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Hey

So June (is that hump month ?) looks like a quiet month, at last !! Hope you had a great few weeks.

Expect a lot of news in July though when the new MLTSSL is announced. Which is basically the old SOL for the 189 and 489 (family sponsored visas). As well as the occupational ceilings for those occupations.

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### **1) Changes to citizenship laws introduced into Parliament**

#### **Changes to citizenship laws introduced into Parliament – ministerial statement :**

The Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017 (the Bill) has been introduced into Parliament.

This Bill implements the commitment made by the Turnbull Government to strengthen the test for Australian citizenship by putting Australian values first. This Bill puts into effect requirements that applicants will pledge their allegiance to Australia and undertake to uphold Australian values and demonstrate their contribution to the Australian community.

Australian citizenship is an extraordinary privilege and is a common bond which unites us all, whether we were born here or choose to make Australia our home. Australian citizenship involves a commitment to this country and its people. It is a privilege which should not be taken lightly.

Key changes to strengthen the requirements for citizenship include:

- Increasing the general residence requirement as a permanent resident from one year at present to at least four years,
- Introducing a stand-alone English test involving competent reading, writing, listening and speaking,
- Strengthening the citizenship test itself with new questions that assess an applicant's understanding of – and commitment to – our shared values and responsibilities.
- Applicants will be required to demonstrate their integration into the Australian community.

In addition, the Bill has a range of amendments to strengthen the integrity of the citizenship programme.

It's time for Bill Shorten to put Australians first and stand up to the Left of the Labor Party and support this important Bill.

**(Iscah note : This legislation may get delayed for a significant period of time in the senate)**

**(Source: DIBP)**

### **2) Suspension of offshore GSM nominations by the NT until 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017**

The Northern Territory has temporarily suspended nomination applications for Subclass 489 and Subclass 190 visas where the applicants are not in the Northern Territory.

Where applicants are not in the Northern Territory and a MigrationNT file number has not been issued (eg BSM2017/XXXX) the applications will not be processed.

Applicants are encouraged to reapply after 1 July 2017.

Applicants in the Northern Territory are unaffected by the suspension.

(Source: Northern Territory government)

### **3) Maximum age for 189 visa reduced from 50 to 45**

DIBP have announced the 189 visa maximum age will be reduced from 50 to 45 on the 1st July 2017. This will only have a minor affect as less than 1% of applicants were aged in this 45-50 age group.

(Source: DIBP)

### **4) Highly skilled foreign workers reject Aussie jobs after 457 visa changes**

Talented overseas scientists have already started turning down prestigious research positions in Australia following the federal government's changes to 457 visas, the medical sector says.

One of Australia's top medical research heads says at least six institutes have had their job offers rejected by star scientists abroad following the federal government's recent visa overhaul.

Association of Australian Medical Research Institutes president, Tony Cunningham, has raised the alarm over last month's changes to 457 visas, which saw hundreds of jobs cut from the list of eligible occupations.

Hundreds of other occupations are now on a restricted list which offers a visa for two years instead of four, and cuts off any pathway to permanent residency.

"In many cases we find that those people who come here are so valuable that we want to keep them," Mr Cunningham told SBS World News.

"An example of that would be Ian Frazer who came from Scotland and invented the papilloma virus vaccine.

"We run the risk of people leaving after two years and leaving us in the lurch in the middle of excellent funded research projects."

American researcher Sarah Palmer, 57, has been working in Australia for five years to develop a cure for HIV.

She told SBS World News being restricted to a two year stay would have been enough to change her mind on whether to make the move.

"For my sort of research it would not be possible to come for two years and really to set up the full research plan," Dr Palmer said.

"It would definitely make me think twice about coming to Australia, that is true, in fact I probably would not have come."

Dr Palmer is one of the most renowned researchers in her field but is now nervous about what will happen when her 457 visa runs out in 2020.

She applied for the visa under the "life scientist" category, which has now been abolished as part of the recent changes.

