



Ranjit Toor

Via email: fyi-request-11763-2ebecc90@requests.fyi.org.nz

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Dear Ranjit Toor

Thank you for your email of 30 November 2019, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

How many residence visa applications has been approved under current New Zealand Residence Program (Dates 1st July 2018- 31 December 2019) across all streams (Business/Skilled, Family, International/Humanitarian).

Our response

As at 9 December, there were 30,153 visa applications approved under the current New Zealand Residence Program, across all streams. This equates to a count of 50,698 individual people approved. The breakdown of these counts is detailed in the table below:

Stream	Count of Approved Applications*	Count of Approved People*
Business / Skilled	12,177	27,866
International / Humanitarian	2,401	5,589
Parent Sibling Adult Child Stream	262	425
Uncapped Family Sponsored Stream	15,313	16,818

*Decision date between 1 July 2018 and 9 December 2019.

New Zealand Residence Programme

INZ is resourced to meet the current New Zealand Residence Programme (NZRP) Planning Range set by the Government. The current NZRP Planning Range is for 50,000 to 60,000 residence approvals from 1 July 2018 to 31 December 2019. That is, 50,000 to 60,000 people granted resident visas.

Further information in regards to the NZRP can be found on INZ's website at:

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/media-centre/news-notifications/government-updates-new-zealand-residence-programme>

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Anna McLachlan, Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at Anna.McLachlan@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karen Bishop', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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