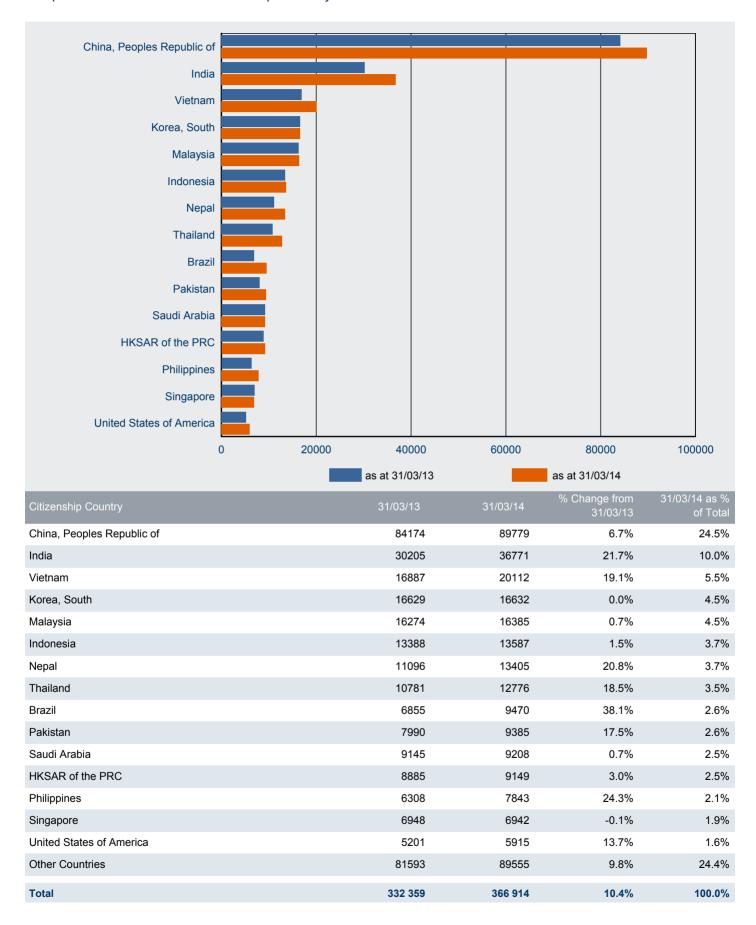
6.04 Number of student visa holders in Australia as at 31 March 2014 by visa subclass - comparison with the same date in the previous year



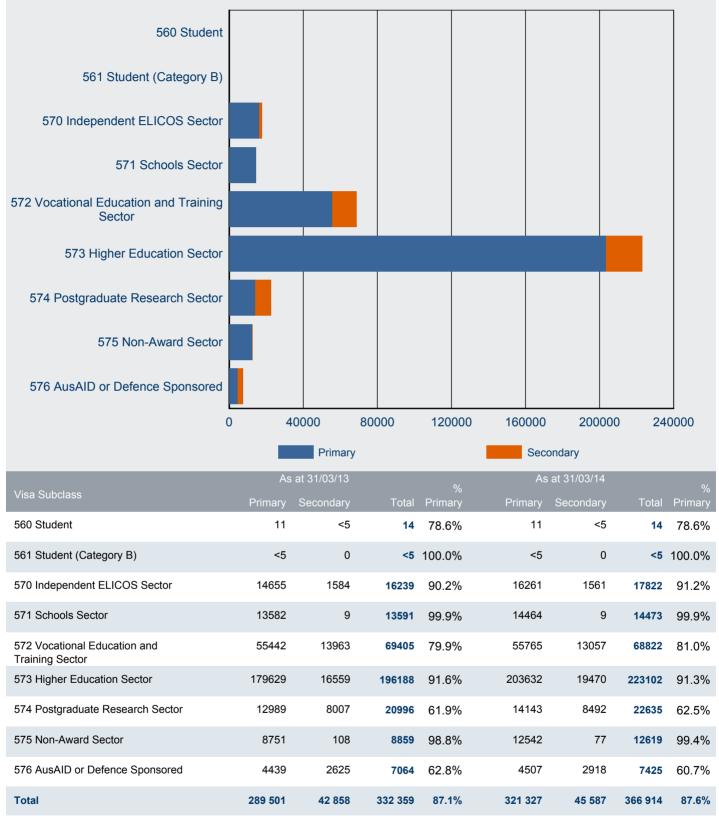
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Subclass 561 (Student - Category B) - since 1 September 1994, has not been specified under the *Migration Regulations* 1994.

