



Temporary resident (skilled) report 30 September 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.

| | 2019-20 at 30/09/2019 | 2020-21 at 30/09/2020 | % difference |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Primary applications lodged | 10,370 | 7,000 | -32.5% |
| Primary applications granted | 10,020 | 5,450 | -45.7% |
| Number of primary visa holders in Australia | 78,330 | 65,360 | 16.6% |

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

| Financial Year | Total visa grants | % Difference from previous program year |
|----------------|-------------------|---|
| 2019-20 | 28,410 | -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% |
| 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 2020-21 in terms of applications granted as at 30 September 2020.

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

| ANZSCO Group | 2019-20 at 30/09/2019 | 2020-21 at 30/09/2020 | % Difference from last program year as at 30/09/2020 | 2020-21 as % of total program |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Professionals | 6,110 | 3,870 | -36.6% | 71.1% |
| Technicians and Trades Workers | 2,070 | 690 | -66.7% | 12.6% |
| Managers | 1,410 | 750 | -46.6% | 13.8% |

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE SPONSOR INDUSTRIES

| Nominated Industry | 2019-20 at 30/09/2019 | 2020-21 at 30/09/2020 | % Difference from last program year as at 30/09/2020 | 2020-21 as % of total program |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Information Media and Telecommunications | 1,370 | 1,210 | -12.2% | 22.1% |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 1,300 | 1,200 | -7.5% | 22.1% |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical | 1,770 | 790 | -55.4% | 14.5% |

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP FOUR OCCUPATIONS

| Nominated Occupation | 2019-20 at 30/09/2019 | 2020-21 at 30/09/2020 | % Difference from last program year as at 30/09/2020 | 2020-21 as % of total program |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| 253112 Resident Medical Officer | 530 | 520 | -1.9% | 9.6% |
| 261313 Software Engineer | 550 | 390 | -29.3% | 7.2% |
| 261312 Developer Programmer | 350 | 200 | -41.4% | 3.7% |
| 261111 ICT Business Analyst | 460 | 150 | -33.8% | 2.7% |

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – AVERAGE SALARY BY TOP SPONSOR INDUSTRIES

| Nominated Industry | 2017-18 at 30/09/2017 | 2018-19 at 30/09/2018 | 2019-20 at 30/09/2019 | 2020-21 at 30/09/20 | % Difference from last program year as at 31/09/2020 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--|
| Mining | \$148,600 | \$178,600 | \$174,600 | \$188,800 | 8.1% |
| Finance and Insurance Services | \$136,200 | \$150,600 | \$156,700 | \$154,000 | -1.7% |
| Wholesale Trade | \$126,800 | \$120,800 | \$143,400 | \$138,200 | -3.6% |

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – BY SKILL LEVEL

| Skill Level | 2018-19 at 30/09/2018 | 2019-20 at 30/09/2019 | 2020-21 at 30/09/20 | % Difference from last program year as at 30/09/2020 | 2020-21 as % of total program |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Skill Level 1 | 8,770 | 7,200 | 4,580 | -36.3% | 84.0% |
| Skill Level 2 | 1,730 | 1,100 | 350 | -68.1% | 6.4% |
| Skill Level 3 | 1,990 | 1,460 | 480 | -67.1% | 8.8% |
| Skill Level 4 | 60 | 40 | 10 | -75% | 0.1% |
| Skill Level 5 | 0 | 0 | <5 | 0% | 0% |
| Not specified | 220 | 210 | 40 | -80.9% | 0.7% |

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE LOCATIONS FOR NOMINATED POSITIONS

| Nominated Positions Location | 2019-20 at 30/09/2019 | 2020-21 at 30/09/2020 | % Difference from last program year as at 30/09/2020 | 2020-21 as % of total program |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| New South Wales | 4,520 | 2,500 | -69.5% | 0.8% |
| Victoria | 2,580 | 1,220 | -52.5% | 22.4% |
| Queensland | 1,190 | 720 | -39.2% | 13.2% |

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE CITIZENSHIP COUNTRIES

| Citizenship Countries | 2019-20 at 30/09/2019 | 2020-21 at 30/09/2020 | % Difference from last program year as at 30/09/2020 | 2020-21 as % of total program |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| India | 2,250 | 1,180 | -47.8% | 21.6% |
| United Kingdom | 1,820 | 1,160 | -36.4% | 21.5% |
| Ireland, Republic of | 580 | 460 | -20.0% | 8.5% |

PRIMARY VISA HOLDERS IN AUSTRALIA – TOP THREE CITIZENSHIP COUNTRIES

| Citizenship Countries | 2019-20 at 30/09/2019 | 2020-21 at 30/09/2020 | % Difference from last program year as at 30/09/2020 | 2020-21 as % of total program |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| India | 15,920 | 12,260 | -22.9% | 18.7% |
| United Kingdom | 13,340 | 11,240 | -15.7% | 17.1% |
| Philippines | 7,160 | 6,690 | -6.5% | 10.2% |

Pathways to permanent residence

In the 2020-21 program year to 30 September 2020:

- 3,910 temporary resident (skilled) visa holders were granted permanent residence or a provisional visa, an decrease of 68.0 per cent compared with the same period in the previous program year (12,250);
- the vast majority of permanent visa grants to TSS and subclass 457 visa holders were in the economic migration stream (70.2 per cent).