

Key statistics and trends in the Temporary resident (skilled) report for 2017-18 to 31 March 2018

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

The size of the program

During this reporting period, the size of the overall subclass 457/482 visa program has decreased when compared with the same period last program year as indicated in the table below.

	2016-17 at 31/03/17	2017-18 at 31/03/18	% difference
Primary applications lodged	40,040	32,680	-18.4%
Primary applications granted	36,670	25,040	-31.7%
Number of primary visa holders in Australia	95,360	84,680	- 11.2 %

The composition of the program

The tables below outline the composition of the subclass 457/482 visa program for 2017-18 to 31 March 2018 in terms of applications granted as at 31 March 2018.

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

ANZSCO Group	2016-17 to 31/03/2017	2017-18 to 31/03/2018	% Difference from last program year as at 31/03/2017	2017-18 as % of total program
Professionals	20,360	15,480	-24.0%	61.8%
Technicians and Trades Workers	8,400	4,900	-41.7%	19.6%
Managers	6,150	3,710	- 39.7 %	14.8%

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED - TOP THREE SPONSOR INDUSTRIES

Nominated Industry	2016-17 to 31/03/2017	2017-18 to 31/03/2018	% Difference from last program year as at 31/03/2017	2017-18 as % of total program
Professional, Scientific and Technical	4,610	4,110	-10.7%	16.4%
Other Services	6,370	3,840	-39.8%	15.3%
Health Care and Social Assistance	3,880	3,570	-7.9%	14.3%

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP FOUR OCCUPATIONS

Nominated Occupation	2016-17 to 31/03/2017	2017-18 to 31/03/2018	% Difference from last program year as at 31/03/2017	2017-18 as % of total program
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Developer Programmer	1,670	1,200	-28.0%	4.8%
Cook	1,980	1,030	-47.9%	4.1%
University Lecturer	1,060	1,020	-3.2%	4.1%
ICT Business Analyst	1,250	1,020	-18.3%	4.1%

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE LOCATIONS FOR NOMINATED POSITIONS

Nominated Positions Location	2016-17 to 31/03/2017	2017-18 to 31/03/2018	% Difference from last program year as at 31/03/2017	2017-18 as % of total program
New South Wales	17,060	11,480	-32.7%	45.8%
Victoria	9,140	6,610	-27.7%	26.4%
Queensland	4,260	2,740	-35.5%	11.0%

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE CITIZENSHIP COUNTRIES

Citizenship countries	2016-17 to 31/03/2017	2017-18 to 31/03/2018	% Difference from last program year as at 31/03/2017	2017-18 as % of total program
India	8,400	5,830	-30.6%	23.3%
United Kingdom	6,500	4,370	-32.8%	17.4%
Philippines	2,270	1,710	-24.6%	6.8%

PRIMARY VISA HOLDERS – TOP THREE CITIZENSHIP COUNTRIES

Citizenship countries	2016-17 to 31/03/2017	2017-18 to 31/03/2018	% Difference from last program year as at 31/03/2017	2017-18 as % of total program
India	18,220	16,750	-8.1%	19.8%
United Kingdom	17,850	15,070	-15.6%	17.8%
Philippines	5,910	5,730	-3.1%	6.8%

Pathways to permanent residence

In the 2017-18 program year to 31 March 2018:

- 28,830 subclass 457 visa holders were granted permanent residence or a provisional visa, a decrease of 24.7 per cent compared with the same period in the previous program year (38,270);
- the vast majority of permanent visa grants to subclass 457 visa holders were in the economic migration stream (95.4 per cent), with the remaining permanent visa grants in the family stream (4.6 per cent).