6.05 Number of student visa holders in Australia as at 31 March 2014 by citizenship country comparison with the same date in the previous year



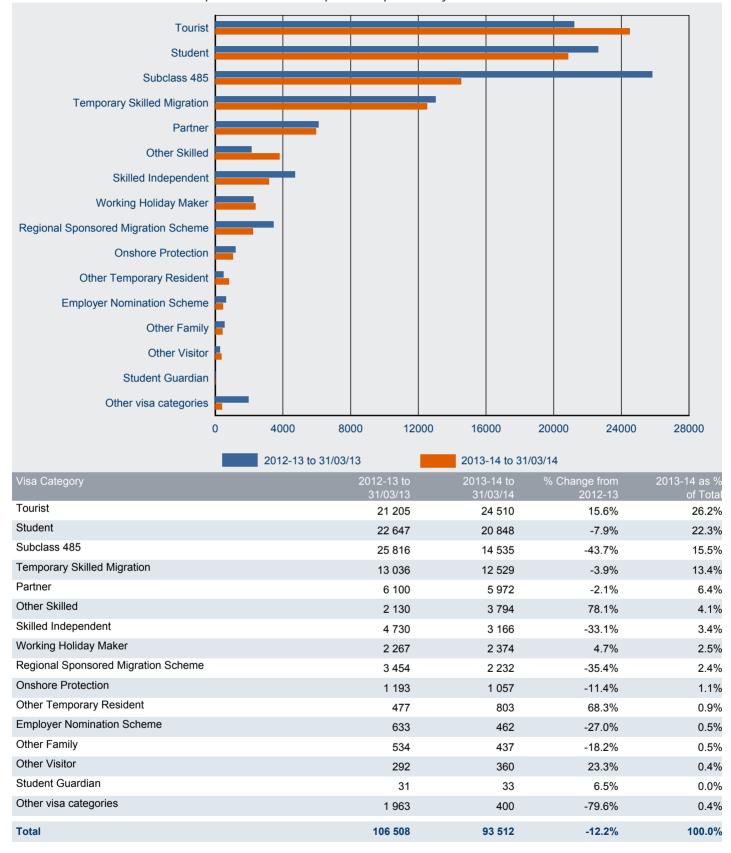
6.06 Number of student visa holders in Australia as at 31 March 2014 by visa subclass and applicant type