"She's an example of the sort of person that we need to fill niches in Australia which cannot be filled by Australian scientists," Mr Cunningham said.

The Association of Australian Medical Research Institutes has met with officials from the Department of Immigration to talk about possible exemptions.

"The major problem for us is really about three or four occupations which are not on the medium-term list," Mr Cunningham said.

"They are life scientist and bio-statistician and a couple of others like biotechnologist.

"It can be done very easily, we just simply put these occupations back on the list or alternatively we do what some countries have done and have a special science visa."

Immigration Minister Peter Dutton has hinted that exemptions may be possible.

"Where people are highly skilled, particularly if they're being employed in medical research institutes or tertiary hospitals or university research projects etc, in many cases they won't be affected by the changes that we've made," Mr Dutton told reporters in Brisbane.

Some of the country's largest companies have also raised their concerns about changes for the position of chief executive. It now also qualifies for a two year visa instead of four years.

Katie Lahey, executive chairperson of international recruiting company Korn Ferry, fears the two-year restriction will affect the ability of Australian companies to find the world's best talent for chief executive roles.

"I think there's a feeling that this really is going to limit the attractiveness of Australia as a working destination for very senior people," she told SBS World News.

"A lot of these very senior jobs will only become available for a two-year period and if you're going to uproot your life in the US, the UK, Hong Kong, Singapore to come to Australia for two years ... for a very senior person they're not going to do that."

More than a third of chief executives employed at ASX100 listed companies were born overseas.

Gregory Robinson, managing partner at executive search and board advisory firm Blenheim Partners, said the government's visa changes were already forcing some companies to put their applicant searches on hold.

"We've already had phone calls from the ASX100 heads of HR, chief executives, c-suite executives who are currently engaged on executive searches in bringing talent in from offshore, having to put that on hold, having to stop the process, having to rethink the approach and in some cases actually turning away senior executives," he told SBS World News.

"It's actually quite an embarrassing situation."

Mr Dutton has said there would be regular reviews of the government's occupation lists, with the first one scheduled for July.

"We'll continue to work with employers because there is an important place for some people to come in on that visa stream but I want the default position to be Australian workers to fill those jobs," he said.

(Source: [www.sbs.com.au](http://www.sbs.com.au) )

## **5) Partner sponsorship changes delayed**

DIBP had intended to pass new partner sponsorship requirements that would have required a sponsorship to be approved BEFORE a partner visa can be lodged. This legislation has been held up in the Senate and as a result the 1st July 2017 implementation will not occur. It will be delayed now until at least 2018

## **6) Tasmanian state sponsorship**

There are 3 pathways for Tasmanian 190 State sponsorship and 4 pathways for the 489 State Sponsorship.

That state only sponsor around 45 in each category each month and so the State Government have wisely added the following disclaimer to their criteria :

Disclaimer:

Please note that meeting any of the abovementioned nomination requirements does not guarantee that an application will be successful.

Every application for visa nomination is assessed individually with a focus on your ability to address a number of assessment criteria, including:

- your ability to meet the minimum requirements,
- the demand for your particular skills and expertise, and your ability to find work in Tasmania,
- the suitability and transferability of your qualifications, skills and experience - including any specialist capabilities - to the needs of Tasmania's labour market, and
- your ability and commitment to establishing yourself, and any dependents, in Tasmania with a view to your prospects for long-term settlement in the state.

Additionally they have made some changes to the requirement for category 1 – Tasmanian graduate. Which now reads as :

If you are the holder of a student / graduate visa, you must meet the following criteria before you are eligible to apply for nomination:

- lived in Tasmania for the last 12 months (evidence needs to be provided)
- completed and graduated from a CRICOS registered tertiary institution in Tasmania.

The course undertaken:

- must be either a degree (a bachelor or any higher degree), a diploma, an advanced diploma, or a trade qualification (minimum Cert III level for a skilled occupation in Major Group 3 in ANZSCO)
- must have a minimum duration of one academic year (40 weeks)
- must be full time and on site in Tasmania.

