



## Temporary resident (skilled) report 31 March 2021 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 31/03/2020	2020-21 at 31/03/2021	% difference
Primary applications lodged	30,220	20,050	-33.7%
Primary applications granted	27,430	17,230	-37.2%
Number of primary visa holders in Australia	77,690	57,950	-25.4%

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

Financial Year	Total visa grants	% Difference from previous program year
2019-20	28,414	-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	68,486	0.3%
2011-12	68,314	42.1%
2010-11	48,083	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 31 March 2021.

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

ANZSCO Group	2019-20 at 31/03/2020	2020-21 at 31/03/2021	% Difference from last program year as at 31/03/2021	2020-21 as % of total program
Professionals	17,030	10,750	-36.8%	62.4%
Technicians and Trades Workers	5,570	3,400	-38.9%	19.7%
Managers	3,730	2,490	-33.3%	14.5%

### PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE SPONSOR INDUSTRIES

Nominated Industry	2019-20 at 31/03/2020	2020-21 at 31/03/2021	% Difference from last program year as at 31/03/2021	2020-21 as % of total program
Information Media and Telecommunications	3,540	3,430	-3.1%	19.9%
Health Care and Social Assistance	3,650	3,020	-17.2%	17.5%
Professional, Scientific and Technical	4,780	2,520	-47.3%	14.6%

### PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE OCCUPATIONS

Nominated Occupation	2019-20 at 31/03/2020	2020-21 at 31/03/2021	% Difference from last program year as at 31/03/2021	2020-21 as % of total program
261313 Software Engineer	1,460	1,130	-22.8%	6.5%
253112 Resident Medical Officer	1,160	1,120	-.2.9%	6.5%
261312 Developer Programmer	840	720	-14.3%	4.2%

**PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – AVERAGE SALARY BY TOP THREE SPONSOR INDUSTRIES**

Nominated Industry	2018-19 at 31/03/2019	2019-20 at 31/03/2020	2020-21 at 31/03/2021	% Difference from last program year as at 31/03/2021
Mining	\$178,600	\$174,600	\$191,400	9.6%
Finance and Insurance Services	\$150,600	\$156,700	\$150,800	-3.8%
Wholesale Trade	\$120,800	\$143,400	\$149,200	4.0%

**PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – BY SKILL LEVEL**

Skill Level	2017-18 at 31/03/2018	2018-19 at 31/03/2019	2019-20 at 31/03/2020	2020-21 at 31/03/2021	% Difference from last program year as at 31/03/2021	2020-21 as % of total program
Skill Level 1	17,980	22,260	19,930	12,790	-35.8%	74.2%
Skill Level 2	3,300	3,950	3,010	2,010	-33.2%	11.7%
Skill Level 3	3,310	5,240	3,900	2,200	-43.6%	12.8%
Skill Level 4	110	130	120	90	-25%	0.5%
Skill Level 5	0	0	0	<5	0%	0%
Not specified	330	510	470	130	-72.3%	0.7%

**PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE LOCATIONS FOR NOMINATED POSITIONS**

Nominated Positions Location	2019-20 at 31/03/2020	2020-21 at 31/03/2021	% Difference from last program year as at 31/03/2021	2020-21 as % of total program
New South Wales	12,290	7,720	-37.2%	44.8%
Victoria	7,190	3,920	-45.5%	22.7%
Western Australia	315	2,380	-24.3%	13.8%

**PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE CITIZENSHIP COUNTRIES**

Citizenship Countries	2019-20 at 31/03/2020	2020-21 at 31/03/2021	% Difference from last program year as at 31/03/2021	2020-21 as % of total program
India	6,230	3,690	-44.0%	21.4%
United Kingdom	4,810	3,000	-37.5%	17.4%
Philippines	2,190	1,240	-43.3%	7.2%

**PRIMARY VISA HOLDERS IN AUSTRALIA – TOP THREE CITIZENSHIP COUNTRIES**

Citizenship Countries	2019-20 at 31/03/2020	2020-21 at 31/03/2021	% Difference from last program year as at 31/03/2021	2020-21 as % of total program
United Kingdom	13,500	10,030	-38.5%	16.1%
India	15,180	9,340	-25.7%	17.3%
Philippines	7,510	6,250	-16.8%	10.8%

**Pathways to permanent residence**

In the 2020-21 program year to 31 March 2021:

- 12,030 temporary resident (skilled) visa holders were granted permanent residence or a provisional visa, a decrease of 50.1 per cent compared with the same period in the previous program year (24,120);
- the vast majority of permanent visa grants to TSS and subclass 457 visa holders were in the economic migration stream (60.4 per cent).