



Temporary resident (skilled) report 31 March 2020

Summary of key statistics and trends

The Temporary Skill Shortage (TSS) (subclass 482) visa program came into effect on 18 March 2018, at which time the Temporary (Work) Skilled (subclass 457) visa program ceased for new applications. The data in this report covers both visas.

The size of the program

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

| | 2018-19 at 31/03/2019 | 2019-20 at 31/03/2020 | % difference |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Primary applications lodged | 25,210 | 30,220 | 19.9% |
| Primary applications granted | 30,070 | 27,430 | -8.8% |
| Number of primary visa holders in Australia | 85,920 | 77,690 | -9.6% |

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED IN THE LAST TEN YEARS UNDER 457/TSS

| Financial Year | Total visa grants | % Difference from previous program year |
|----------------|-------------------|---|
| 2018-19 | 41,221 | 19.7% |
| 2017-18 | 34,446 | -25.9% |
| 2016-17 | 46,480 | 2.4% |
| 2015-16 | 45,395 | -11.2% |
| 2014-15 | 51,125 | -1.6% |
| 2013-14 | 51,939 | -24.2% |
| 2012-13 | 68,485 | 0.3% |
| 2011-12 | 68,313 | 42.1% |
| 2010-11 | 48,077 | 38.2% |

The composition of the program

The tables below outline the composition of the TSS (and residual subclass 457 visa) program for 2019-20 in terms of applications granted as at 31 March 2020.

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

| ANZSCO Group | 2018-19 at 31/03/2019 | 2019-20 at 31/03/2020 | % Difference from last program year as at 31/03/2020 | 2019-20 as % of total program |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Professionals | 18,870 | 17,030 | -9.8% | 62.1% |
| Technicians and Trades Workers | 7,540 | 5,570 | -26.1% | 20.3% |
| Managers | 4,460 | 3,730 | -16.4% | 13.6% |

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE SPONSOR INDUSTRIES

| Nominated Industry | 2018-19 at 31/03/2019 | 2019-20 at 31/03/2020 | % Difference from last program year as at 31/03/2020 | 2019-20 as % of total program |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Other Services | 6,210 | 4,830 | -22.2% | 17.6% |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical | 4,450 | 4,650 | 4.5% | 16.9% |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 3,400 | 3,550 | 4.4% | 12.9% |

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP FOUR OCCUPATIONS

| Nominated Occupation | 2018-19 at 31/03/2019 | 2019-20 at 31/03/2020 | % Difference from last program year as at 31/03/2020 | 2019-20 as % of total program |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| 261313 Software Engineer | 1,400 | 1,460 | 4.3% | 5.3% |
| 261111 ICT Business Analyst | 1,410 | 1,270 | -9.9% | 4.6% |
| 253112 Resident Medical Officer | 840 | 1,160 | 38.1% | 4.2% |
| 261312 Developer Programmer | 1,660 | 840 | -49.4% | 3.1% |

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – AVERAGE SALARY BY TOP SPONSOR INDUSTRIES

| Nominated Industry | 2016/17 at 30/06/2017* | 2017-18 at 31/03/2018 | 2018-19 at 31/03/2019 | 2019-20 at 31/03/2020 | % Difference from last program year as at 31/03/2020 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Mining | \$172,200 | \$148,600 | \$178,600 | \$174,600 | -2.2% |
| Finance and Insurance Services | \$118,300 | \$136,200 | \$150,600 | \$156,700 | 4.1% |
| Wholesale Trade | \$111,600 | \$126,800 | \$120,800 | \$143,400 | 18.7% |

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – BY SKILL LEVEL

| Skill Level | 2016/17 at 30/06/2017* | 2017-18 at 31/03/2018 | 2018-19 at 31/03/2019 | 2019-20 at 31/03/2020 | % Difference from last program year as at 31/03/2020 | 2019-20 as % of total program |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Skill Level 1 | 31,220 | 17,980 | 22,260 | 19,930 | -10.5% | 72.7 |
| Skill Level 2 | 6,430 | 3,300 | 3,950 | 3,010 | -23.8% | 10.9% |
| Skill Level 3 | 7,860 | 3,310 | 5,240 | 3,900 | -25.6% | 14.2% |
| Skill Level 4 | 320 | 110 | 130 | 120 | -7.7% | 0.4% |
| Skill Level 5 | 120 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0% |
| Not specified | 530 | 330 | 510 | 470 | -7.8% | 1.7% |

- Last full year of subclass 457 only

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE LOCATIONS FOR NOMINATED POSITIONS

| Nominated Positions Location | 2018-19 at 31/03/2019 | 2019-20 at 31/03/2020 | % Difference from last program year as at 31/03/2020 | 2019-20 as % of total program |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| New South Wales | 15,060 | 12,280 | -18.5% | 44.7% |
| Victoria | 9,090 | 7,200 | -20.8% | 26.2% |
| Queensland | 3,390 | 3,250 | -4.1% | 11.8% |

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE CITIZENSHIP COUNTRIES

| Citizenship Countries | 2018-19 at 31/03/2019 | 2019-20 at 31/03/2020 | % Difference from last program year as at 31/03/2020 | 2019-20 as % of total program |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| India | 8,100 | 6,230 | -23.1% | 22.7% |
| United Kingdom | 5,410 | 4,810 | -11.2% | 17.5% |
| Philippines | 2,270 | 2,190 | -3.1% | 8.0% |

PRIMARY VISA HOLDERS IN AUSTRALIA – TOP THREE CITIZENSHIP COUNTRIES

| Citizenship Countries | 2018-19 at 31/03/2019 | 2019-20 at 31/03/2020 | % Difference from last program year as at 31/03/2020 | 2019-20 as % of total program |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| India | 16,330 | 15,180 | -7.0% | 19.5% |
| United Kingdom | 15,180 | 13,500 | -11.1% | 17.4% |
| Philippines | 6,820 | 7,510 | 10.7% | 9.7% |

Pathways to permanent residence

In the 2019-20 program year to 31 March 2020:

- 34,350 temporary resident (skilled) visa holders were granted permanent residence or a provisional visa, an increase of 18.6 per cent compared with the same period in the previous program year (28,960);
- the vast majority of permanent visa grants to TSS and subclass 457 visa holders were in the economic migration stream (70.2 per cent).