(Source: Tasmanian State Government)

## **7) Citizenship feedback to be kept secret**

The Turnbull government will keep secret the public's feedback on its proposed changes to the Australian citizenship test, in a marked departure from normal processes, as the controversial bill goes before Parliament this week. The immigration department confirmed it will not publish submissions to the consultation process designed to inform the final version of its revamped citizenship regime – particularly the introduction of an Australian values test.

Tough new citizenship hurdles introduced by the Turnbull government will test applicants language skills, analyse their criminal history and require four years of permanent residency.

Open for the six weeks until June 1, the consultation was supposed to help the government define "Australian values" and to word a new pledge of allegiance to Australia. "We are looking for views," Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said in April. But the department will not air those views publicly, citing confidentiality, nor confirm the volume of feedback received. "Submissions were provided in confidence and were not for publication by the department," a spokesperson said in a statement.

However, several organisations that made submissions told Fairfax Media they did not request the department keep their recommendations private.

The Refugee Council, Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils and the Liverpool Migrant Resource Centre have all published their submissions – critical of the government's proposal – on their websites.

Immigration Minister Peter Dutton on Sunday confirmed a bill to enact the major changes – including a four-year wait before permanent residents can attain citizenship, and tougher English language requirements for aspiring citizens – will be

introduced to Parliament this week. The new regime would allow him, as minister, to revoke the citizenship of migrants suspected of gaining citizenship fraudulently – by lying on the test, for example. It will also require minors to pass a "good character" test to gain citizenship, in a move designed to target young migrant criminals. "It is a bill that suits the times we're living in," Immigration Minister Peter Dutton said. "It is a bill that suits the times we're living in and the government is very serious about making sure that people who pledge their allegiance to our country abide by our laws and our values," Mr Dutton said on Sunday.

The citizenship reform package, the second in three years, has attracted the ire of migrant groups and some in Labor's Left faction, who have voiced concerns about unfairly strict English testing and disenfranchising permanent residents for four years.

Labor reserved its position on Sunday, with citizenship spokesman Tony Burke promising to "deal responsibly with any sensible proposal" from the government. Mr Dutton also indicated he was willing to negotiate with the Senate crossbench.

The decision against publishing the public's feedback defies routine practice for government consultations, whereby public submissions are usually published online unless they contain sensitive or defamatory material.

For example, submissions to a consultation on the powers of telecommunications carriers, announced on Friday, will be made public, as will those to current consultations on the NDIS code of conduct, Australia's productivity performance, Indigenous businesses, and the energy efficiency of fan units sold in Australia.

Asher Hirsch of the Refugee Council of Australia said it was vital the citizenship consultation process was transparent and open. "All too often, the immigration department refuses to release vital information about its policies to the public," he said. "This must not become another secret decision made behind closed doors. "Unless submissions are stated as confidential, they should be made public to allow the Australian community to judge for itself the harms that these proposed changes will cause."

(Source: Sydney Morning Herald)

## **8) Global visa and citizenship processing times**

Global visa and citizenship processing times will be updated monthly, providing you with an indicative timeframe for processing applications. Processing times are available for the majority of visa subclasses and citizenship products, but will exclude a few subclasses such as those closed to new entrants, [capped and queued](#), or which have a low volume of applications. Two processing times are displayed in calendar days, indicating how long it is taking to finalise 75 and 90 per cent of applications submitted globally.

Processing times are impacted each month by changes in application volumes, seasonal peaks, complex cases, and incomplete applications. Processing times include applications lodged online and by paper. Where available, you should lodge your application online as it helps streamline processing arrangements.

### Visa application processing times

Last updated: 14 June 2017 (for month ending 31 May 2017)

Visa Type	Stream (if available)	75% of applications processed in	90% of applications processed in
<b>Visitor visas</b>			
651 eVisitor		1 day	3 days
600 Visitor	Tourist*	20 days	36 days
600 Visitor	Business Visitor	7 days	14 days
600 Visitor	Frequent Traveller	7 days	8 days
600 Visitor	Sponsored Family	48 days	63 days
600 Visitor	Approved Destination Status	3 days	5 days
771 Transit		6 days	8 days

\*Processing times for the Tourist stream range from 48 hours to more than 20 days depending on factors such as peak processing periods in a particular location.

