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Dear Jan J. Bornheim,

Thank you for your email of 19 November 2020, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

I would like to request the number of applications that were lodged and are still unallocated in the non-priority skilled residency queue for each day between the day on which the oldest unallocated application was lodged (as per on the day you respond to this request) to the day on which you respond to this request.

If, for example, you respond to this request on 1 December 2020, and on that day, the oldest unallocated non-priority onshore skilled residency application was submitted on 1 June 2019, I would like to know how many applications were lodged and are still unallocated in the non-priority queue for

1 June 2019

2 June 2019

3 June 2019

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30 November 2020

1 December 2020

I am ordinarily resident in New Zealand and currently in New Zealand.

I am aware of the NZRP and do not require the usual information about the NZRP, the priority queue, or the Operational Manual.

Our response

Please refer to Table 1 in the Appendix.

Please note that over the last couple of years, demand for the Skilled Residence sub-stream (SMC and RFW) has risen significantly. This has resulted in longer decision times for applicants. Residence applications take longer to process as there is more at stake and there is greater

scrutiny of each application, which means there is a flow-on effect and the allocation of new applications to an immigration officer can take longer.

The New Zealand Residence Program (NZRP) Planning Range sets the upper and lower number for residence visa approvals. The last NZRP ran from 1 July 2018 until 31 December 2019 and included a Planning Range of 50,000 to 60,000 residence approvals.

The Government is currently reviewing its approach to the NZRP and is considering replacing the planning range with a more targeted approach that focuses on management of specific residence visa types. In the meantime, INZ will continue to process applications at same volume and with the same level of resourcing as the previous NZRP allowed for.

Any updates in regards to the allocation of applications can be found at the following link: www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/media-centre/news-notifications/how-we-prioritise-resident-visa-applications/smc-and-rfw-timeframe-information.

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

Yours sincerely



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Appendix

As of 5 December 2020, the oldest skilled residence application in the onshore non-priority queue was accepted for processing on 17 June 2019. Please note that skilled residence include Skilled Migrant Category (SMC) and Residence from Work (RFW).

Table 1: The number of skilled residence applications in the onshore non-priority queue that were lodged between 17 June 2019 and 4 December 2020, broken down by day, and are still unallocated

Accepted Date	Skilled residence queue	Count of Applications
17Jun2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	1
19Jun2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	3
20Jun2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	9
21Jun2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	21
24Jun2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	3
25Jun2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	3
26Jun2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	7
27Jun2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	4
28Jun2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	15
01Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	25
02Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	20
03Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	27
04Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	32
05Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	8
06Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	99
08Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	30
09Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	31
10Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	28
11Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	13
12Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	23
13Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	74
15Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	28
16Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	28
17Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	20
18Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	17
19Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	20
20Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	13
22Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	20
23Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	17
24Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	24
25Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	28
26Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	14
27Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	52
29Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	27
30Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	33
31Jul2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	23
01Aug2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	36
02Aug2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	34

05Aug2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	28
06Aug2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	23
07Aug2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	15
08Aug2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	36
09Aug2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	28
10Aug2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	73
12Aug2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	31
13Aug2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	13
14Aug2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	33
15Aug2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	29
16Aug2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	11
19Aug2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	19
20Aug2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	24
21Aug2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	25
22Aug2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	37
23Aug2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	32
24Aug2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	31
26Aug2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	29
27Aug2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	30
28Aug2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	39
29Aug2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	26
30Aug2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	23
02Sep2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	24
03Sep2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	21
04Sep2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	23
05Sep2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	28
06Sep2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	27
07Sep2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	50
09Sep2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	24
10Sep2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	1
11Sep2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	28
12Sep2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	34
16Sep2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	28
17Sep2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	38
18Sep2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	30
19Sep2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	16
20Sep2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	23
21Sep2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	42
23Sep2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	30
24Sep2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	20
25Sep2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	32
26Sep2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	39
27Sep2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	23
28Sep2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	27
30Sep2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	27
01Oct2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	30
02Oct2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	25
03Oct2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	21

04Oct2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	21
05Oct2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	34
07Oct2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	22
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09Oct2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	36
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14Oct2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	26
15Oct2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	23
16Oct2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	29
17Oct2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	36
18Oct2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	3
19Oct2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	43
21Oct2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	20
22Oct2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	25
23Oct2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	11
24Oct2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	31
25Oct2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	16
29Oct2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	32
30Oct2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	45
31Oct2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	37
01Nov2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	27
04Nov2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	37
05Nov2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	29
06Nov2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	30
07Nov2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	36
08Nov2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	43
11Nov2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	41
12Nov2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	48
13Nov2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	34
14Nov2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	45
15Nov2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	36
18Nov2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	41
19Nov2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	31
20Nov2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	38
21Nov2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	32
22Nov2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	32
25Nov2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	15
26Nov2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	7
27Nov2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	31
28Nov2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	45
29Nov2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	23
02Dec2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	41
03Dec2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	56
04Dec2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	27
05Dec2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	46
06Dec2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	39
07Dec2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	46

09Dec2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	38
10Dec2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	38
11Dec2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	22
12Dec2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	34
13Dec2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	46
14Dec2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	49
16Dec2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	37
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18Dec2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	28
19Dec2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	36
20Dec2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	40
23Dec2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	28
24Dec2019	Onshore Non Priority applications	23
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06Jan2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	31
07Jan2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	23
08Jan2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	31
09Jan2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	19
10Jan2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	32
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28Feb2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	38
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04Mar2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	74
05Mar2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	67
06Mar2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	30
09Mar2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	61
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19Mar2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	44
20Mar2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	26
21Mar2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	36
23Mar2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	7
15May2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	3
18May2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	4
21May2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	1
22May2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	1
25May2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	1
26May2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	5
27May2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	17
28May2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	23
29May2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	21
02Jun2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	17
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04Jun2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	1
05Jun2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	4
08Jun2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	69
09Jun2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	86
10Jun2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	83
11Jun2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	87
12Jun2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	91
13Jun2020	Onshore Non Priority applications	74
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