

Student visa program trends

2004-05 to 2010-11



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About this report

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

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

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

Data is sourced from several departmental visa processing and recording systems. Data can be dynamic and there can be delays in transmission of information from the department's global operations. Variations in figures between this report and previous issues can occur.

Further data about the student visa program, including recent quarterly statistics and student visa grants by sector and country from 2004-05 to the 2010-11 program year is available on the department's website at www.immi.gov.au/media/statistics/study.

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

Enquiries

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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 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 used for the visa label or the citizenship nominated by the visa

applicant is used.

Destination: Where a visa holder has moved from one type of visa to another. This most

commonly occurs where a temporary visa holder applies for a permanent visa. However, many temporary visa holders go on to apply for a further temporary visa. The original visa is determined by the last visa held prior to the destination visa being

granted.

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

grants.

Last visa held: This refers to the last substantive visa held by a visa holder (that is, the last visa other

than a bridging visa) prior to a point in time. The last visa held may have expired or

still be in effect.

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

submitted electronically.

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

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

lodge their first student visa application while outside Australia.

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

An onshore applicant may already hold a visa of the same kind or may be applying

for another type of visa.

Primary applicant: The primary applicant is the person who must satisfy the primary criteria for the grant

of a visa under the Regulations. In this case, it would be the person proposing to

study in Australia.

Primary application: An application lodged by a primary applicant.

Primary grant: An outcome where a decision maker (which may include system generated decision

making) makes an assessment based on the initial visa application which results in a

visa being granted to an applicant.

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

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

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

visa is issued.

Secondary applicant: Secondary applicants must satisfy the secondary criteria for the grant of a visa under

the Regulations. In this case, a secondary applicant is generally a dependant of the

primary applicant.

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

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

Snapshot date: The snapshot date is a point in time at which a count is undertaken. In this report, the

number of visa holders in Australia at a point in time is used.

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

covers both primary and secondary applicants.

Visa holders in Australia: The number of visa holders lawfully in Australia. This is not a count of all valid visas,

as a number of visa holders may be outside Australia on the snapshot date.

Background to the student visa program

International students must have a valid visa for the duration of their studies in Australia.

There are eight types of student visa:

- 1. English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students (ELICOS) (subclass 570) visa. This visa is for international students undertaking a stand-alone English language course that leads to a certificate level award or non formal award.
- 2. Schools (subclass 571) visa. This visa is designed for international students applying to study in Australia in a primary, junior secondary or senior secondary school course or an approved secondary school exchange program.
- 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 Masters 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 (subclass 576) visa. This visa is designed for international students who are sponsored by AusAID or Defence to study a full-time course of any type in Australia.
- 8. Student Guardian (subclass 580) visa. This visa is designed for a parent or close relative to accompany an underage student to Australia.

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

There is no limit on the number of student visas issued each year. If applicants meet requirements, they will be granted a student visa. Student visas are issued for the entire period of study in Australia, as evidenced by the Confirmation of Enrolment documentation provided by the applicant's education provider. Visas are issued in alignment with the period for which the applicant has Overseas Student Health Cover.

Family members

Students can apply to have partners and dependent 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.

Ability to work

Student visas include a visa condition that, once the course has commenced, allows students to work for up to 20 hours per week while their course is in session and for unlimited hours during course breaks. Secondary visa holders are subject to a visa condition that limits them to 20 hours work per week at any time, unless they are the dependents of students studying a postgraduate research course, in which case there is no limitation on their work rights.

The limitation imposed by the visa conditions relating to work reflect that the purpose of a student visa is to allow entry to Australia in order to study, not to work.

Background to the student visa program - continued

Assessment Levels

There are five Assessment Levels in the student visa program. They serve to align student visa requirements to the immigration risk posed by applicants from a particular country studying in a particular education sector. 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.

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 course fees, travel costs, educational costs for any accompanying school age children and living costs for the full study period.

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; and/or
- failure to satisfy the Department that the applicant is a genuine student.

Processing 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.

Recent key initiatives in the financial year 2010-11

May 2011

On 20 May 2011 the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship announced that the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the Pearson Test of English Academic (Pearson) and the Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) from Cambridge ESOL (Cambridge) would also be acceptable tests for Student visa application purposes. To date, the main English language test accepted by the Department for Student visa purposes is the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and the Occupational English Test (OET) is also accepted for specified countries where IELTS is not available.

These additional English language test options will help to create competition in the English language testing market, while creating more test places for student visa applicants.

April 2011

On 2 April 2011 student visa assessment levels for 38 countries across one or more visa subclasses were reduced.

January 2011

To further align migration legislation with the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS), changes were made to student visa assessment arrangements for students wishing to study diploma and advanced diploma courses. Applicants for a student visa to study a diploma or advanced diploma course that is accredited under the higher education sector on CRICOS can be assessed for a Higher Education (subclass 573) visa.

December 2010

A strategic review of the student visa program was announced to ensure that the program is well positioned to respond to current and future challenges.

Also announced in December 2010 was a package of measures to ease the pressure on the international education sector. Further details are available on the Department's website at www.immi.gov.au/students/whats new.htm#m

July 2010

In order to ensure that students have adequate health cover and maintain health insurance arrangements while in Australia, student visa applicants are required to demonstrate they have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for themselves and any accompanying dependants for the duration of their visa.

Previously Students were only required to have OSHC for the first twelve months of their stay in Australia.

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

Executive Summary

Key Points

- Between 2009-10 and 2010-11, Student visa application numbers declined by 5.1%.
- In 2010-11, Chinese nationals lodged the highest number of offshore student visa applications at 26 047 while Indian nationals lodged the highest number of onshore applications at 32 770.
- In 2010-11, 44.5% of student visas were granted to nationals from China, India, South Korea, Brazil and Malaysia
- Overall grant rates increased to 92.7% in 2010-11 compared to 88.3% in the previous year.
- As at 30 June 2011, of the student visa holders in Australia, 54.1% held a Higher Education (subclass 573) visa and 28.3% held a VET sector (subclass 572) visa.

1 Applications lodged

Student visa applications declined slightly in 2010-11 compared to the previous year. There were 281 556 applications lodged in this program year compared to 296 647 in the 2009-10 program year - a decrease of 5.1%.

In 2010-11 there were 141 622 applications lodged offshore. While traditionally offshore lodgements have been notably higher, this program year onshore lodgements were similar to offshore at 139 944.

Offshore applications in 2010-11 decreased by 19.9% and onshore applications increased by 16.7% compared to the previous year.

The decrease in offshore applications in 2010-11 compared to 2009-10, was mainly due to a decline in lodgements in the VET and Higher Education sectors. Between 2009-10 and 2010-11, offshore visa applications declined by 43.8% in the VET sector and 16.7% in the Higher Education sector.

Chinese nationals lodged the highest number of offshore student visa applications in 2010-11, at 26 047. This was followed by the United States of America at 7 931 and India at 6 875 applications. China and India have been the main source countries for offshore student visa applications for several years.