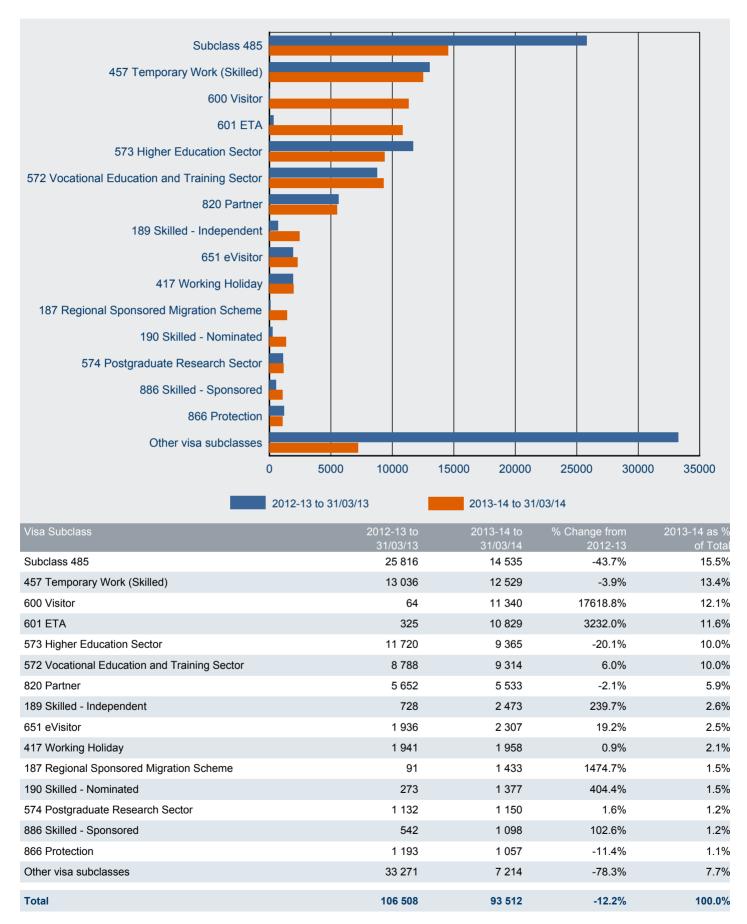
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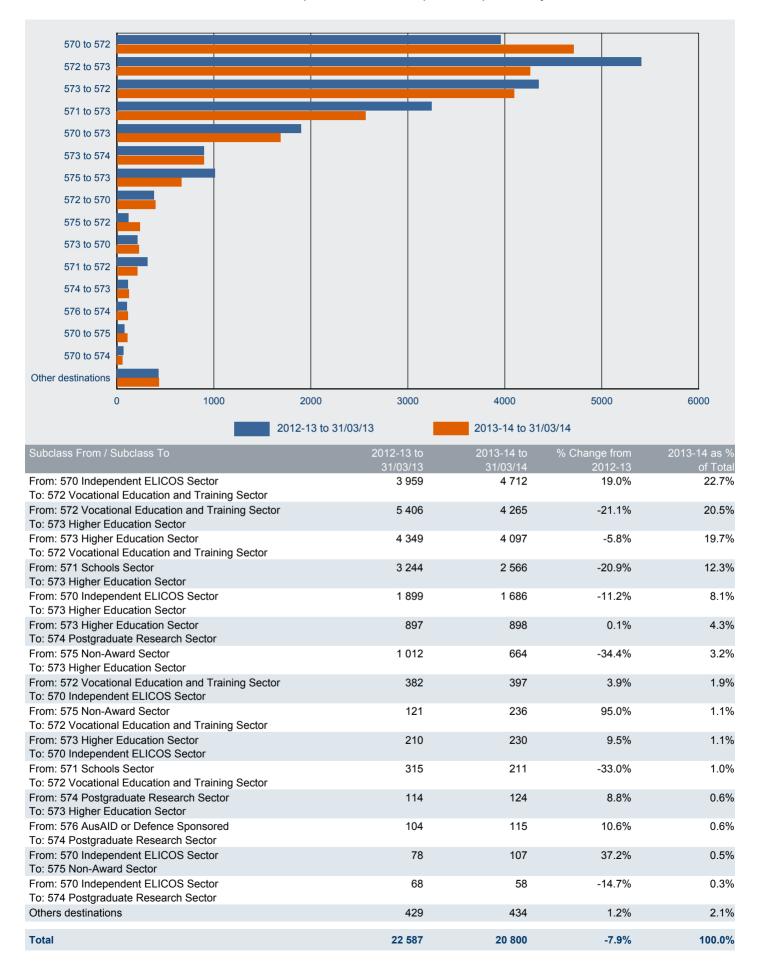
7.01 Number of visas granted in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 by visa category where the last visa held was a student visa - comparison with same period in previous year



7.02 Number of visas granted in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 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 March 2014 by visa subclass where the last visa held was a different student visa - comparison with same period in previous year



