

Key statistics and trends in the Temporary Work (Skilled) visa (subclass 457) programme for 2016-17 to 31 March 2017

The size of the programme

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.

	2015-16 at 31/03/16	2016-17 at 31/03/17	% difference
Primary applications lodged	40,100	40,660	1.4%
Primary applications granted	33,340	36,680	10.0%
Number of primary visa holders in Australia	97,770	95,360	- 2.5 %

The composition of the programme

The tables below outline the composition of the 457 program for 2016-17 to 31 March 2017 in terms of applications granted as at 31 March 2017

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

ANZSCO group	2016-17 to 31/03/17	% difference from last program year as at 31/03/2016
Professionals	20,370	10.2%
Technicians and Trades Workers	8,400	9.3%
Managers	6,150	6.7%

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED - TOP FOUR SPONSOR INDUSTRIES

Industry	% of 457 programme
Other Services	17.3%
Information Media and Telecommunications	13.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	12.6%
Professional, Scientific and Technical	12.6%

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE OCCUPATIONS

Nomination occupation	2016-17 to 31/03/2017	% of 457 programme	% difference from last program year as at 31/03/2016
Cook	1,980	5.4%	+ 12.2%
Developer Programmer	1,670	4.5%	+ 4.8%
Café or Restaurant Manager	1,330	3.6%	- 1.0%

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE LOCATIONS FOR NOMINATION POSITIONS

Nominated position location	% of 457 programme
New South Wales	46.5%
Victoria	24.9%
Queensland	11.6%

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP FOUR CITIZENSHIP COUNTRIES

Citizenship countries	% of 457 programme
India	24.9%
United Kingdom	15.6%
China	6.2%
Philippines	6.2%

Pathways to permanent residence

In the 2016-17 programme year to 31 March 2017:

- 38,260 subclass 457 visa holders were granted permanent residence or a provisional visa, a decrease of 0.6 per cent compared with the same period in the previous program year (38,510)
- the vast majority of permanent visa grants to subclass 457 visa holders were in the economic migration stream (96.7 per cent), with the remaining permanent visa grants in the family stream (3.3 per cent).