The decline in student visa applications has coincided with: the global financial crisis; escalated concerns about the welfare of international students studying in Australia; recent college closures creating uncertainty about the stability of Australian education providers; the rising value of the Australian dollar; and the introduction of a range of changes to visa processing to improve the integrity of the student visa program.

2 Visas granted

250 438 student visas were granted in 2010-11. Of these, 44.5% were granted to nationals from China, India, South Korea, Brazil and Malaysia

Student visa grants in 2010-11 were the 4th highest ever. Student visa grants increased by 42.4% in the 2010-11 program year compared to 2004-05.

Most of the visas granted in 2010-11 were in the Higher Education sector at 112 567 grants, followed by the VET sector at 67 406 grants. Compared to 2009-10, grants in these sectors declined slightly (decline of 5.4% in Higher Education and 6.4% in the VET sector).

In 2010-11, China continued to be the top source country for international students with 49 852 grants. Grants to Chinese nationals decreased by 8.6% in 2010-11 compared to the previous year.

In 2010-11, Indian nationals were granted the second highest number of student visas (28 954 grants) - a decrease of 2.9% from the previous year.

Between 2009-10 and 2010-11, offshore visa grants declined by 20.5% while onshore grants increased by 11.1%.

In 2010-11, offshore visa grants to Indian nationals (3 394 grants) were significantly lower than the last 7 years. However, for onshore grants, India was the top source country at 25 560 grants followed by China with 24 025 grants.

3. Visa grant rates

In 2010-11, a higher proportion of student visas were granted compared to 2009-10. Grant rates increased to 92.7% in the 2010-11 program year compared to the previous year where it was 88.3%.

Grants rates in 2010-11 increased in all sectors except the ELICOS and the AusAid / Defence sector.

Offshore grant rates increased to 89.9% in 2010-11 from 83.3% in 2009-10. Onshore grant rates remained relatively steady in 2010-11 at 95.7% compared to 96.4% in 2009-10.

Executive Summary - continued

4. Visa holders in Australia

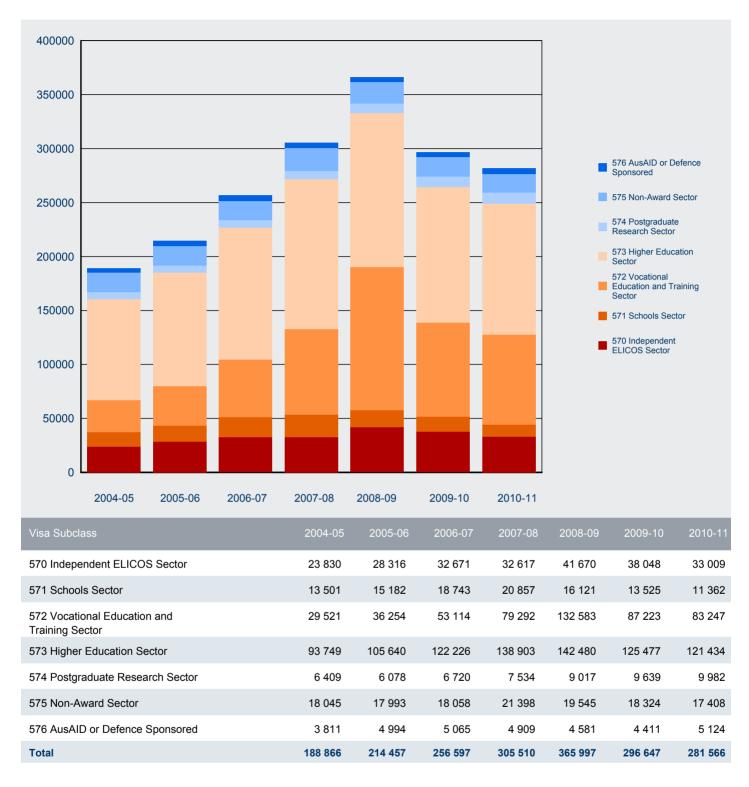
The number of student visa holders in Australia decreased by 13.1% between the period 30 June 2011 (332 709 students) and 30 June 2010 (382 716 students).

Compared to 30 June 2006 (the earliest available data), student visa holder numbers increased by almost 60% in 30 June 2011. On 30 June 2006 there were 209 169 student visa holders in Australia.

54.1% of student visa holders in Australia on 30 June 2011 held a higher education (subclass 573) visa and 28.3% held a VET sector (subclass 572) visa.

On 30 June 2011, 38.0% of the student visa holders in Australia were either Indian or Chinese nationals.

1.01 Number of student visa applications lodged by visa subclass in the last seven financial years



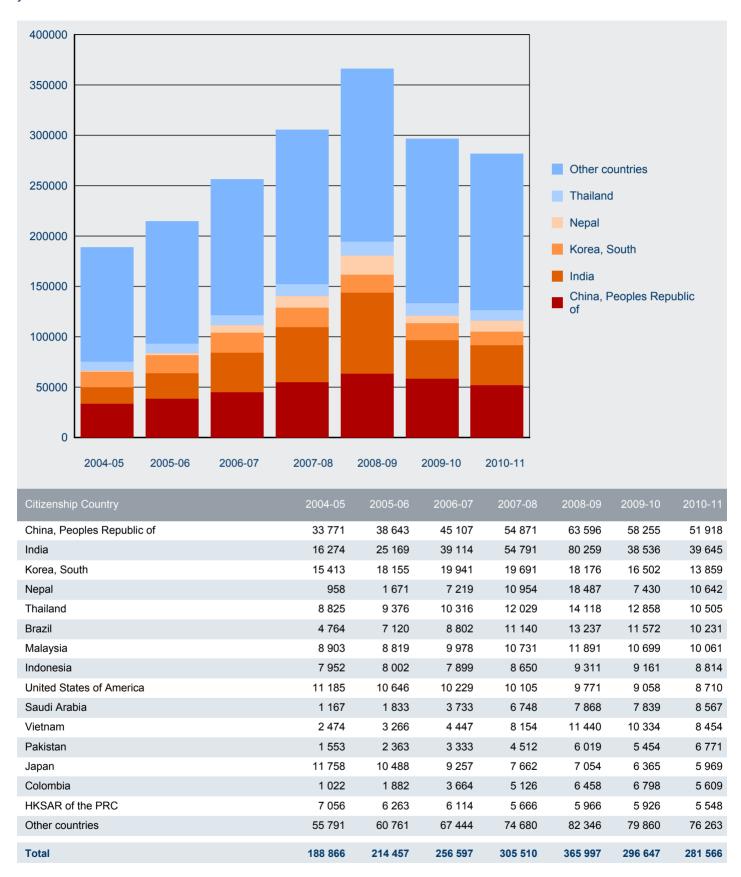
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1.02 Number of student visa applications lodged by client location and visa subclass in the last seven financial years