8 Subclass 485 visa

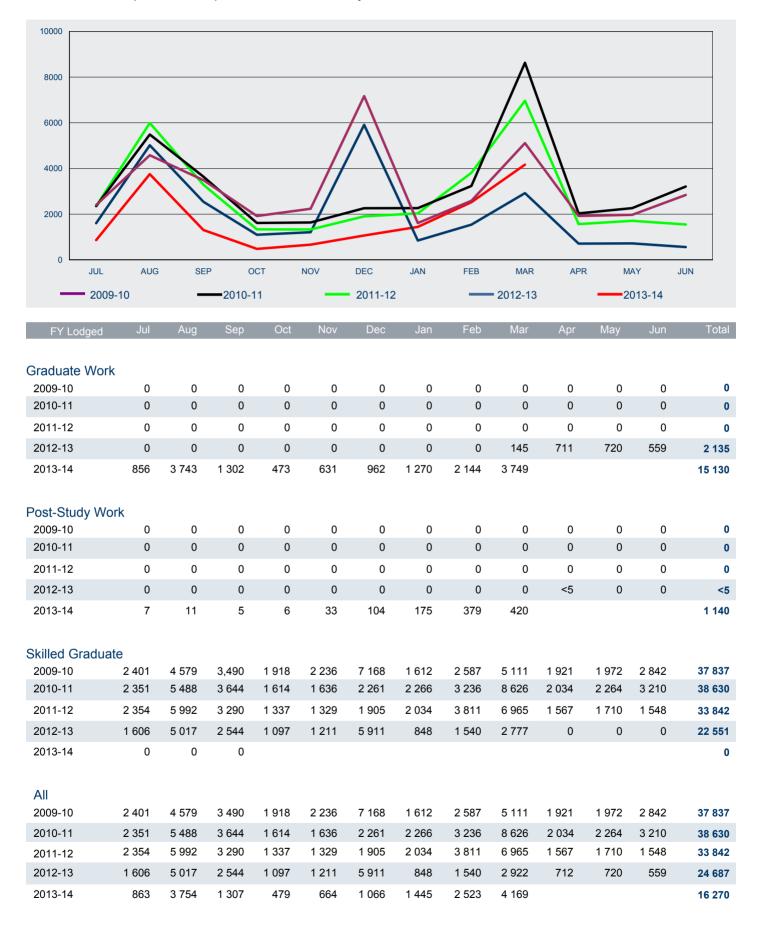
8 Subclass 485 visa - Lodged

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



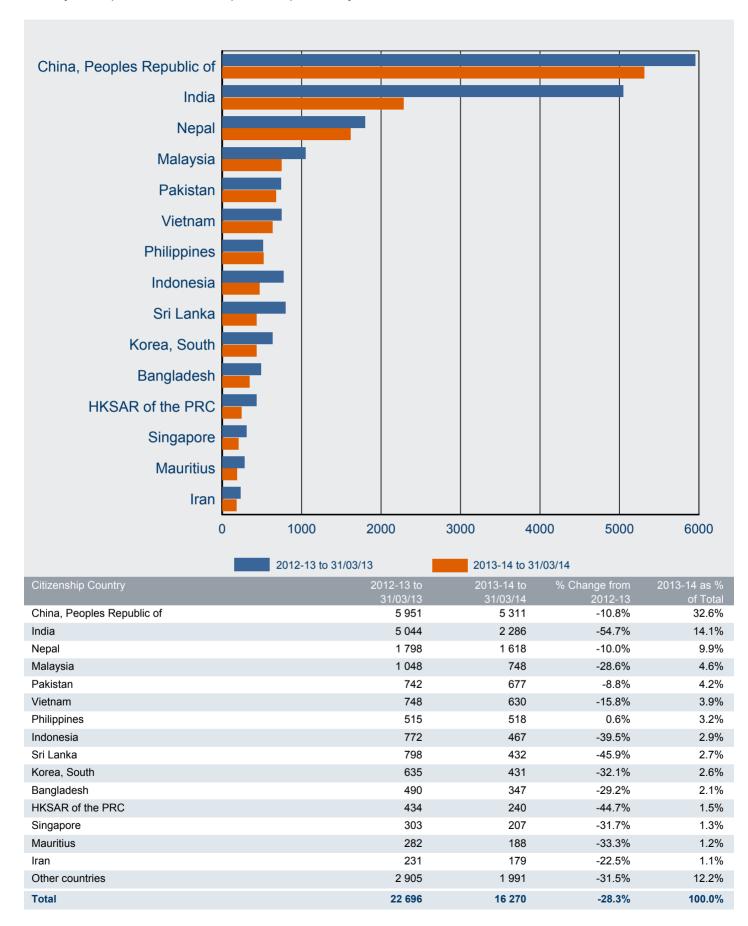
8 Subclass 485 visa - Lodged

8.02 Number of subclass 485 visa applications lodged in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 by visa stream and month - comparison with previous four financial years



