

Key statistics and trends in the Temporary Work (Skilled) visa (Subclass 457) Program for 2017-18 to 31 December 2017

The size of the program

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

	2016-17 at 31/12/16	2017-18 at 31/12/17	% difference
Primary applications lodged	27,000	18,320	-32.1%
Primary applications granted	24,270	16,060	-33.8%
Number of primary visa holders in Australia	81,300	75,610	-7.0 %

The composition of the program

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

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

ANZSCO Group	2016-17 at 31/12/16	2017-18 at 31/12/17	% difference
Professionals	13,400	9,670	-37.1%
Technicians and Trades Workers	5,650	3,200	-43.3%
Managers	4,080	2,560	-37.1 %

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED - TOP THREE SPONSOR INDUSTRIES

Industry	% of 457 program
Other Services	15.4%
Professional, Scientific and Technical	15.3%
Health Care and Social Assistance	13.6%

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE OCCUPATIONS

Nominated Occupation	2017-18 to 31/12/17	% of 457 program	% difference from last program year as at 31/12/2016
Cook	740	4.6%	-44.8%
Developer Programmer	730	4.5%	-30.5%
Café or Restaurant Manager	620	3.8%	-33.9%

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE LOCATIONS FOR NOMINATED POSITIONS

Nominated Position Location	% of 457 program
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New South Wales	46.3%
Victoria	26.4%
Queensland	10.7%

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE CITIZENSHIP COUNTRIES

Citizenship countries	% of 457 program
India	22.6%
United Kingdom	18.5%
Philippines	6.4%

Pathways to permanent residence

In the 2017-18 program year to 31 December 2017:

- 18,540 subclass 457 visa holders were granted permanent residence or a provisional visa, a decrease of 24.6 per cent compared with the same period in the previous program year (24,600);
- 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).