Visa Subclass	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Offshore							
570 Independent ELICOS Sector	19 160	23 367	27 332	27 317	33 200	27 707	23 591
571 Schools Sector	11 098	13 121	16 878	18 357	13 545	11 132	9 427
572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	15 470	19 825	33 116	49 628	92 598	38 549	21 673
573 Higher Education Sector	56 587	66 067	83 237	99 118	95 368	72 542	60 395
574 Postgraduate Research Sector	3 537	3 195	3 768	4 605	5 602	5 563	5 532
575 Non-Award Sector	16 900	16 820	16 975	19 648	18 325	17 279	16 459
576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored	3 058	4 172	4 431	4 308	4 067	3 945	4 545
Sub-total Offshore	125 810	146 567	185 737	222 981	262 705	176 717	141 622
Onshore							
570 Independent ELICOS Sector	4 670	4 949	5 339	5 300	8 470	10 341	9 418
571 Schools Sector	2 403	2 061	1 865	2 500	2 576	2 393	1 935
572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	14 051	16 429	19 998	29 664	39 985	48 674	61 574
573 Higher Education Sector	37 162	39 573	38 989	39 785	47 112	52 935	61 039
574 Postgraduate Research Sector	2 872	2 883	2 952	2 929	3 415	4 076	4 450
575 Non-Award Sector	1 145	1 173	1 083	1 750	1 220	1 045	949
576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored	753	822	634	601	514	466	579
Sub-total Onshore	63 056	67 890	70 860	82 529	103 292	119 930	139 944
Total	188 866	214 457	256 597	305 510	365 997	296 647	281 566

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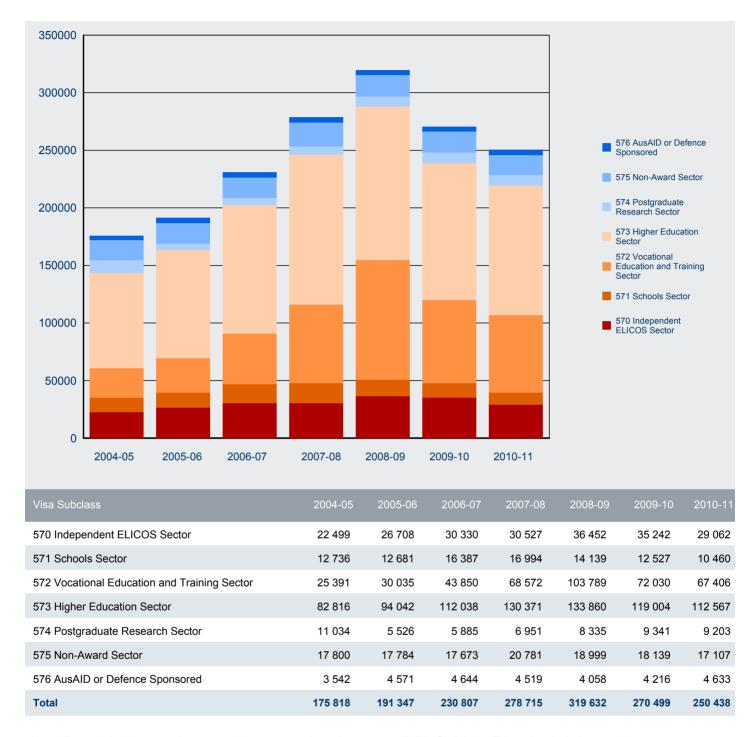
1.03 Number of student visa applications lodged by citizenship country in the last seven financial years



1.04 Number of student visa applications lodged by client location and citizenship country in the last seven financial years

Offshore China, Peoples Republic of							
China, Peoples Republic of							
	17 879	21 348	27 934	36 638	41 623	34 399	26 047
United States of America	10 444	9 825	9 448	9 280	8 928	8 270	7 931
India	12 592	19 817	32 844	45 594	67 141	18 514	6 875
Malaysia	6 650	6 546	7 425	8 012	8 732	7 671	6 707
Korea, South	9 689	12 273	13 309	12 422	10 264	8 491	6 654
Indonesia	4 962	5 238	5 474	6 325	6 865	6 638	5 638
Vietnam	1 706	2 352	3 409	6 840	9 522	7 933	5 472
Brazil	3 286	4 659	5 368	6 886	7 431	5 928	5 388
Thailand	5 324	5 622	6 434	7 296	8 089	6 488	5 044
Pakistan	1 126	1 824	2 690	3 428	4 505	3 468	4 43
Germany, Fed Republic of	3 391	3 736	4 276	4 290	4 611	4 652	3 694
Saudi Arabia	823	1 421	3 056	5 473	5 192	3 570	3 662
HKSAR of the PRC	4 600	4 296	4 358	4 013	3 947	3 827	3 416
Singapore	3 467	3 229	3 062	3 212	3 446	3 269	3 239
Japan	6 037	5 424	4 947	4 040	3 577	3 241	3 012
Other countries	33 834	38 957	51 703	59 232	68 832	50 358	44 412
Sub-total Offshore	125 810	146 567	185 737	222 981	262 705	176 717	141 622
Onshore							
India	3 682	5 352	6 270	9 197	13 118	20 022	32 770
China, Peoples Republic of	15 892	17 295	17 173	18 233	21 973	23 856	25 87°
Nepal	321	305	661	2 624	3 631	5 411	9 410
Korea, South	5 724	5 882	6 632	7 269	7 912	8 011	7 20
Thailand	3 501	3 754	3 882	4 733	6 029	6 370	5 46
Saudi Arabia	344	412	677	1 275	2 676	4 269	4 905
Brazil	1 478	2 461	3 434	4 254	5 806	5 644	4 843
Malaysia	2 253	2 273	2 553	2 719	3 159	3 028	3 354
Indonesia	2 990	2 764	2 425	2 325	2 446	2 523	3 176
Colombia	365	536	1 141	2 024	2 743	3 513	3 028
Vietnam	768	914	1 038	1 314	1 918	2 401	2 982
Japan	5 721	5 064	4 310	3 622	3 477	3 124	2 957
Pakistan	427	539	643	1 084	1 514	1 986	2 340
Bangladesh	1 600	1 983	1 859	1 688	2 411	2 106	2 330
HKSAR of the PRC	2 456	1 967	1 756	1 653	2 019	2 099	2 13
Other countries	15 534	16 389	16 406	18 515	22 460	25 567	27 180
Sub-total Onshore	63 056	67 890	70 860	82 529	103 292	119 930	139 94
Total	188 866	214 457	256 597	305 510	365 997	296 647	281 566

