



## Temporary resident (skilled) report 31 December 2025 Summary of key statistics and trends

The Subclass 482 (Skills in Demand) (SID) visa program came into effect on 7 December 2024 at which time the Subclass 482 (Temporary Skill Shortage) (TSS) visa program ceased for new applications. The data in this report covers both visas, along with any residual Temporary (Work) Skilled (subclass 457) visa program data which ceased for new applications on 18 March 2018.

### The size of the program

During this reporting period, the size of the overall Subclass 482 visa program (and residual subclass 457 visa) has increased when compared with the same period last program year as indicated in the table below.

	2024-25 at 31/12/2024	2025-26 at 31/12/2025	% difference
Primary applications lodged	45,880	38,380	-16.3%
Primary applications granted	31,290	34,360	9.8%
Number of primary visa holders in Australia	87,160	112,640	29.2%

### PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED IN THE LAST TEN YEARS UNDER 457/482

Financial Year	Total visa grants	% Difference from previous program year
2024-25	68,197	30.9%
2023-24	52,101	1.0%
2022-23	51,605	61.0%
2021-22	32,062	38.4%
2020-21	23,158	-18.5%
2019-20	28,414	-31.1%
2018-19	41,221	19.7%
2017-18	34,446	-25.9%
2016-17	46,480	2.4%
2015-16	45,395	-11.2%

## The composition of the program

The tables below outline the composition of the Subclass 482 visa program (and residual subclass 457 visa) for 2025-26 in terms of applications granted as at 31 December 2025.

### **PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND STANDARD CLASSIFICATION OF OCCUPATIONS (ANZSCO) OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS**

ANZSCO Group	2024-25 at 31/12/2024	2025-26 at 31/12/2025	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2025	2025-26 as % of total program
Professionals	13,250	14,050	6.0%	40.9%
Technicians and Trades Workers	11,480	12,430	8.3%	36.2%
Managers	3,330	3,350	0.5%	9.7%

### **PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE SPONSOR INDUSTRIES**

Nominated Industry	2024-25 at 31/12/2024	2025-26 at 31/12/2025	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2025	2025-26 as % of total program
Health Care and Social Assistance	5,630	6,190	10.0%	18.0%
Accommodation and Food Services	4,290	5,070	18.2%	14.8%
Professional, Scientific and Technical	3,830	4,210	9.8%	12.3%

### **PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE OCCUPATIONS**

Nominated Occupation	2024-25 at 31/12/2024	2025-26 at 31/12/2025	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2025	2025-26 as % of total program
351311 Chef	2,280	3,280	43.9%	9.5%
253112 Resident Medical Officer	1,690	1,590	-5.5%	4.6%
321211 Motor Mechanic (General)	950	1,510	59.2%	4.4%

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**PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE SPONSOR INDUSTRIES BY HIGHEST AVERAGE SALARY**

Nominated Industry	2023-24 at 31/12/2023	2024-25 at 31/12/2024	2025-26 at 31/12/2025	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2025
Mining	\$158,800	\$147,900	\$168,200	13.7%
Financial and Insurance Services	\$149,700	\$145,200	\$154,400	6.3%
Public Administration and Safety	\$104,200	\$90,800	\$151,600	67.0%

**PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – BY SKILL LEVEL**

Skill Level	2024-25 at 31/12/2024	2025-26 at 31/12/2025	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2025	2025-26 as % of total program
Skill Level 1	15,310	16,390	7.1%	47.7%
Skill Level 2	5,880	6,910	17.5%	20.1%
Skill Level 3	7,720	7,720	0.0%	22.5%
Skill Level 4	1,330	2,230	67.8%	6.5%
Skill Level 5	60	80	44.6%	0.2%
Not specified	990	1,020	3.1%	3.0%

**PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE LOCATIONS FOR NOMINATED POSITIONS**

Nominated Positions Location	2024-25 at 31/12/2024	2025-26 at 31/12/2025	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2025	2025-26 as % of total program
New South Wales	10,890	12,680	16.5%	36.9%
Victoria	6,820	8,120	19.0%	23.6%
Queensland	5,320	5,790	8.8%	16.8%

**PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE CITIZENSHIP COUNTRIES**

Citizenship Countries	2024-25 at 31/12/2024	2025-26 at 31/12/2025	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2025	2025-26 as % of total program
India	5,360	6,220	16.2%	18.1%
Philippines	5,490	4,710	-14.3%	13.7%
United Kingdom	3,420	3,750	9.8%	10.9%

**PRIMARY VISA HOLDERS IN AUSTRALIA – TOP THREE CITIZENSHIP COUNTRIES**

Citizenship Countries	2024-25 at 31/12/2024	2025-26 at 31/12/2025	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2025	2025-26 as % of total program
India	13,130	17,660	34.5%	15.7%
Philippines	14,340	17,280	20.5%	15.3%
United Kingdom	9,920	11,570	16.6%	10.3%

**Pathways to permanent residence**

In the 2025-26 program year to 31 December 2025, 16,840 temporary resident (skilled) visa holders were granted permanent residence or a provisional visa, an increase of 1.7% per cent compared with the same period in the previous program year (16,560).

**Notes**

Figures in this publication are rounded to the nearest 10, whereas percentages are calculated from non-rounded figures.