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Third Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa program

A total of 2,849 third Working Holiday visas were granted in the six months to 31 December 2022.

The top five countries or regions for third Working Holiday visa grants were:

- United Kingdom (615)
- France (445)
- Taiwan (432)
- Ireland (310)
- Italy (270)

In the six months to 31 December 2022, 63.5 per cent of those granted a third Working Holiday visa nominated agriculture as the industry in which they had undertaken “specified work” in order to acquire eligibility. A further 17.8 per cent nominated construction, and 9.0 per cent in mining.

Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa program

In the six months to 31 December 2022, 20,397 visa applications were granted for the Work and Holiday program compared to 3,831 in the same period in 2021

First Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa program

A total of 13,783 first Work and Holiday visas were granted in the six months to 31 December 2022, compared to 1,724 in the same period in 2021.

The top five countries for first Work and Holiday visa grants were:

- United States of America (2,120)
- Indonesia (1,952)
- Chile (1,619)
- Argentina (1,555)
- Spain (1,146)

Second Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa program

A total of 1,940 second Work and Holiday visas were granted in the six months to 31 December 2022, compared to 149 in the same period in 2021.

The top five countries for second Work and Holiday visa grants were:

- Vietnam (801)
- Indonesia (250)
- China (210)
- Argentina (175)
- Thailand (167)

In the six months to 31 December 2022, 50.5 per cent of those granted a second Work and Holiday visa nominated agriculture as the industry in which they had undertaken “specified work” in order to acquire eligibility. A further 39.3 per cent nominated hospitality.

Third Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa program

A total of 1,058 third Work and Holiday visas were granted in the six months to 31 December 2022.

The top five countries for third Work and Holiday visa grants were:

- China(214)
- Indonesia (182)
- Argentina (155)
- Chile (131)
- United States of America (80)

In the six months to 31 December 2022, 48.4 per cent of those granted a third Work and Holiday visa nominated agriculture as the industry in which they had undertaken “specified work” in order to acquire eligibility. A further 41.6 per cent nominated hospitality and 6.2 per cent for construction.

3 Grant rates

The grant rate for first Working Holiday visas in the six months to 31 December 2022 was 99.5 per cent.

The grant rate for second Working Holiday visas was 91.7 per cent. The grant rate for third Working Holiday visas was 92.3 per cent.

The grant rate for first Work and Holiday visas was 96.0 per cent. The grant rate for second Work and Holiday visas was 96.2 per cent. The grant rate for third Work and Holiday visas was 94.7 per cent.

The generally high grant rates for WHM visas are indicative of the low risk nature of this caseload. The large proportion of online applications for this caseload also contributes to the high grant rate. A number of automated eligibility checks occur during online applications, alerting clients early in the process if they do not meet visa requirements.

4 Working Holiday Makers in Australia

Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa holders

As at 31 December 2022, there were 93,464 first, second and third Working Holiday visa holders in Australia. This is a 519 per cent increase compared to 15,096 on 31 December 2021.

Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa holders

As at 31 December 2022, there were 18,871 first, second and third Work and Holiday visa holders in Australia. This is a 346 per cent increase compared to 4,228 on 31 December 2021.

1.14 Total number of Working Holiday Maker visa applications lodged in the 6 month period ending 31 December 2022 by visa subclass and visa type - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Subclass	01/07/20 to 31/12/20	01/01/21 to 30/06/21	01/07/21 to 31/12/21	01/01/22 to 30/06/22	01/07/22 to 31/12/22
417 Working Holiday					
First visa	2,885	4,494	9,510	47,091	68,073
Second visa	15,256	5,678	632	1,656	4,098
Third visa	5,030	5,000	5,672	2,184	477
Onshore nil VAC visa	0	0	0	5,754	12,965
Offshore nil VAC visa	0	0	2,060	3,160	4,687
All 417 Working Holiday	23,171	15,172	17,874	59,845	90,300
462 Work and Holiday					
First visa	1,721	1,504	1,939	9,389	14,617
Second visa	4,128	1,162	177	381	1,866
Third visa	1,274	1,469	1,917	567	196
Onshore nil VAC visa	0	0	0	1,244	2,650
Offshore nil VAC visa	0	0	1,513	1,055	1,068
All 462 Work and Holiday	7,123	4,135	5,546	12,636	20,397
All Working Holiday Maker	30,294	19,307	23,420	72,481	110,697