2.01 Number of student visa applications granted by visa subclass in the last seven financial years



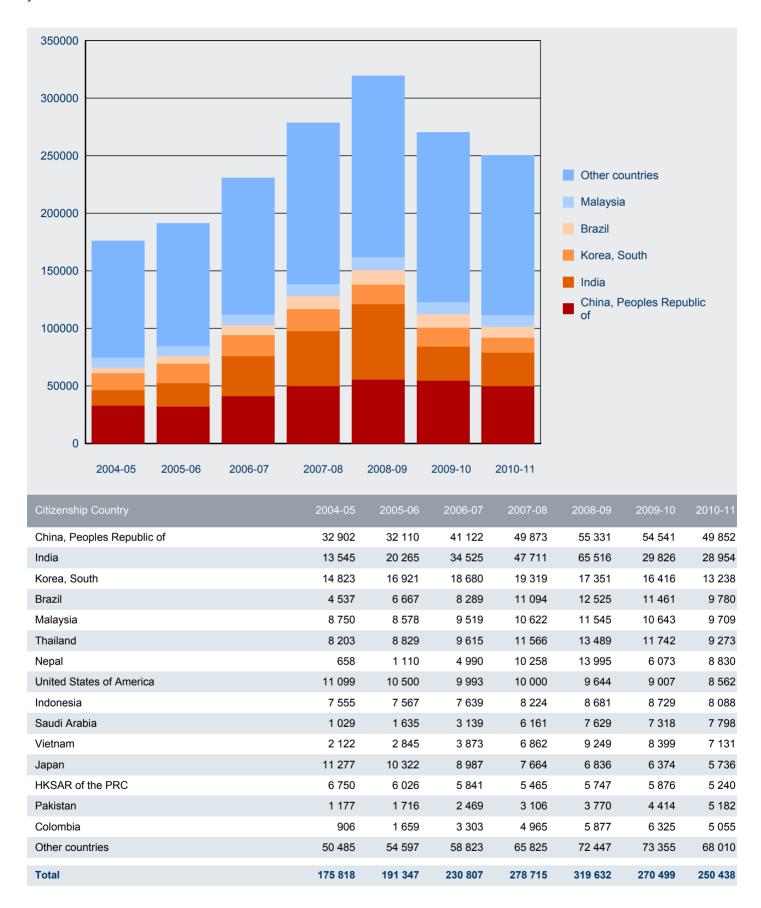
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2.02 Number of student visa applications granted by client location and visa subclass in the last seven financial years

Visa Subclass	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Offshore							
570 Independent ELICOS Sector	18 115	22 115	25 460	25 444	28 881	25 414	20 332
571 Schools Sector	10 608	10 900	14 815	14 767	11 881	10 343	8 791
572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	12 703	15 629	26 865	40 449	68 729	28 100	15 556
573 Higher Education Sector	48 247	57 363	76 907	90 864	90 616	68 411	55 922
574 Postgraduate Research Sector	8 112	2 867	3 361	4 051	5 239	5 391	5 149
575 Non-Award Sector	16 747	16 730	16 688	19 124	17 912	17 160	16 254
576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored	2 909	3 844	4 128	3 973	3 640	3 827	4 182
Sub-total Offshore	117 441	129 448	168 224	198 672	226 898	158 646	126 186
Onahara							
Onshore 570 Independent ELICOS Sector	4 384	4 593	4 870	5 083	7 571	9 828	8 730
571 Schools Sector	2 128	1 781	1 572	2 227	2 258	2 184	1 669
572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	12 688	14 406	16 985	28 123	35 060	43 930	51 850
573 Higher Education Sector	34 569	36 679	35 131	39 507	43 244	50 593	56 645
574 Postgraduate Research Sector	2 922	2 659	2 524	2 900	3 096	3 950	4 054
575 Non-Award Sector	1 053	1 054	985	1 657	1 087	979	853
576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored	633	727	516	546	418	389	451
Sub-total Onshore	58 377	61 899	62 583	80 043	92 734	111 853	124 252
Total	175 818	191 347	230 807	278 715	319 632	270 499	250 438

Note: From 2004-05 onwards, masters by coursework students were eligible for Higher Education (subclass 573) visas. Prior to this, they were eligible for Postgraduate Research (subclass 574) visas.

2.03 Number of student visa applications granted by citizenship country in the last seven financial years



2.04 Number of student visa applications granted by client location and citizenship country in the last seven financial years

Citizenship Country	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Offshore							
China, Peoples Republic of	18 014	16 248	25 730	31 616	35 405	32 123	25 827
United States of America	10 421	9 756	9 300	9 211	8 872	8 255	7 846
Malaysia	6 643	6 440	7 184	7 997	8 567	7 722	6 658
Korea, South	9 437	11 669	12 942	12 006	10 055	8 604	6 515
Indonesia	4 780	5 061	5 452	5 930	6 395	6 356	5 139
Brazil	3 151	4 439	5 227	6 859	7 059	5 917	5 069
Vietnam	1 427	2 044	2 997	5 639	7 594	6 225	4 487
Thailand	4 857	5 391	6 070	6 710	7 756	5 606	4 045
Germany, Fed Republic of	3 298	3 771	4 171	4 192	4 558	4 718	3 681
Saudi Arabia	749	1 273	2 665	5 106	5 377	3 473	3 401
India	10 211	15 389	29 226	39 060	54 610	12 521	3 394
HKSAR of the PRC	4 547	4 216	4 309	3 968	3 898	3 815	3 344
Singapore	3 389	3 212	2 884	3 233	3 393	3 269	3 146
Japan	5 880	5 415	4 856	4 078	3 482	3 246	2 957
Pakistan	817	1 284	1 934	2 231	2 787	2 637	2 942
Other countries	29 820	33 840	43 277	50 836	57 090	44 159	37 735
Sub-total Offshore	117 441	129 448	168 224	198 672	226 898	158 646	126 186
Onshore							
India	3 334	4 876	5 299	8 651	10 906	17 305	25 560
China, Peoples Republic of	14 888	15 862	15 392	18 257	19 926	22 418	24 025
Nepal	293	275	518	2 361	3 289	4 722	8 122
Korea, South	5 386	5 252	5 738	7 313	7 296	7 812	6 723
Thailand	3 346	3 438	3 545	4 856	5 733	6 136	5 228
Brazil	1 386	2 228	3 062	4 235	5 466	5 544	4 711
Saudi Arabia	280	362	474	1 055	2 252	3 845	4 397
Malaysia	2 107	2 138	2 335	2 625	2 978	2 921	3 051
Indonesia	2 775	2 506	2 187	2 294	2 286	2 373	2 949
Colombia	346	475	1 011	1 978	2 455	3 361	2 850
Japan	5 397	4 907	4 131	3 586	3 354	3 128	2 779
Vietnam	695	801	876	1 223	1 655	2 174	2 644
Pakistan	360	432	535	875	983	1 777	2 240
Unknown	814	718	382	698	1 095	1 584	2 133
Bangladesh	1 478	1 699	1 615	1 693	2 191	1 928	2 049
Other countries	15 492	15 930	15 483	18 343	20 869	24 825	24 791
Sub-total Onshore	58 377	61 899	62 583	80 043	92 734	111 853	124 252
Total	175 818	191 347	230 807	278 715	319 632	270 499	250 438

