



27 July 2021

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Ref: DOIA 2122-0064

Dear Phil Xu,

Thank you for your email of 08 July 2021 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA), the following information:

"I would like to request data on a daily basis on the no. of onshore resident visa applications lodged up to 08th Feb 2020 that yet to be allocated to case officers, categorised as to priority and non-priority queue.

I would also like to request data on the no. of applications that were allocated weekly to case officers from July 2021 to the date you respond to this request showing the lodgement date of each application, categorised as to priority and non-priority queue."

Our Response

Immigration New Zealand (INZ) has one queue for skilled residence applications. The applications in this queue include Skilled Migrant Category (SMC) and Resident from Work (RFW), and are not split into two separate queues based on the application category.

Please refer to Appendix One which provides:

- **Table One:** The number of unallocated skilled residence applications in the onshore non priority and priority queues as at 20 July 2021, that were accepted for processing on or before 08 February 2020. This has been broken down by accepted date.
- **Table Two:** The number of skilled residence applications that were allocated from the onshore priority queue and the onshore general queue between the weeks 5 July 2021 to 26 July 2021.

Further information on the processing and allocation of SMC and Residence from Work (RFW) applications can be found here: [SMC and RFW processing times | Immigration New Zealand](#)



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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Hogg', written in a cursive style.

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APPENDIX ONE

Table One: The number of unallocated skilled residence applications in the onshore non priority and priority queues as at 20 July 2021, that were accepted for processing on or before 08 February 2020. This has been broken down by accepted date.

Accepted Date	Onshore General queue	Onshore Priority queue	Total
18-Oct-19	1	0	1
29-Oct-19	10	0	10
30-Oct-19	13	0	13
31-Oct-19	23	0	23
1-Nov-19	18	0	18
4-Nov-19	27	0	27
5-Nov-19	16	0	16
6-Nov-19	25	0	25
7-Nov-19	27	0	27
8-Nov-19	44	0	44
11-Nov-19	30	0	30
12-Nov-19	28	0	28
13-Nov-19	31	0	31
14-Nov-19	22	0	22
15-Nov-19	24	0	24
17-Nov-19	1	0	1
18-Nov-19	28	0	28
19-Nov-19	40	0	40
20-Nov-19	38	0	38
21-Nov-19	40	0	40
22-Nov-19	42	0	42
25-Nov-19	35	0	35
26-Nov-19	53	0	53
27-Nov-19	37	0	37
28-Nov-19	22	0	22
29-Nov-19	36	0	36
2-Dec-19	49	0	49
3-Dec-19	36	0	36
4-Dec-19	44	0	44
5-Dec-19	43	0	43
6-Dec-19	37	0	37
9-Dec-19	55	0	55
10-Dec-19	39	0	39
11-Dec-19	32	0	32
12-Dec-19	40	0	40
13-Dec-19	49	1	50
16-Dec-19	44	0	44
17-Dec-19	52	0	52
18-Dec-19	53	1	54
19-Dec-19	52	0	52

20-Dec-19	70	0	70
21-Dec-19	1	0	1
23-Dec-19	54	0	54
24-Dec-19	33	1	34
27-Dec-19	10	1	11
30-Dec-19	10	1	11
31-Dec-19	7	0	7
3-Jan-20	7	0	7
6-Jan-20	15	0	15
7-Jan-20	25	0	25
8-Jan-20	25	0	25
9-Jan-20	21	1	22
10-Jan-20	39	1	40
13-Jan-20	20	0	20
14-Jan-20	32	0	32
15-Jan-20	35	0	35
16-Jan-20	24	0	24
17-Jan-20	47	0	47
20-Jan-20	37	0	37
21-Jan-20	37	0	37
22-Jan-20	34	0	34
23-Jan-20	45	0	45
24-Jan-20	47	3	50
27-Jan-20	2	0	2
28-Jan-20	48	0	48
29-Jan-20	40	0	40
30-Jan-20	40	0	40
31-Jan-20	45	0	45
2-Feb-20	1	0	1
3-Feb-20	28	0	28
4-Feb-20	38	0	38
5-Feb-20	39	1	40
7-Feb-20	40	0	40
Total	2,332	11	2,343

Table Two: The number of skilled residence applications that were allocated from the onshore priority queue and the onshore general queue between the weeks 5 July 2021 to 26 July 2021.

Please note that allocations of applications to immigration officers occur weekly and the number of applications that are allocated is dependent upon processing capacity. The Government is currently reviewing its approach to the New Zealand Residence Programme (NZRP). In the meantime, INZ will continue to process applications at the same volume and with the same level of resourcing as the previous NZRP allowed for. This has an impact on the number of applications that can be allocated and the timeliness of application processing.

Allocation week	Onshore general queue	Onshore Priority queue
5-Jul-21	47	40

12-Jul-21	61	31
19-Jul-21	18	37
26-Jul-21	14	88