

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### (SE16/097) - SSVF delays in processing applications - Programme 2.3: Visas

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1. There have been a number of press reports about the backlog that has occurred in recent months as the Department transitioned to the Streamlined Student Visa Framework. Why did this backlog occur?
2. Was there a risk management plan? If so, please provide a copy
3. Was a communications plan or talking points developed - either prior to, or after the transition to the Streamlined Student Visa Framework? If so, please provide a copy
4. Was there a spike in applications under the previous system prior to July 1?
  - (a) Can you give a month by month figure?
  - (b) Can you break this down to country of origin and visa subclass?
5. When did it become apparent that an unacceptable backlog was emerging?
6. Did you have enough local staff allocated to processing?
7. What actions were taken to clear the backlog?
8. Were additional resources deployed? Did you change your approach?
9. Has the backlog been cleared?
10. What is the current processing time by visa subclass? Are processing times longer for students seeking to enage in Higher Degree by Research studies?

*Answer:*

#### 1. *Why did this backlog occur?*

Contributing factors were:

- High numbers of applications were received in the lead up to the implementation of the Simplified Student Visa Framework. In June 2016, 48,893 visa applications were received which was about 38 per cent more applications than in June 2015 (35,374). This contributed to a large pipeline of applications that had to be assessed before moving to applications lodged under the Simplified Student Visa Framework.
- The Department's transition to the Simplified Student Visa Framework, which represented a major change to regulation, requirements, systems and processes.
- A more nuanced internal risk framework meant that some cases required more checking and officers had to consider more information about the case.

#### 2. *Was there a risk management plan?*

Yes there was an internal risk management plan, and mitigations were put in place.

3. Was a communications plan or talking points developed - either prior to, or after the transition to the Streamlined Student Visa Framework?

Yes. A communication plan and talking points were prepared ahead of implementation. More detail about the communication activities with industry is provided in response SE16/096.

4. Was there a spike in applications under the previous system prior to July 1? Can you give a month by month figure? Can you break this down to country of origin and visa subclass?

There was an increase in applications in June 2016. Please see the below table.

(a) Student visa applications lodged between 1 April 2016 and 30 June 2016 - comparison with same period in previous year

Month Lodged	01/04/15 to 30/06/2015	01/04/16 to 30/06/16	% Change
April	20,215	21,183	4.8%
May	27,166	31,687	16.6%
June	35,374	48,893	38.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,755</b>	<b>101,763</b>	<b>23.0%</b>

(b) Student visas lodged between 1 April 2016 and 30 September 2016 by sectors

Sector	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16
Independent ELICOS Sector	2,925	3,413	5,645	2,885	4,046	3,670
Vocational Education and Training Sector	6,592	8,002	11,459	4,188	7,520	7,337
Higher Education Sector	8,537	13,393	23,157	10,295	18,848	12,169
Postgraduate Research Sector	752	801	898	874	988	752
Schools Sector	1,154	1,705	2,609	672	876	782
Non-Award Sector	871	3,823	4,631	719	294	138
Foreign Affairs or Defence Sector	352	550	494	290	565	512
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,183</b>	<b>31,687</b>	<b>48,893</b>	<b>19,923</b>	<b>33,137</b>	<b>25,360</b>

Student visa applications lodged between 1 April 2016 and 30 September 2016 by country of origin is below.

5. When did it become apparent that an unacceptable backlog was emerging?

Longer student visa processing times became apparent in late August 2016.

The Department took immediate action to resolve.

6. Did you have enough local staff allocated to processing?

Yes. Additional staff were deployed in August and September 2016 to assist with student visa processing.

7. *What actions were taken to clear the backlog?*

The Department took action to resolve the backlog:

- Additional resources were temporarily allocated to student visa processing; and
- Internal risk settings were refined.

8. *Were additional resources deployed? Did you change your approach?*

As answered in response to question 7.

9. *Has the backlog been cleared?*

Yes. As at 30 September 2016, the Department has fewer applications on hand than at 30 September 2015.

10. *What is the current processing time by visa subclass? Are processing times longer for students seeking to engage in higher Degree by Research studies?*

From 1 July 2016, there is only one student visa subclass. The below tables show processing times for applications finalised in September 2015 compared to September 2016 by different sectors. It shows that median processing times for Postgraduate Research Sector applicants has increased by one calendar day.