2.05 Number of subclass 570 Independent ELICOS Sector visa applications granted by client location, citizenship country and financial year in the last seven financial years

Citizenship Country	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Offshore							
Brazil	2 179	3 299	3 960	5 146	5 549	4 764	4 155
Korea, South	5 814	6 906	7 418	5 642	4 075	3 103	2 036
Thailand	1 947	2 275	2 844	2 837	4 051	2 891	1 866
Colombia	192	844	1 790	2 331	2 824	2 483	1 852
Japan	3 249	2 941	2 642	1 952	1 791	1 632	1 570
China, Peoples Republic of	13	16	18	38	1 300	1 149	1 058
Saudi Arabia	126	202	208	761	1 100	905	940
Libyan Arab Jamhiriya	7	2	78	150	285	842	563
Taiwan	1 228	1 393	1 179	848	837	644	559
Switzerland	534	598	606	535	599	597	551
Spain	235	232	260	255	342	496	529
Czech Republic	266	438	558	456	637	620	503
Chile	54	161	280	278	465	423	443
Turkey	217	293	459	537	751	767	359
Vietnam	1	5	5	173	312	284	339
Other countries	2 053	2 510	3 155	3 505	3 963	3 814	3 009
Sub-total Offshore	18 115	22 115	25 460	25 444	28 881	25 414	20 332
Onshore							
Brazil	332	614	900	1 104	1 756	2 109	1 741
Colombia	13	45	174	316	948	1 530	1 299
Saudi Arabia	46	50	33	98	423	905	846
Japan	1 543	1 334	1 121	699	906	932	842
Korea, South	1 113	1 165	1 247	1 140	836	854	671
Thailand	311	267	285	364	513	587	371
Italy	46	62	87	71	145	282	324
Taiwan	382	376	311	238	354	332	282
Czech Republic	25	56	38	60	91	174	208
Spain	49	55	65	69	103	168	195
Chile	2	11	45	44	110	140	149
China, Peoples Republic of	78	52	40	71	106	142	139
Poland	34	41	65	65	68	138	129
Peru	2	13	16	44	81	144	118
France	62	62	59	71	126	188	117
Other countries	346	390	384	629	1 005	1 203	1 299
Sub-total Onshore	4 384	4 593	4 870	5 083	7 571	9 828	8 730
Total	22 499	26 708	30 330	30 527	36 452	35 242	29 062

2.06 Number of subclass 571 Schools Sector visa applications granted by client location, citizenship country and financial year in the last seven financial years

Citizenship Country	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Offshore							
China, Peoples Republic of	3 926	3 666	6 762	7 855	4 647	3 416	3 059
Germany, Fed Republic of	784	1 005	1 159	1 176	1 547	1 617	1 205
Vietnam	349	619	926	781	1 024	848	600
HKSAR of the PRC	687	662	633	522	492	483	494
Japan	757	652	634	522	429	425	441
Korea, South	1 098	1 436	1 853	1 086	688	563	364
Italy	179	190	247	152	302	260	331
Brazil	391	331	312	383	383	357	288
Malaysia	325	308	310	320	287	292	261
France	120	96	146	119	101	140	155
Thailand	209	219	217	191	200	175	135
Denmark	74	94	61	66	95	81	113
Papua New Guinea	44	62	74	56	111	120	112
Indonesia	217	153	142	135	119	131	103
Taiwan	174	198	187	179	121	112	90
Other countries	1 274	1 209	1 152	1 224	1 335	1 323	1 040
Sub-total Offshore	10 608	10 900	14 815	14 767	11 881	10 343	8 791
Onshore							
Korea, South	683	542	595	1 116	987	846	590
China, Peoples Republic of	658	523	310	426	517	573	413
Japan	242	191	172	158	138	116	104
Vietnam	21	27	26	33	69	56	81
Germany, Fed Republic of	56	60	68	68	69	93	73
Taiwan	95	86	91	86	73	58	47
Thailand	53	42	27	30	50	40	43
Malaysia	38	33	44	32	29	33	36
HKSAR of the PRC	49	29	22	24	27	35	29
Brazil	22	30	29	39	11	26	21
United Kingdom	8	24	28	42	28	22	21
Singapore	13	23	13	15	11	11	19
Papua New Guinea	11	9	21	14	25	34	16
United States of America	29	23	21	17	26	27	15
Italy	9	5	3	8	11	13	12
Other countries	141	134	102	119	187	201	149
Sub-total Onshore	2 128	1 781	1 572	2 227	2 258	2 184	1 669
Total	12 736	12 681	16 387	16 994	14 139	12 527	10 460

2.07 Number of subclass 572 Vocational Education and Training Sector visa applications granted by client location, citizenship country and financial year in the last seven financial years

Citizenship Country	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Offshore							
Korea, South	180	206	409	2 560	3 245	2 672	1 885
Pakistan	252	530	870	1 226	1 455	1 461	1 719
Indonesia	150	183	308	1 687	2 047	1 498	1 130
China, Peoples Republic of	792	959	2 463	4 283	4 885	2 875	1 032
Philippines	255	383	538	779	1 349	953	929
India	819	2 170	6 053	9 303	31 489	7 018	693
Thailand	974	1 078	1 308	1 660	1 788	1 057	688
United States of America	582	650	596	556	628	663	607
United Kingdom	648	770	977	1 009	876	719	468
Brazil	410	652	761	982	879	586	447
Malaysia	459	530	526	705	732	556	409
Bangladesh	703	527	1 371	888	918	649	320
Japan	784	636	552	525	475	447	316
HKSAR of the PRC	833	686	696	549	435	305	252
Canada	275	307	256	254	259	253	251
Other countries	4 587	5 362	9 181	13 483	17 269	6 388	4 410
Sub-total Offshore	12 703	15 629	26 865	40 449	68 729	28 100	15 556
Onshore							
India	186	399	747	3 309	5 255	10 923	18 853
China, Peoples Republic of	2 170	2 429	3 014	3 613	4 145	4 343	4 115
Thailand	1 348	1 680	1 958	3 143	3 913	4 345	3 657
Nepal	58	52	156	1 365	2 068	2 466	3 387
Brazil	883	1 380	1 879	2 665	3 371	3 036	2 610
Korea, South	772	569	791	2 577	2 704	2 574	2 472
Indonesia	299	284	301	472	657	889	1 193
Pakistan	62	86	156	325	456	941	1 153
Japan	2 105	1 981	1 637	1 547	1 407	1 309	1 143
Bangladesh	242	444	622	828	1 404	1 137	908
United Kingdom	161	326	460	580	725	910	882
Colombia	112	209	579	1 307	915	965	799
Malaysia	396	482	583	716	852	732	795
Mauritius	95	94	98	199	344	681	745
Philippines	49	93	145	239	327	511	650
Other countries	3 750	3 898	3 859	5 238	6 517	8 168	8 488
Sub-total Onshore	12 688	14 406	16 985	28 123	35 060	43 930	51 850
Total	25 391	30 035	43 850	68 572	103 789	72 030	67 406