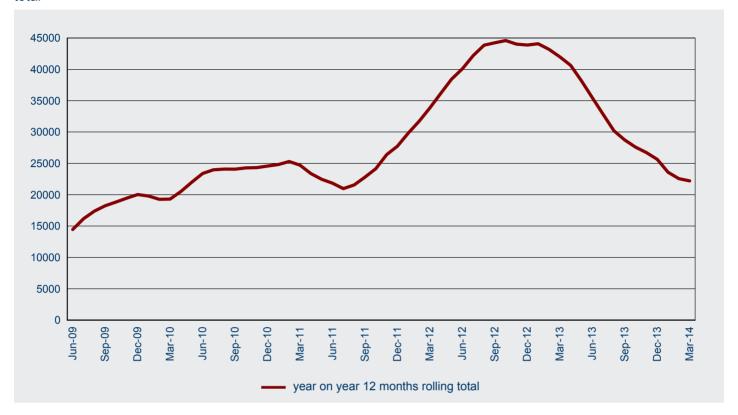
8 Subclass 485 visa - Lodged

8.03 Number of subclass 485 visa applications lodged in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



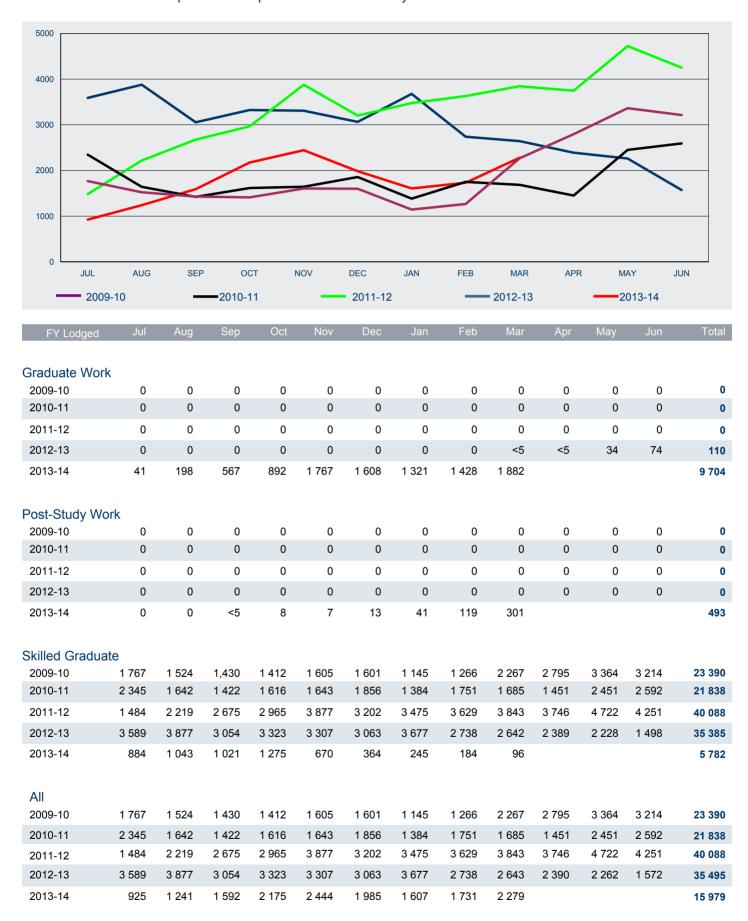
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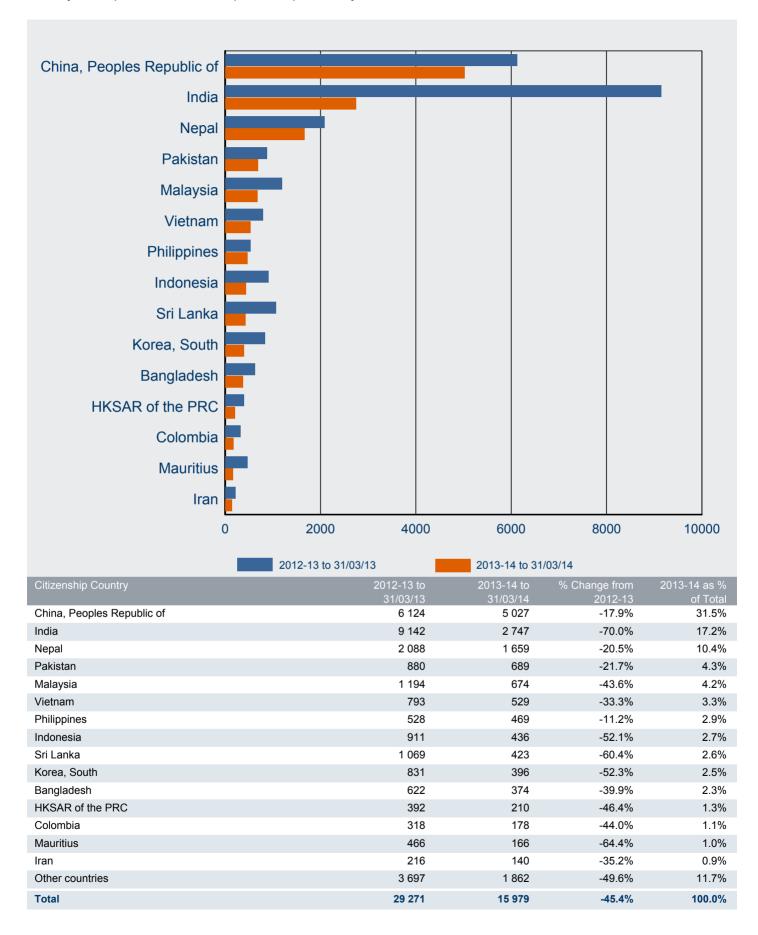
8 Subclass 485 visa - Granted

