

# Key statistics and trends in the Temporary Work (Skilled) visa (Subclass 457) Program for 2017-18 to 30 September 2017

## The size of the program

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

	2016-17 at 30/09/16	2017-18 at 30/09/17	% difference
Primary applications lodged	13,878	8,157	-41.2%
Primary applications granted	12,864	8,262	-35.8%
Number of primary visa holders in Australia	95,758	90,033	-6.0%

## The composition of the program

The tables below outline the composition of the 457 program for 2017-18 to 30 September 2017 in terms of applications granted as at 30 September 2017.

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

ANZSCO Group	2017-18 to 30/09/17	% difference from last program year as at 30/09/2016
Professionals	4,870	-33.8%
Technicians and Trades Workers	1,700	-40.0%
Managers	1,380	-34.6%

### PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED - TOP THREE SPONSOR INDUSTRIES

Industry	% of 457 program
Health Care and Social Assistance	15.6%
Accommodation and Food Services	14.9%
Professional, Scientific and Technical	14.7%

### PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE OCCUPATIONS

Nominated Occupation	2017-18 to 30/09/17	% of 457 program	% difference from last program year as at 30/09/2016
Cook	450	5.5%	-28.8%

Resident Medical Officer	440	5.3%	-18.2%
Café or Restaurant Manager	390	4.8%	-16.4%

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE LOCATIONS FOR NOMINATED POSITIONS

Nominated Position Location	% of 457 program
New South Wales	43.8%
Victoria	26.4%
Western Australia	11.5%

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE CITIZENSHIP COUNTRIES

Citizenship countries	% of 457 program
India	21.6%
United Kingdom	18.7%
United States of America	5.7%

## Pathways to permanent residence

In the 2017-18 program year to 30 September 2017:

- 9,830 subclass 457 visa holders were granted permanent residence or a provisional visa, a decrease of 17.9 per cent compared with the same period in the previous program year (11,960);
- the vast majority of permanent visa grants to subclass 457 visa holders were in the economic migration stream (96.9 per cent), with the remaining permanent visa grants in the family stream (3.1 per cent).