



Temporary resident (skilled) report 31 December 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 31/12/2019	2020-21 at 31/12/2020	% difference
Primary applications lodged	20,530	13,070	-36.3%
Primary applications granted	19,210	11,210	-41.6%
Number of primary visa holders in Australia	64,590	61,140	-5.3%

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 31 December 2020.

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

ANZSCO Group	2019-20 at 31/12/2019	2020-21 at 31/12/2020	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2020	2020-21 as % of total program
Professionals	11,690	7,320	-37.4%	65.3%
Technicians and Trades Workers	3,990	1,890	-52.5%	16.9%
Managers	2,700	1,640	-39.3%	14.6%

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE SPONSOR INDUSTRIES

Nominated Industry	2019-20 at 31/12/2019	2020-21 at 31/12/2020	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2020	2020-21 as % of total program
Information Media and Telecommunications	2,640	2,350	-11.0%	21.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,350	2,110	-10.0%	18.8%
Professional, Scientific and Technical	3,420	1,600	-53.1%	14.3%

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP FOUR OCCUPATIONS

Nominated Occupation	2019-20 at 31/12/2019	2020-21 at 31/12/2020	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2020	2020-21 as % of total program
253112 Resident Medical Officer	760	820	8.1%	7.3%
261313 Software Engineer	1,040	790	-24.2%	7.1%
261312 Developer Programmer	640	480	-25.0%	4.2%
261111 ICT Business Analyst	860	300	-64.8%	2.7%

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – AVERAGE SALARY BY TOP SPONSOR INDUSTRIES

Nominated Industry	2018-19 at 31/12/2018	2019-20 at 31/12/2019	2020-21 at 31/12/2020	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2020
Mining	\$184,700	\$192,700	\$189,200	-1.81%
Finance and Insurance Services	\$148,000	\$145,200	\$158,500	9.16%
Manufacturing	\$97,200	\$99,400	188,200	89.33%

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – BY SKILL LEVEL

Skill Level	2017-18 at 31/12/2017	2018-19 at 31/12/2018	2019-20 at 31/12/2019	2020-21 at 31/12/2020	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2020	2020-21 as % of total program
Skill Level 1	31,200	15,150	13,810	8,740	-36.7%	77.9%
Skill Level 2	6,430	2,970	2,100	1,070	-49.2%	9.5%
Skill Level 3	7,860	3,810	2,840	1,270	-55.4%	11.3%
Skill Level 4	320	90	80	60	-27.5%	0.5%
Skill Level 5	120	0	0	<5	0%	0%
Not specified	530	390	380	80	-78.2%	0.7%

- Last full year of subclass 457 only

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE LOCATIONS FOR NOMINATED POSITIONS

Nominated Positions Location	2019-20 at 31/12/2019	2020-21 at 31/12/2020	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2020	2020-21 as % of total program
New South Wales	8,640	5,100	-40.9%	45.5%
Victoria	4,980	2,420	-51.4%	21.6%
Western Australia	2,220	1,550	-30.4%	13.8%

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE CITIZENSHIP COUNTRIES

Citizenship Countries	2019-20 at 31/12/2019	2020-21 at 31/12/2020	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2020	2020-21 as % of total program
India	4,290	2,400	-44.0%	21.4%
United Kingdom	3,500	2,100	-40.0%	18.7%
Ireland, Republic of	1,070	820	-23.6%	7.3%

PRIMARY VISA HOLDERS IN AUSTRALIA – TOP THREE CITIZENSHIP COUNTRIES

Citizenship Countries	2019-20 at 31/12/2019	2020-21 at 31/12/2020	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2020	2020-21 as % of total program
India	13,180	10,810	-17.9%	17.7%
United Kingdom	11,050	10,560	-4.4%	17.3%
Philippines	5,610	6,440	14.8%	10.5%

Pathways to permanent residence

In the 2020-21 program year to 31 December 2020:

- 7,690 temporary resident (skilled) visa holders were granted permanent residence or a provisional visa, a decrease of 61.2 per cent compared with the same period in the previous program year (19,790);
- the vast majority of permanent visa grants to TSS and subclass 457 visa holders were in the economic migration stream (70.0 per cent).