2.08 Number of subclass 573 Higher Education Sector visa applications granted by client location, citizenship country and financial year in the last seven financial years

Citizenship Country	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Offshore							
China, Peoples Republic of	11 426	11 106	15 872	18 799	23 141	23 091	19 158
Malaysia	4 988	4 735	5 348	5 447	6 136	5 680	5 118
Singapore	2 738	2 669	2 384	2 690	2 822	2 760	2 705
Vietnam	539	760	1 124	3 807	5 326	4 184	2 522
Indonesia	3 137	3 148	3 285	2 486	2 563	2 861	2 393
India	6 376	12 819	22 507	29 108	22 364	5 053	2 341
HKSAR of the PRC	2 117	2 127	2 329	2 321	2 549	2 637	2 281
Korea, South	2 067	2 736	2 913	2 129	1 748	1 972	1 957
Saudi Arabia	497	958	2 306	3 969	3 822	2 108	1 902
Canada	1 225	1 442	1 467	1 674	1 492	1 341	1 132
Thailand	1 388	1 524	1 436	1 265	1 356	1 215	1 116
Philippines	181	212	224	320	522	757	899
United States of America	1 105	931	916	808	954	934	843
Pakistan	392	625	793	727	978	837	824
Taiwan	712	816	921	837	880	952	696
Other countries	9 359	10 755	13 082	14 477	13 963	12 029	10 035
Sub-total Offshore	48 247	57 363	76 907	90 864	90 616	68 411	55 922
Onshore							
China, Peoples Republic of	11 440	12 420	11 573	13 691	14 686	16 806	18 657
India	2 921	4 211	4 320	5 092	5 359	5 958	6 371
Nepal	186	176	347	984	1 184	2 202	4 644
Korea, South	2 582	2 764	2 931	2 247	2 602	3 371	2 901
Saudi Arabia	190	234	329	757	1 518	2 311	2 854
Vietnam	450	537	548	794	1 085	1 501	1 831
Malaysia	1 540	1 463	1 510	1 627	1 756	1 743	1 765
Indonesia	2 014	1 746	1 476	1 408	1 228	1 189	1 434
HKSAR of the PRC	1 604	1 307	1 115	1 088	1 337	1 479	1 424
Thailand	1 414	1 271	1 122	1 077	1 123	1 027	1 023
Bangladesh	1 082	1 155	909	778	666	642	999
Pakistan	255	321	349	480	487	746	989
Sri Lanka	542	483	504	644	692	924	987
Taiwan	1 134	1 218	1 079	1 082	1 079	946	856
Singapore	824	736	761	740	747	821	758
Other countries	6 391	6 637	6 258	7 018	7 695	8 927	9 152
Sub-total Onshore	34 569	36 679	35 131	39 507	43 244	50 593	56 645
Total	82 816	94 042	112 038	130 371	133 860	119 004	112 567

2.09 Number of subclass 574 Postgraduate Research Sector visa applications granted by client location, citizenship country and financial year in the last seven financial years

Citizenship Country	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Offshore							
China, Peoples Republic of	1 671	274	339	392	544	620	637
Indonesia	254	77	99	124	540	666	450
Malaysia	351	332	492	871	876	703	405
Iran	143	119	155	140	259	362	400
Saudi Arabia	105	98	121	239	245	287	334
Bangladesh	450	104	124	189	368	310	331
Vietnam	167	124	135	139	223	256	324
India	2 938	235	250	203	226	195	237
Sri Lanka	116	77	101	92	134	177	176
Pakistan	113	48	98	105	127	126	143
United States of America	119	89	81	103	98	107	117
Thailand	156	125	107	121	157	114	95
Singapore	66	73	77	73	78	81	79
Chile	12	9	43	18	72	74	78
United Kingdom	91	48	35	56	46	63	76
Other countries	1 360	1 035	1 104	1 186	1 246	1 250	1 267
Sub-total Offshore	8 112	2 867	3 361	4 051	5 239	5 391	5 149
Onshore							
China, Peoples Republic of	461	369	375	355	370	451	547
Saudi Arabia	30	68	98	166	243	472	455
Malaysia	93	104	135	169	227	260	320
India	214	248	217	215	215	274	231
Iran	152	166	187	150	117	146	178
Libyan Arab Jamhiriya	38	36	26	69	71	240	158
Indonesia	165	111	98	118	142	101	150
Vietnam	77	77	61	91	98	120	148
Thailand	170	144	129	162	117	121	128
Bangladesh	116	88	67	77	98	133	123
Germany, Fed Republic of	55	70	76	93	99	115	112
United States of America	83	87	75	84	106	115	99
Sri Lanka	56	64	73	75	62	49	91
Pakistan	40	15	30	54	24	71	89
Singapore	58	55	67	63	77	79	76
Other countries	1 114	957	810	959	1 030	1 203	1 149
Sub-total Onshore	2 922	2 659	2 524	2 900	3 096	3 950	4 054
Total	11 034	5 526	5 885	6 951	8 335	9 341	9 203

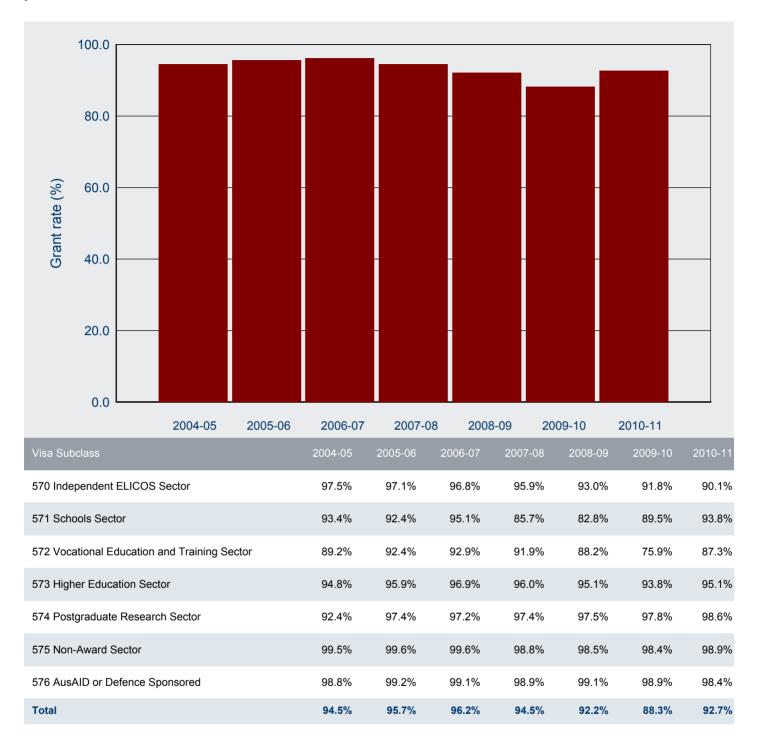
2.10 Number of subclass 575 Non-Award Sector visa applications granted by client location, citizenship country and financial year in the last seven financial years