**Median processing times (calendar days) for Student primary visas decided in September 2016 - comparison with September 2015**

Sector	Sep-15	Sep-16
Foreign Affairs or Defence Sector	12	9
Higher Education Sector	15	22
Independent ELICOS Sector	16	30
Non-Award Sector	15	20
Postgraduate Research Sector	29	30
Schools Sector	16	27
Vocational Education and Training Sector	20	26
<b>All Sectors</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>

**Note:** Median means that 50 per cent of applications granted during the period were processed within the number of days shown in the tables. This measure gives an indication of how long it is taking to process the typical student visa applications.

## Number of Student visas lodged between 1 April 2016 and 30 September 2016 by country of origin

### Student visas lodged between 1 April 2016 and 30 September 2016 for Independent ELICOS sector by citizenship country

Source: Department of Immigration and Border Protection, 2016 (BE10352.04)

Citizenship Country	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16
Albania	<5	<5	0	0	<5	0
Algeria	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Andorra	<5	0	0	<5	<5	<5
Argentina	10	13	10	15	14	17
Austria	<5	<5	<5	5	6	<5
Bahrain	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Belarus	0	0	<5	<5	<5	0
Belgium	<5	<5	9	10	24	6
Bhutan	0	0	<5	<5	0	0
Bolivia	0	<5	<5	0	0	<5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	<5	0	0	0	<5
Botswana	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Brazil	667	729	1,279	606	910	951
Bulgaria	<5	5	6	<5	10	<5
Cambodia	<5	5	5	<5	<5	6
Cameroon	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Canada	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Chile	96	82	106	66	74	65
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	21	13	42	50	54	51
Colombia	537	664	540	533	623	549
Costa Rica	<5	0	0	<5	0	<5
Cote d'Ivoire	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Croatia	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Cuba	0	0	<5	0	<5	0
Cyprus	0	<5	<5	0	0	0
Czech Republic	31	51	124	19	51	66
Denmark	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Dominican Republic	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Ecuador	<5	<5	<5	11	6	6
Egypt	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0
El Salvador	0	0	9	<5	<5	<5
Eritrea	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Estonia	<5	0	<5	0	<5	<5
Ethiopia	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Fiji	0	<5	0	0	<5	0
Finland	0	<5	0	<5	<5	0
France	22	18	41	58	92	59
FYR Macedonia	0	6	8	<5	<5	<5
Gabon	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Georgia	0	0	<5	0	0	<5
Germany, Fed Republic of	6	10	18	18	9	6
Ghana	0	0	<5	0	0	0

Greece	5	7	<5	<5	<5	<5
Honduras	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	30	39	43	25	21	23
Hungary	<5	8	6	6	8	15
India	20	11	31	10	12	12
Indonesia	23	8	14	14	19	24
Iran	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	0
Iraq	<5	<5	0	0	0	<5
Israel	<5	<5	<5	0	0	0
Italy	79	96	147	81	101	139
Japan	261	259	534	244	406	211
Jordan	<5	<5	0	<5	7	<5
Kazakhstan	<5	<5	0	0	<5	<5
Korea, South	154	193	237	118	147	136
Kosovo	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Kuwait	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	<5
Kyrgyzstan	<5	0	0	<5	0	0
Lao Peoples Dem Republic	10	<5	11	6	12	12
Latvia	<5	0	<5	0	0	<5
Lebanon	0	<5	<5	0	0	0
Liechtenstein	0	0	<5	0	<5	0
Lithuania	<5	5	7	<5	6	11
Macau Special Admin Region	0	0	<5	<5	<5	6
Madagascar	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Malaysia	38	60	104	31	44	37
Mauritius	26	22	43	0	8	<5
Mexico	27	34	41	32	34	31
Moldova	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Mongolia	16	14	52	<5	31	23
Morocco	0	0	<5	<5	<5	<5
Myanmar	0	0	0	0	<5	<5
Nepal	8	<5	5	11	9	8
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	0	<5	<5	10	10	<5
Nigeria	0	0	<5	<5	<5	0
Norway	0	5	<5	0	6	<5
Not Specified	0	0	0	0	13	61
Oman	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	0
Pakistan	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	8
Palestinian Authority	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Papua New Guinea	0	6	<5	<5	0	<5
Paraguay	0	0	<5	0	0	<5
Peru	30	37	28	34	38	34
Philippines	6	<5	8	7	6	<5
Poland	22	32	51	16	34	31
Portugal	8	10	15	19	17	11
Romania	6	<5	<5	0	0	<5
Russian Federation	<5	8	6	<5	9	5
Rwanda	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Saudi Arabia	121	138	141	110	127	86

