



## Temporary resident (skilled) report 31 December 2023 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, despite an increase in the number of primary applications lodged, 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.

	2022-23 at 31/12/2022	2023-24 at 31/12/2023	% difference
Primary applications lodged	22,680	26,170	15.4%
Primary applications granted	28,950	23,740	-18.0%
Number of primary visa holders in Australia	67,760	56,160	-17.1%

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

Financial Year	Total visa grants	% Difference from previous program year
2022-23	51,610	61.0%
2021-22	32,060	38.4%
2020-21	23,158	-18.5%
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%

## The composition of the program

The tables below outline the composition of the TSS (and residual subclass 457 visa) program for 2023-24 in terms of applications granted as at 31 December 2023.

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

ANZSCO Group	2022-23 at 31/12/2022	2023-24 at 31/12/2023	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2023	2023-24 as % of total program
Professionals	17,030	11,610	-31.8%	48.9%
Technicians and Trades Workers	7,570	7,410	-2.1%	31.2%
Managers	3,200	2,860	-10.6%	12.1%

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

Nominated Industry	2022-23 at 31/12/2022	2023-24 at 31/12/2023	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2023	2023-24 as % of total program
Health Care and Social Assistance	3,410	3,650	7.0%	15.4%
Professional, Scientific and Technical	5,120	3,650	-28.7%	15.4%
Other Services	5,470	3,050	-44.2%	12.9%

### **PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE OCCUPATIONS**

Nominated Occupation	2022-23 at 31/12/2022	2023-24 at 31/12/2023	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2023	2023-24 as % of total program
253112 Resident Medical Officer	1,070	1,400	31.4%	5.9%
351311 Chef	1,360	1,020	-25.4%	4.3%
261313 Software Engineer	1,980	970	-51.1%	4.1%

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

Nominated Industry	2021-22 at 31/12/2021	2022-23 at 31/12/2022	2023-24 at 31/12/2023	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2023
Mining	\$137,900	\$144,900	\$158,800	9.6%
Financial and Insurance Services	\$145,900	\$151,000	\$149,700	-0.9%
Wholesale Trade	\$122,900	\$119,500	\$125,400	4.9%

**PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – BY SKILL LEVEL**

Skill Level	2022-23 at 31/12/2022	2023-24 at 31/12/2023	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2023	2023-24 as % of total program
Skill Level 1	19,430	13,720	-29.4%	57.8%
Skill Level 2	3,490	3,380	-3.1%	14.2%
Skill Level 3	5,350	5,230	-2.3%	22.0%
Skill Level 4	340	510	52.8%	2.2%
Skill Level 5	20	20	15.0%	0.1%
Not specified	330	880	170.5%	3.7%

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

Nominated Positions Location	2022-23 at 31/12/2022	2023-24 at 31/12/2023	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2023	2023-24 as % of total program
New South Wales	12,660	9,060	-28.5%	38.1%
Victoria	8,330	5,620	-32.6%	23.7%
Western Australia	3,050	4,010	31.5%	16.9%

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

Citizenship Countries	2022-23 at 31/12/2022	2023-24 at 31/12/2023	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2023	2023-24 as % of total program
Philippines	3,280	3,970	21.3%	16.7%
India	7,710	3,520	-54.3%	14.8%
United Kingdom	3,590	3,330	-7.3%	14.0%

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

Citizenship Countries	2022-23 at 31/12/2022	2023-24 at 31/12/2023	% Difference from last program year as at 31/12/2023	2023-24 as % of total program
India	11,500	12,220	6.3%	18.0%
Philippines	6,380	9,790	53.4%	14.5%
United Kingdom	7,400	8,200	10.9%	12.1%

## Pathways to permanent residence

In the 2023-24 program year to 31 December 2023:

- 19,560 temporary resident (skilled) visa holders were granted permanent residence or a provisional visa, an increase of 30.8 per cent compared with the same period in the previous program year (14,950);
- the vast majority of permanent visa grants to TSS and subclass 457 visa holders were in the economic migration stream (68.8 per cent).