### Work and skilled visas

124 Distinguished Talent		Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.
132 Business Talent	Significant Business History	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.
132 Business Talent	Venture Capital Entrepreneur	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.
186 Employer Nomination Scheme	Agreement	9 Months	13 Months
186 Employer Nomination Scheme	Direct Entry	9 months	13 Months
186 Employer Nomination Scheme	Temporary Residence Transition	8 months	9 Months
187 Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	Temporary Residence Transition	9 months	11 months
187 Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	Direct Entry	13 months	14 Months
187 Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	Agreement	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.
188 Business Innovation	Significant Investor	13 Months	23 Months

and Investment (Provisional)			
188 Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional)	Investor	18 Months	19 Months
188 Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional)	Business Innovation	14 months	19 Months
188 Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional)	Premium Investor	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.
188 Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional)	Entrepreneur	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.
189 Skilled - Independent		4 Months	7 Months
190 Skilled - Nominated		7 Months	13 Months
400 Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity)	Australia's Interest	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.
400 Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity)	Short Stay Specialist	9 days	15 days
400 Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity)	Invited Participant	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.
403 Temporary Work (International Relations)	Seasonal Worker Programme	3 days	13 days
403 Temporary Work (International Relations)	Government Agreement	56 days	57 days
403 Temporary Work (International Relations)	Foreign Government Agency	6 days	23 days
403 Temporary Work (International Relations)	Domestic Worker (Diplomatic or Consular)	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.
403 Temporary Work (International Relations)	Privileges and Immunities	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.
405 Investor Retirement		Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.
407 Training		77 days	5 months
408 Temporary Activity	Australian Government Endorsed Events	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.
408 Temporary Activity	Domestic Work for Executives	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.

408 Temporary Activity	Exchange Arrangements	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.
408 Temporary Activity	Superyacht Crew	14 days	14 days
408 Temporary Activity	Special Programmes	57 days	77 days
408 Temporary Activity	Religious Work	4 months	4 months
408 Temporary Activity	Research Activities	55 days	69 days
408 Temporary Activity	Invited for Other Social and Cultural Activity	11 days	20 days
408 Temporary Activity	Sporting Activities	8 days	21 days
408 Temporary Activity	Entertainment Activities	6 days	10 days
417 Working Holiday		12 days	40 days
457 Temporary Work (Skilled)		4 months	7 months
462 Work and Holiday		14 days	44 days
476 Skilled - Recognised Graduate		80 days	4 months
485 Temporary Graduate	Graduate Work	75 days	83 days
485 Temporary Graduate	Post-Study Work	72 days	84 days
489 Skilled - Regional (Provisional)	Skilled Regional - GSM	4 Months	7 Months
489 Skilled - Regional (Provisional)	State/Territory Nominated Visa Classes - GSM	6 Months	8 Months
858 Distinguished Talent		Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.
887 Skilled - Regional		9 Months	12 Months
888 Business Innovation and Investment (Permanent)		Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.
890 Business Owner		Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.
891 Investor		Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.
892 State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner		14 Months	16 Months
893 State/Territory Sponsored Business Investor		Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.

**Student visas**

500 Student	Foreign Affairs or Defence Sector	13 days	24 days
500 Student	Postgraduate Research Sector	51 days	4 months
500 Student	Non-Award Sector	4 days	9 days
500 Student	Schools Sector	31 days	57 days
500 Student	Independent ELICOS Sector	38 days	50 days
500 Student	Vocational Education and Training Sector	46 days	67 days
500 Student	Higher Education Sector	36 days	68 days
590 Student Guardian		49 days	4 months