Citizenship Country	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Offshore							
United States of America	8 467	7 966	7 609	7 645	7 093	6 450	6 194
Germany, Fed Republic of	1 696	1 931	2 185	2 247	2 200	2 204	1 795
China, Peoples Republic of	133	181	234	198	839	929	844
Canada	561	610	541	617	661	629	702
Norway	429	413	411	544	633	664	693
United Kingdom	423	444	485	528	526	600	691
France	390	420	470	544	629	601	614
Denmark	232	225	256	297	407	491	529
Sweden	695	526	497	511	476	503	508
Malaysia	404	423	391	436	385	346	326
Mexico	334	283	333	364	338	310	282
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	193	223	211	266	331	312	259
Japan	440	542	448	613	314	258	239
Italy	100	134	149	187	234	228	223
Korea, South	225	343	300	557	275	242	222
Other countries	2 025	2 066	2 168	3 570	2 571	2 393	2 133
Sub-total Offshore	16 747	16 730	16 688	19 124	17 912	17 160	16 254
Onshore							
China, Peoples Republic of	76	61	78	99	100	101	152
United States of America	135	134	117	134	117	80	66
Germany, Fed Republic of	100	116	109	103	66	61	57
India	3	4	6	15	38	80	57
Saudi Arabia	2	8	5	15	25	64	50
Korea, South	70	109	92	162	86	65	39
Norway	43	42	25	28	49	29	33
Denmark	11	9	8	15	17	18	30
Malaysia	18	21	25	33	28	40	30
Brazil	22	26	63	202	64	47	29
Japan	181	134	90	213	67	33	29
HKSAR of the PRC	25	17	22	17	23	25	21
Colombia	2	6	17	34	29	33	19
Sweden	72	73	35	24	23	26	17
Canada	25	22	28	19	28	15	14
Other countries	268	272	265	544	327	262	210
Sub-total Onshore	1 053	1 054	985	1 657	1 087	979	853
Total	17 800	17 784	17 673	20 781	18 999	18 139	17 107

2.11 Number of subclass 576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored visa applications granted by client location, citizenship country and financial year in the last seven financial years

Citizenship Country	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Offshore							
Indonesia	922	1 397	1 397	1 139	720	791	744
Vietnam	193	316	328	333	320	388	470
Papua New Guinea	447	440	462	536	467	424	428
Philippines	201	387	351	340	264	275	314
Pakistan	49	70	163	160	210	200	233
Bangladesh	51	109	189	132	137	89	145
Bhutan	10	15	21	58	52	61	113
Mongolia	36	38	45	66	99	81	103
Malaysia	66	76	85	164	101	94	99
Cambodia	74	82	82	78	85	100	92
Tonga	46	84	74	63	89	113	88
Thailand	94	98	90	101	85	102	84
Lao Peoples Dem Republic	61	81	78	89	90	72	82
Timor-Leste	19	15	50	57	64	87	76
Solomon Islands	43	30	57	49	45	36	73
Other countries	597	606	656	608	812	914	1 038
Sub-total Offshore	2 909	3 844	4 128	3 973	3 640	3 827	4 182
Onshore							
Indonesia	237	315	254	228	184	137	124
Papua New Guinea	118	128	94	112	83	74	123
Vietnam	35	31	36	40	20	27	37
Bangladesh	28	8	13	5	15	9	17
Cambodia	8	3	9	6	2	8	14
Timor-Leste	19	15	4	8	2	5	13
Mongolia	4		2	5	11	8	10
Solomon Islands	4		2	6	11	9	10
Pakistan	3	10		15	10	15	8
Philippines	21	42	16	28	8	6	7
Bhutan		2	2	1	3	6	6
Sri Lanka		9	9	9		7	6
Vanuatu	7	4	6	13	2	5	6
India	8	8	3	2	2	7	5
Lao Peoples Dem Republic	6	15	16	10	8	3	5
Other countries	135	137	50	58	57	63	60
Sub-total Onshore	633	727	516	546	418	389	451
Total	3 542	4 571	4 644	4 519	4 058	4 216	4 633

3.01 Grant rate of student visa applications decided by visa subclass in the last seven financial years



3.02 Grant rate of student visa applications decided by client location and visa subclass in the last seven financial years

Visa Subclass	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Offshore							
570 Independent ELICOS Sector	97.1%	96.6%	96.4%	95.4%	91.8%	89.7%	87.1%
571 Schools Sector	92.6%	91.5%	94.8%	84.2%	80.5%	88.4%	93.4%
572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	82.7%	87.5%	89.9%	88.3%	84.2%	57.9%	72.3%
573 Higher Education Sector	92.0%	93.9%	95.9%	94.9%	93.5%	91.2%	92.8%
574 Postgraduate Research Sector	90.5%	96.0%	95.6%	96.5%	96.7%	96.9%	98.0%
575 Non-Award Sector	99.6%	99.7%	99.6%	98.9%	98.6%	98.6%	99.0%
576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored	99.6%	99.5%	99.5%	99.5%	99.3%	99.5%	98.7%
All Offshore	92.7%	94.2%	95.3%	93.2%	90.0%	83.3%	89.9%
Onshore 570 Independent ELICOS Sector	99.2%	99.2%	99.1%	98.3%	98.3%	97.8%	97.7%
571 Schools Sector	97.9%	98.8%	97.9%	97.2%	97.4%	95.0%	96.2%
572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	96.8%	98.5%	98.3%	97.7%	97.4%	94.7%	93.2%
573 Higher Education Sector	99.0%	99.0%	99.1%	98.5%	98.5%	97.5%	97.5%
574 Postgraduate Research Sector	98.0%	98.9%	99.6%	98.8%	98.9%	99.1%	99.4%
575 Non-Award Sector	98.7%	98.6%	98.7%	97.0%	97.1%	94.6%	96.9%
576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored	95.2%	97.7%	95.7%	94.6%	96.8%	94.0%	96.6%
All Onshore	98.4%	98.9%	98.8%	98.1%	98.0%	96.4%	95.7%
Total	94.5%	95.7%	96.2%	94.5%	92.2%	88.3%	92.7%

