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The results show that the system invited it's first 65 pointers of the year.

As expected, they only went to pro rata 65 point EOIs - firstly to the Mechanical Engineers moving it's 65 point DOE from 19th November 2016 to 13th December 2016.

Next in the 65 point queue were Other Engineers with 65 point DOE backlog starting at from 3rd January 2017 – but as their pro rata allocation of 50 invites were used up at the 70 point level, they received no invites at 65 points.

Next came the Networkers with an official 65 point DOE backlog starting at 3rd February 2017 – the results show that they did get a 65 point invite for with DOE 21st January 2017. This could be from an EOI that was lodged at 65 points on 21st January, got invited in the 15th March 2017 round, did not apply for the visa within 60 days, so his EOI was re-activated and this is the 2nd invitation for that EOI. Equally it could be a DIBP typo. What this also tells us is that close to 65 new EOIS went onto the system at 70 points and above in the fortnight (plus 5 days from 4th August to 9th August) – so there may only be a few invites at the 65 point level for the September rounds.

Finally, the Developer Programmers swallowed the remaining 65 point invitations that were left from the 1000 total invites – their Official 65 point DOE was 8th March 2017 but the DOE after the 23rd August round is 20th January 2017. Similar to the 65 point Networker, a 65 point Developer Programmer EOI put on the system on 20th January 2017 would have been invited on 1st March 2017 – no application made so it would have been re-activated on 30th April 2017 – too late to get it's second invite until 23rd August 2017 – so looks like not too many 65 point Developer Programmer EOIs got invited and many of their 31 0allocation may have spilled over into the 489 Family system.

Increase from 1000 per round to 1750 per round for the two September Invitation Rounds

Effect on Pro Rata Occupations:



Let's first state who is not affected by this increase:

Accountants, Auditors and ICT Business analysts, will not be affected in any way by this increase in total invites.

Other Pro rata occupations:

Mechanical Engineers look like they got their full 108 invites as they were the first in the 65 point queue. The increase in overall numbers to 1750 will ensure they will move through their backlog and not lose any of the 108 invites to the 489 system for the two September invitation rounds. There is potential for their 65 point DOE to move about a month each round, getting to maybe the end of February 2017 by the second round in September.

Other Engineers are still in the 70 point range and may get just a few invites off their 65 point backlog in the second round of September 2017 – but progress will be slow through the 65 point

backlog due to their 50 point pro rata restriction each round and close to 50 EOIs joining the system at 70 and above each fortnight.

Network Professionals will be ensured of getting all their 65 point invites for the 189 EOIs and they should progress a week or so each invitation round in September 2017 and maybe get into the March 2017 65 pointers.

Developer Programmers are a big winner I think, as the 1000 limit was meaning they were losing a lot of their potential 310 invites for the 189 EOIs, to the 489 family EOIs. I am expecting their 65 point backlog to jump a couple of weeks each round and get into the April 2017 backlog.

I think the biggest winners are the Electronics Engineers as their 65 point progress was being totally held up by the 1000 limit. Their 65 point DOE could move forward many months and by the second round in September, be held up from going into the 60 point zone by the restriction of the 1750 on the non pro rata occupations.

Effect on Non-Pro Rata Occupations:



This is a life-line for all 65 and 60 point Non-Pro Rata EOIs – it looked like there would be no 65 point invitations until April 2018 and probably no 60 point EOI invitations at all for the year.

The increase will mean all 966 Pro Rata invites will go to the 189 system – leaving 784 invites for Non-Pros – we think about 150 non-pros were getting invites at the 70 and above range – this will mean an extra 634 invites for the 65 point non pro rata occupations.

We think the first 50 or so of these will go to the 65 point Telecommunication Engineer EOIs, backlogged from 20th May to 21st June 2017. Then all the other Non-Pro Rata 65 point EOIs join the party – about just under 600 invites, should move 65 point invites to late July 2017 and the second invitation for September 2017 will maybe move it to close to the 20th September 2017, meaning a slim chance for some 60 point Telecommunication Engineer invites from 20th May 2017.

Let's not think about October invitation rounds until we know the numbers for those.

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Point scores and the visa dates of effect cut off for the pro rata occupations in the 23 August 2017 invitation round.

Occupation Identification	Description	Points score	Visa date of effect
2211	Accountants	75	14/07/2017 11:48 am
2212	Auditors, Company Secretaries and Corporate Treasurers	75	23/06/2017 11:04 am
2334	Electronics Engineer	70	22/08/2017 6:36 pm
2335	Industrial, Mechanical and Production Engineers	65	13/12/2016 6:46 pm
2339	Other Engineering Professionals	70	07/08/2017 11:21 pm
2611	ICT Business and System Analysts	70	11/05/2017 9:58 pm
2613	Software and Applications Programmers	65	20/01/2017 1:37 pm
2631	Computer Network Professionals	765	21/01/2017 1:02 pm