**Family and partner visas**

100 Partner*		15 Months	25 Months
101 Child		9 Months	13 Months
102 Adoption		Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.
117 Orphan Relative		Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.
143 Contributory Parent (Migrant)		35 Months	39 Months
173 Contributory Parent (Temporary)		41 Months	45 Months
300 Prospective Marriage		12 Months	17 Months
309 Partner (Provisional)		11 months	15 Months
445 Dependent Child		8 Months	10 Months
461 New Zealand Citizen Family Relationship (Temporary)		8 months	10 months
801 Partner*		16 Months	21 Months
802 Child		8 Months	10 Months
820 Partner		17 months	19 months
837 Orphan Relative		Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.
864 Contributory Aged-Parent (Residence)		Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.
884 Contributory Aged-Parent (Temporary)		Unavailable due to low volume of	Unavailable due to low volume of

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\*Processing time for subclass 801 Partner (permanent) visa and 100 Partner (permanent) visa is from date of eligibility (2 years after the 820/801 or 309/100 application is lodged) to finalisation.

### Other visas

602 Medical Treatment	17 days	39 days
151 Former Resident	1 Day	7 Months
155 Five Year Resident Return	9 Days	15 Days
157 Three Month Resident Return	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.
159 Provisional Resident Return	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.
808 Confirmatory (Residence)	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.	Unavailable due to low volume of applications.
988 Maritime Crew Visa	2 days	5 days

### Citizenship application processing times

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Australian Citizenship application type	75% of applications processed in	90% of applications processed in
Conferral (lodgement to ceremony**)	11 months	13 months
Descent (lodgement to decision)	55 days	4 months
Evidence (lodgement to decision)	5 days	11 days

\*\*A small proportion of applicants for Australian citizenship by conferral are not required to attend a ceremony. For Descent and Evidence applications, allow an additional 10 days for printing and postage of your certificate. If you applied from outside Australia, postage will take longer.

We assess applications on a case-by-case basis, and actual processing times can vary due to individual circumstances including:

- whether you have lodged a complete application, including all necessary supporting documents
- how promptly you respond to any requests for additional information
- how long it takes to perform required checks on the supporting information provided
- how long it takes to receive additional information from external agencies, particularly in relation to health, character, and national security requirements
- for permanent migration visa applications, how many places are available in the migration programme
- for citizenship applications, the time taken to attend a Citizenship Ceremony or receive a Citizenship Certificate.

You can view current processing times on the page for the specific visa subclass or citizenship type you are applying for. You should check regularly to ensure you know the current processing times for your visa.

To ensure your application falls within the published processing times, you need to submit a **complete** application. The checklists provided on [ImmiAccount](#) will assist in making sure you include all required documents in your application.

(Source: DIBP)

## **9) What will happen for RSMS/ENS cases after March 2018 ??**

We asked this important question to DIBP last week :

Are you able to confirm yet whether if - a 186 or 187 direct entry visa application is lodged before March 2018 in an occupation on the STSOL - in March 2018 this occupation is no longer listed as a suitable occupation for that visa (when the MLTSSL becomes the gazetted list) - no decision has yet been made on the visa by March 2018 - whether the visa application can still be approved ? Thanks Steven O'Neil Perth

Their reply is here :

We cannot as yet provide advice in relation to your inquiry about how the 2018 reforms to the Permanent Employer Sponsored Entry programme (ENS and RSMS) will affect your particular scenario. The relevant legislation is still being drafted and until the new regulations are finalised we will not be in a position to provide policy guidance. More information regarding the March 2018 legislative reforms for ENS and RSMS will be available closer to March 2018. This will include information about transitional arrangements for nominating employers, visa applicants and visa holders.

Please continue to check our website for updates as well as any relevant information communicated to Agents by the 457 team.

It is therefore really important that if you lodge an RSMS/ENS direct entry application you are aware that at this stage NOBODY can guarantee that you will be protected by any adverse changes in March 2018.

(Source: DIBP)

## **10) Student numbers nosedive following April 19<sup>th</sup> visa changes**

We are continuing to write, publish and distribute these updates on the effect of the visa changes upon the international student industry with the hope that some smart person in the federal government eventually takes note. At the moment the government are able to hide behind the "save Australian jobs" line when in fact the outcome is likely to be far far more jobs lost than gained.