Serbia	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Singapore	0	0	5	0	0	0
Slovakia	10	7	20	<5	22	9
Slovenia	0	<5	0	0	0	<5
Solomon Islands	0	<5	0	<5	0	0
Spain	76	128	160	152	233	228
Sri Lanka	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Sweden	<5	7	7	<5	12	6
Switzerland	15	39	68	62	103	49
Syrian Arab Republic	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Taiwan	129	145	162	82	115	130
Tajikistan	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Tanzania	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Thailand	309	372	1,345	310	372	358
Timor-Leste	5	11	<5	0	<5	<5
Turkey	22	17	15	17	64	76
Uganda	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Ukraine	<5	5	0	5	5	6
United Arab Emirates	0	<5	<5	0	<5	<5
United Kingdom	<5	0	0	<5	<5	<5
United States of America	<5	<5	<5	0	0	<5
Uruguay	<5	0	<5	<5	0	<5
Uzbekistan	0	<5	<5	0	<5	<5
Venezuela	7	13	25	7	16	18
Vietnam	20	23	38	25	54	19
Yemen, Republic of	<5	<5	0	0	0	0
Zimbabwe	<5	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,925</b>	<b>3,413</b>	<b>5,645</b>	<b>2,885</b>	<b>4,046</b>	<b>3,670</b>

Note 1: Includes subclass 500 and subclasses 570-576.

Note 2: Includes both primary and secondary applicants.

#### Student visas lodged between 1 April 2016 and 30 September 2016 for Vocational Education and Training sector by citizenship country

Source: Department of Immigration and Border Protection, 2016 (BE10352.05)

Citizenship Country	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16
Afghanistan	<5	<5	0	<5	0	<5
Albania	5	<5	11	9	<5	8
American Samoa	0	0	0	<5	0	0
Andorra	0	0	<5	<5	0	0
Argentina	13	13	25	13	16	24
Armenia	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Austria	7	<5	<5	<5	<5	7
Azerbaijan	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Bahrain	0	0	0	<5	<5	0
Bangladesh	9	17	34	16	18	23
Belarus	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Belgium	7	<5	11	9	13	14
Bhutan	40	104	81	38	63	39
Bolivia	<5	0	<5	<5	0	<5

Bosnia and Herzegovina	5	<5	6	<5	<5	<5
Botswana	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Brazil	526	615	1,029	283	552	650
Brunei Darussalam	<5	0	0	0	<5	<5
Bulgaria	15	12	18	5	9	9
Burundi	0	<5	<5	0	0	0
Cambodia	<5	5	6	13	13	7
Cameroon	0	0	5	<5	<5	<5
Canada	45	29	36	37	45	51
Chile	56	69	65	42	76	69
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	325	342	437	290	705	543
Colombia	234	252	445	138	234	293
Congo, Dem Republic of The	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Costa Rica	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	0
Cote d'Ivoire	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Croatia	0	<5	7	<5	<5	<5
Cyprus	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	<5
Czech Republic	57	60	109	25	54	54
Denmark	5	23	8	<5	<5	6
Dominican Republic	0	<5	<5	<5	0	0
Ecuador	<5	0	5	8	<5	<5
Egypt	6	<5	5	0	<5	<5
El Salvador	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Estonia	13	17	19	8	13	24
Ethiopia	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Faroe Islands	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Fiji	6	15	18	8	10	9
Finland	5	5	5	<5	8	8
France	95	85	94	81	86	106
FYR Macedonia	8	16	25	7	11	7
Gabon	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	<5	<5	0	0	0
Germany, Fed Republic of	35	40	55	22	70	62
Ghana	10	14	25	5	9	5
Greece	50	64	70	11	38	43
Guatemala	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Honduras	<5	<5	0	0	0	<5
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	188	163	214	106	198	147
Hungary	13	12	17	11	18	10
Iceland	0	0	0	<5	0	0
India	557	679	821	179	531	537
Indonesia	228	306	450	128	263	225
Iran	<5	<5	6	6	11	5
Iraq	<5	0	5	0	<5	<5
Ireland, Republic of	34	21	27	19	33	33
Israel	<5	5	<5	7	<5	<5
Italy	186	240	376	139	220	286
Japan	174	155	242	117	158	161
Jordan	<5	11	21	<5	9	<5