8.05 Number of subclass 485 visa applications granted in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 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 March 2014 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

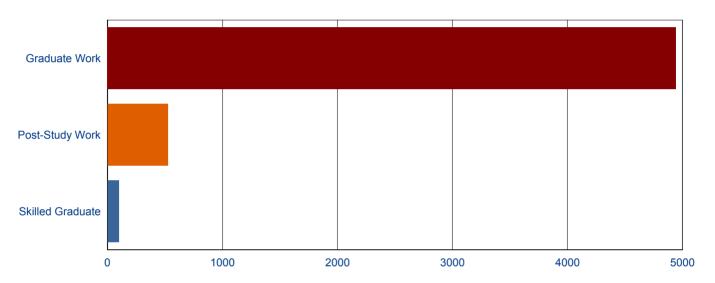


8 Subclass 485 visa - On hand

8.07 Number of subclass 485 PRIMARY visa applications on hand at 31 March 2014 by visa stream - comparison with previous four periods

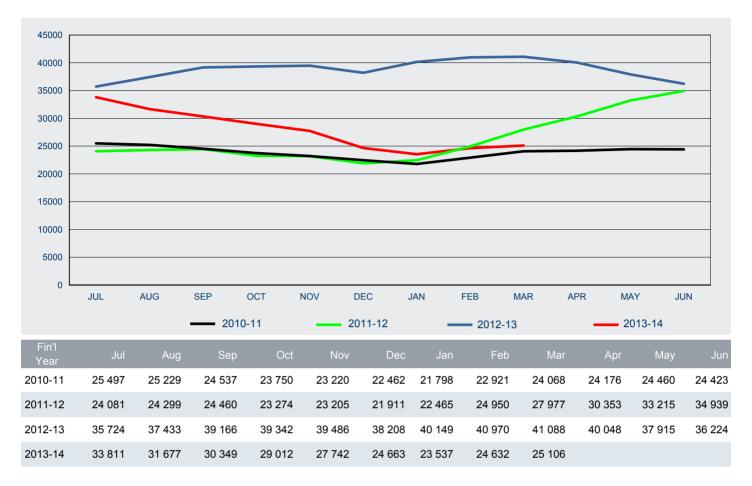
Visa Stream	On hand at 31/03/13	On hand at 30/06/13	On hand at 30/09/13	On hand at 31/12/13	On hand at 31/03/14
Graduate Work	106	1 264	5 369	3 112	4 943
Post-Study Work	0	0	13	108	525
Skilled Graduate	11 446	5 648	2 925	546	99
Total	11 552	6 912	8 307	3 766	5 567

8.08 Number of subclass 485 PRIMARY visa applications on hand at 31 March 2014 by visa stream



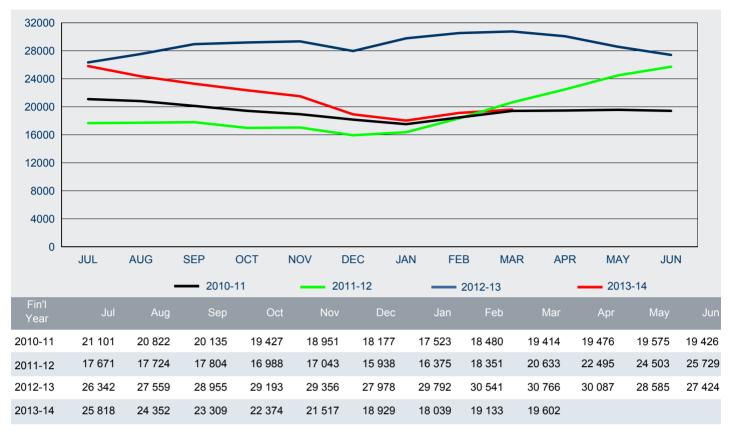
8 Subclass 485 visa - Visa holders in Australia

8.09 Number of subclass 485 visa holders at the end of each month in 2013-14 to 31 March 2014 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 March 2014 - 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 March 2014 - comparison with previous three financial years