### **Student visa applications plummet following April 2017 visa changes**

As predicted the visa changes the Federal Government have introduced are going to have a devastating effect on the international student industry that currently employs over 110,000 Australians and generates \$20 billion per year for the aussie economy.

The 457/ENS/RSMS visa changes were announced on 19th April.

So there would have only been 11 days (19th April to 30th April) of that month's student applications adversely affected by the visa changes.

Here is the summary from the DIBP's April figures which we have compared with last year. You will see growth every month at an average of 16% per month from Nov 16 through to March 2017 ... until April.

April is down 2% , or in comparison to the previous 5 months rises more importantly, already a drop of 18%. That was with only 11 days in April affected by the visa changes

#### **Primary student visa applications lodged in the last 6 months**

2015/16	Applications	2016/17	Applications	% diff
Nov-15	22644	Nov-16	25689	13%
Dec-15	29549	Dec-16	32674	11%
Jan-16	28346	Jan-17	32601	15%
Feb-16	26768	Feb-17	29063	9%
Mar-16	26510	Mar-17	35264	33%
Apr-16	18222	Apr-17	17876	-2%

5 months growth before April 2017  
Apr-17

16%
-2%

Our survey last month of over 500 international students around Australia found that a stunning 88% would NOT advise their overseas friends and families to choose Australia to study in. This was because of the recent visa changes and the debacle with the Pro Rata points test system. The vast majority say they will now recommend Canada.

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## **11) Skill Select results 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

### **Invitations issued on 24 May 2017**

<b>Visa Subclass</b>	<b>Number</b>
Skilled - Independent (subclass 189)	669
Skilled - Regional Provisional (subclass 489)	25

During 2016-17 the following numbers of invitations have been issued:

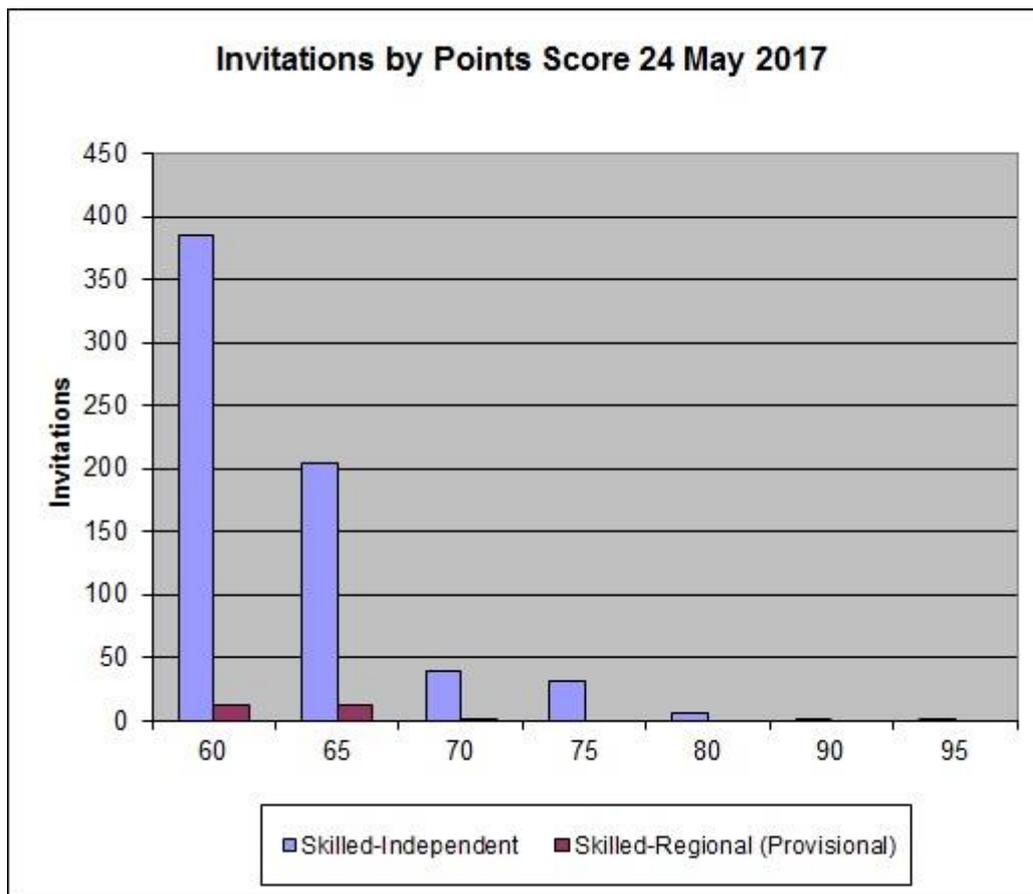
### **Invitations issued during 2016-17**

