

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

The size of the programme

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

	2015-16 at 31/12/15	2016-17 at 31/12/16	% difference
Primary applications lodged	27,330	27,000	-1.2%
Primary applications granted	22,870	24,270	6.1%
Number of primary visa holders in Australia	85,900	81,300	- 5.4 %

The composition of the programme

The tables below outline the composition of the 457 programme for 2016-17 to 31 December 2016 in terms of applications granted as at 31 December 2016.

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

ANZSCO group	2016-17 to 31/12/16	% change from 2015-16
Professionals	13,400	9.4%
Technicians and Trades Workers	5,650	3.0%
Managers	4,080	-0.9%

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED - TOP THREE SPONSOR INDUSTRIES

Industry	% of 457 programme
Professional, Scientific and Technical	16.1%
Information Media and Telecommunications	14.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	13.1%

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE OCCUPATIONS

Nomination occupation	2016-17 to 31/12/16	% of 457 programme	% difference from last programme year
Cook	1,340	5.5%	+ 2.4%
Developer Programmer	1,050	4.3%	+ 6.4%
Café or Restaurant Manager	930	3.8%	- 8.2%

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE LOCATIONS FOR NOMINATION POSITIONS

Nominated position location	% of 457 programme
New South Wales	46.9%
Victoria	24.8%
Queensland	11.7%

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE CITIZENSHIP COUNTRIES

Citizenship countries	% of 457 programme
India	22.5%
United Kingdom	18.7%
Philippines	6.2%

Pathways to permanent residence

In the 2016-17 programme year to 31 December 2016:

- 24,590 subclass 457 visa holders were granted permanent residence or a provisional visa, a decrease of 7.7 per cent compared with the same period in the previous programme year (26,640)
- 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).