3.03 Grant rate of student visa applications decided by citizenship in the last seven financial years

Citizenship Country	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
China, Peoples Republic of	93.3%	93.5%	96.5%	93.3%	89.8%	92.5%	95.2%
India	85.5%	92.9%	94.6%	92.0%	89.7%	65.9%	82.8%
Korea, South	98.8%	97.8%	98.1%	98.8%	99.1%	98.7%	98.8%
Thailand	96.0%	96.8%	98.8%	98.8%	98.4%	93.2%	89.0%
Brazil	97.5%	98.3%	98.8%	99.3%	99.4%	97.1%	97.2%
Nepal	74.5%	90.8%	95.5%	93.0%	82.5%	69.7%	89.5%
Malaysia	98.9%	99.5%	99.3%	99.2%	99.3%	99.0%	98.9%
United States of America	99.6%	99.6%	99.7%	99.6%	99.5%	99.5%	99.7%
Indonesia	98.2%	99.0%	98.0%	98.0%	97.4%	94.9%	96.4%
Vietnam	93.2%	96.2%	96.4%	90.9%	86.4%	78.6%	88.3%
Saudi Arabia	99.0%	98.7%	96.6%	98.6%	98.1%	98.0%	98.1%
Pakistan	82.9%	85.1%	88.4%	81.5%	82.0%	73.9%	82.4%
Japan	99.4%	99.5%	99.6%	99.3%	99.4%	99.2%	99.5%
Colombia	93.1%	95.9%	97.8%	98.7%	97.3%	94.0%	91.6%
HKSAR of the PRC	97.7%	98.1%	98.8%	98.0%	98.2%	98.1%	98.1%
Other countries	93.2%	94.6%	93.9%	92.7%	91.6%	91.5%	92.6%
Total	94.5%	95.7%	96.2%	94.5%	92.2%	88.3%	92.7%

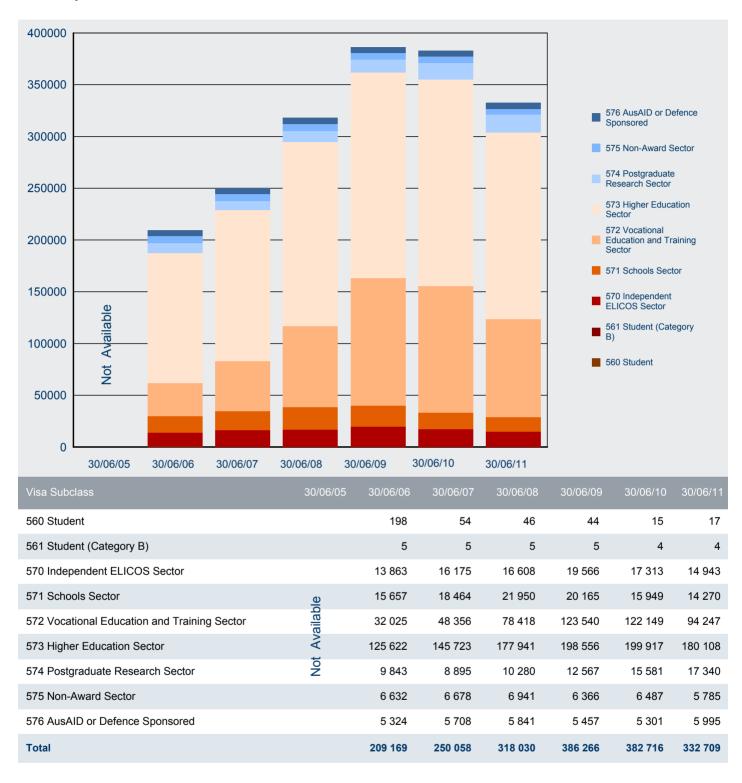
3.04 Grant rate of student visa applications decided by client location and citizenship in the last seven financial years

Citizenship Country	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Offshore							
China, Peoples Republic of	89.4%	88.7%	95.2%	90.8%	85.8%	90.2%	93.6%
United States of America	99.7%	99.7%	99.8%	99.8%	99.6%	99.7%	99.8%
India	82.1%	91.2%	93.9%	90.8%	88.4%	46.7%	49.6%
Malaysia	99.2%	99.7%	99.4%	99.5%	99.5%	99.4%	99.5%
Korea, South	99.1%	97.1%	97.6%	99.0%	99.5%	99.3%	99.3%
Indonesia	98.6%	98.9%	97.6%	98.1%	97.1%	94.2%	95.4%
Vietnam	90.7%	95.5%	96.0%	89.5%	84.4%	73.9%	83.9%
Brazil	96.7%	97.6%	98.3%	99.2%	99.6%	95.6%	95.5%
Thailand	94.2%	95.1%	98.5%	98.5%	97.6%	88.1%	79.3%
Pakistan	77.7%	81.7%	86.3%	76.8%	77.8%	65.7%	76.4%
Germany, Fed Republic of	99.8%	99.9%	99.9%	99.7%	99.8%	99.8%	99.9%
Saudi Arabia	98.7%	99.0%	96.7%	98.9%	98.8%	98.7%	98.8%
HKSAR of the PRC	98.3%	98.6%	99.3%	98.8%	98.4%	98.8%	98.7%
Singapore	99.3%	99.6%	99.7%	99.7%	99.6%	99.4%	99.3%
Japan	99.3%	99.6%	99.5%	99.6%	99.6%	99.2%	99.7%
Other countries	89.1%	91.8%	91.8%	90.3%	86.1%	83.6%	87.3%
All Offshore	92.7%	94.2%	95.3%	93.2%	90.0%	83.3%	89.9%
Onshore							
India	98.0%	98.8%	98.5%	98.1%	96.4%	93.9%	90.8%
China, Peoples Republic of	98.6%	98.9%	98.8%	97.9%	98.0%	96.0%	96.9%
Nepal	96.1%	98.6%	98.7%	99.4%	98.6%	95.0%	94.4%
Korea, South	98.3%	99.3%	99.2%	98.3%	98.6%	98.1%	98.3%
Thailand	98.8%	99.5%	99.4%	99.4%	99.4%	98.4%	98.4%
Brazil	99.6%	99.8%	99.5%	99.3%	99.3%	98.8%	99.1%
Saudi Arabia	100.0%	97.8%	96.3%	96.8%	96.5%	97.3%	97.6%
Malaysia	98.1%	98.9%	99.1%	98.3%	98.5%	97.9%	97.8%
Indonesia	97.5%	99.1%	99.0%	97.7%	98.2%	96.9%	98.0%
Colombia	98.3%	99.8%	99.5%	99.4%	99.1%	98.0%	97.7%
Japan	99.6%	99.5%	99.6%	98.9%	99.3%	99.1%	99.3%
Vietnam	98.7%	98.0%	98.1%	97.8%	97.5%	96.0%	96.9%
Pakistan	97.8%	97.3%	96.7%	96.8%	96.5%	90.8%	91.9%
Bangladesh	97.4%	98.3%	98.4%	97.0%	98.3%	93.6%	91.9%
Unknown	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Other countries	97.9%	98.4%	98.4%	97.3%	97.7%	96.8%	97.1%
All Onshore	98.4%	98.9%	98.8%	98.1%	98.0%	96.4%	95.7%
Total	94.5%	95.7%	96.2%	94.5%	92.2%	88.3%	92.7%
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4 Visa holders in Australia

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4.01 Number of student visa holders in Australia by visa subclass at 30 June for the last seven financial years



4 Visa holders in Australia

4.02 Number of student visa holders in Australia by citizenship country at 30 June for last seven financial years