<b>Visa subclass</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Total</b>
Skilled - Independent (subclass 189)	3050	2800	4200	2400	1861	2465	2016	2397	5154	1451	1336	0	29,130
Skilled – Regional Provisional (subclass 489)	200	200	363	100	69	69	44	55	74	50	50	0	1274
<b>Total</b>	<b>3250</b>	<b>3000</b>	<b>4563</b>	<b>2500</b>	<b>1930</b>	<b>2534</b>	<b>2060</b>	<b>2452</b>	<b>5228</b>	<b>1501</b>	<b>1386</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30,404</b>

The above figures do not include invitations issued for State and Territory Government nominated visa subclasses. State and Territory Governments nominate throughout the month for specific points tested skilled migration and business innovation and investment visas. Separate results for these visa subclasses are provided monthly.

### **24 May 2017 results**

The following graph shows the points for clients who were invited to apply in the 24 May 2017 round.



### Invitation process and cut offs

The highest ranked clients by points score are invited to apply for the relevant visa. For clients who have equal points scores, the time at which they reached their points score for that subclass (referred to as the visa date of effect) determines their order of invitation. Expressions of Interest with earlier dates of effect are invited before later dates.

Visa Subclass	Points score	Visa date of effect
Skilled - Independent (subclass 189)	60	24/05/2017 12:04 am
Skilled - Regional Provisional (subclass 489)	60	22/05/2017 7:17 pm

Due to high levels of demand, and in keeping with previous years, the below occupation groups will be subject to pro rata arrangements to ensure availability of invitations across the programme year. SkillSelect first allocates available places to [Skilled – Independent visas \(subclass 189\)](#) and then the remaining to [Skilled – Regional \(Provisional\) visas \(subclass 489\)](#). If all places are taken up by subclass 189 visas then there will be no invitations issued for subclass 489 visas in these occupations.

- Accountants
- Auditors, Company Secretaries and Corporate Treasurers
- Electronics Engineers
- Industrial, Mechanical and Production Engineers
- Other Engineering Professionals

- ICT Business and System Analysts
- Software and Applications Programmers
- Computer Network Professionals.

**Points scores and the visa dates of effect cut off for the occupations in the 26 April 2017 invitation round.**

Please note: all pro rata occupations have reached their ceiling for this programme year. No further invitations will be offered for these occupations until the 2017-2018 programme year.

<b>Occupation Identification</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Points score</b>	<b>Visa date of effect</b>
2211	Accountants	80	03/04/2017 2:20 pm
2212	Auditors, Company Secretaries and Corporate Treasurers	75	07/04/2017 4:28 pm
2334	Electronics Engineer	70	20/04/2017 2:54 pm
2335	Industrial, Mechanical and Production Engineers	75	19/04/2017 1:01 pm
2339	Other Engineering Professionals	65	3/01/2017 11:21 am
2611	ICT Business and System Analysts	70	26/03/2017 11:09 pm
2613	Software and Applications Programmers	75	04/04/2017 4:23 pm
2631	Computer Network Professionals	65	3/02/2017 12:49 am

Ok folks, all done and dusted for another month  
See you all on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July ..

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