

# Temporary resident (skilled) report 31 December 2019

## 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.

	2018-19 at 31/12/2018	2019-20 at 31/12/2019	% difference
Primary applications lodged	16,670	20,660	23.9%
Primary applications granted	22,400	19,210	-14.2%
Number of primary visa holders in Australia	73,950	64,590	-12.7%

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

Financial Year	Total visa grants	% Difference from previous program year
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 2019-20 in terms of applications granted as at 31 January 2020.

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

ANZSCO Group	2018-19 at 31/12/2018	2019-20 at 31/12/2019	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2019	2019-20 as % of total program
Professionals	12,820	11,690	-8.8%	60.9%
Technicians and Trades Workers	5,530	3,990	-27.9%	20.8%
Managers	3,160	2,700	-14.6%	14.1%

#### PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE SPONSOR INDUSTRIES

Nominated Industry	2018-19 at 31/12/2018	2019-20 at 31/12/2019	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2019	2019-20 as % of total program
Professional, Scientific and Technical	3,110	3,440	10.7%	17.9%
Other Services	4,170	3,390	-18.7%	17.75
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,370	2,280	-3.4%	11.9%

**PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP FOUR OCCUPATIONS**

Nominated Occupation	2018-19 at 31/12/2018	2019-20 at 31/12/2019	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2019	2019-20 as % of total program
261313 Software Engineer	890	1,040	17.6%	5.4%
261111 ICT Business Analyst	940	860	-8.3%	4.5%
253112 Resident Medical Officer	600	760	26.3%	3.9%
261312 Developer Programmer	1,070	640	-40.9%	3.3%

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

Nominated Industry	2016/17 at 30/06/2017*	2017-18 at 31/12/2017	2018-19 at 31/12/2018	2019-20 at 31/12/2019	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2019
Mining	\$172,200	\$150,400	\$184,700	\$187,600	1.6%
Finance and Insurance Services	\$118,300	\$124,700	\$148,000	\$145,200	-1.9%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	\$121,300	\$129,200	\$130,200	\$144,000	10.6%

**PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – BY SKILL LEVEL**

Skill Level	2016/17 at 30/06/2017*	2017-18 at 31/12/2017	2018-19 at 31/12/2018	2019-20 at 31/12/2019	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2019	2019-20 as % of total program
Skill Level 1	31,220	11,320	15,150	13,810	-8.9%	71.9%
Skill Level 2	6,430	2,320	2,960	2,100	-29.2%	10.9%
Skill Level 3	7,860	2,130	3,810	2,840	-25.4%	14.8%
Skill Level 4	320	60	90	80	-5.9%	0.4%
Skill Level 5	120	<5	0	0	0%	0%
Not specified	530	220	390	380	-2.6%	2.0%

\* Last full year of subclass 457 only

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

Nominated Positions Location	2018-19 at 31/12/2018	2019-20 at 31/12/2019	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2019	2019-20 as % of total program
New South Wales	10,410	8,630	-17.0%	45.0%
Victoria	6,330	4,980	-21.3%	25.9%
Queensland	2,410	2,300	-4.8%	12.0%

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

Citizenship Countries	2018-19 at 31/12/2018	2019-20 at 31/12/2019	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2019	2019-20 as % of total program
India	5,320	4,290	-19.4%	22.3%
United Kingdom	3,930	3,500	-11.0%	18.2%
Philippines	1,590	1,580	-0.4%	8.2%

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

Citizenship Countries	2018-19 at 31/12/2018	2019-20 at 31/12/2019	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2019	2019-20 as % of total program
India	14,290	13,180	-7.7%	20.4%
United Kingdom	12,960	11,050	-14.7%	17.1%
Philippines	5,360	5,610	4.6%	8.7%

**Pathways to permanent residence**

In the 2019-20 program year to 31 December 2019:

- 26,170 temporary resident (skilled) visa holders were granted permanent residence or a provisional visa, an increase of 70.7 per cent compared with the same period in the previous program year (15,330);
- the vast majority of permanent visa grants to TSS and subclass 457 visa holders were in the economic migration stream (97.7 per cent).