Kazakhstan	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	0
Kenya	40	57	90	21	72	50
Kiribati	<5	0	0	0	0	0
Korea, North	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Korea, South	617	659	1,034	334	591	571
Kosovo	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Kuwait	0	0	0	<5	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	<5	0	0	0	0	0
Lao Peoples Dem Republic	5	<5	9	6	6	7
Latvia	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	<5
Lebanon	9	6	15	<5	7	<5
Liberia	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Lithuania	14	18	35	15	41	37
Luxembourg	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Macau Special Admin Region	<5	<5	7	6	<5	<5
Madagascar	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Malawi	0	5	0	0	0	0
Malaysia	376	629	841	298	479	399
Maldives	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0
Mali	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Malta	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Mauritania	0	0	0	<5	0	0
Mauritius	42	44	84	38	56	65
Mexico	35	36	74	37	51	36
Moldova	0	0	<5	<5	<5	<5
Mongolia	54	86	190	11	19	25
Montenegro	0	<5	<5	0	0	0
Morocco	0	0	<5	<5	<5	0
Mozambique	0	<5	<5	0	0	<5
Myanmar	<5	<5	10	<5	0	6
Namibia	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Nepal	134	202	319	151	248	302
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	9	20	24	8	14	16
New Caledonia	0	0	<5	<5	0	<5
Nicaragua	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Niger	<5	0	0	0	0	0
Nigeria	48	92	146	21	48	39
Norway	6	8	8	7	13	6
Not Specified	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	28
Pakistan	64	53	60	45	80	101
Palestinian Authority	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Panama	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Papua New Guinea	47	19	20	30	63	13
Paraguay	<5	<5	0	0	0	0
Peru	22	23	22	17	14	9
Philippines	277	334	479	130	287	293
Poland	38	57	89	31	55	77
Portugal	23	19	30	7	14	12
Republic of South Sudan	0	0	<5	0	0	<5



Romania	<5	<5	5	<5	5	5
Russian Federation	<5	6	6	<5	5	8
Saudi Arabia	26	15	22	27	23	20
Senegal	<5	0	0	0	0	0
Serbia	6	<5	5	<5	<5	<5
Seychelles	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	5
Sierra Leone	<5	0	0	0	<5	0
Singapore	21	20	31	25	17	16
Slovakia	20	23	62	18	36	35
Slovenia	<5	10	9	6	6	<5
Solomon Islands	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	<5
Somalia	0	0	<5	0	0	0
South Africa	11	8	31	20	15	11
Spain	77	93	153	104	179	220
Sri Lanka	40	32	62	23	42	31
Suriname	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Sweden	29	33	33	6	16	34
Switzerland	18	11	19	11	18	13
Syrian Arab Republic	0	0	0	<5	0	<5
Taiwan	301	406	484	241	368	329
Tanzania	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	6
Thailand	642	935	1,134	335	516	453
Timor-Leste	0	<5	0	0	<5	0
Tonga	0	0	<5	0	0	<5
Trinidad and Tobago	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Tunisia	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Turkey	25	40	56	12	32	23
Turkmenistan	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Uganda	<5	<5	5	<5	5	<5
Ukraine	<5	8	<5	<5	<5	<5
United Arab Emirates	0	0	0	0	0	<5
United Kingdom	175	176	189	108	162	168
United States of America	109	124	156	106	155	154
Uruguay	0	<5	<5	0	0	<5
Uzbekistan	<5	0	<5	0	0	<5
Vanuatu	0	<5	<5	0	<5	0
Venezuela	83	85	285	24	69	56
Vietnam	79	96	181	33	106	76
Yemen, Republic of	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Yugoslavia, Fed Republic of	<5	0	0	0	0	0
Zambia	8	10	11	10	12	10
Zimbabwe	33	37	35	23	23	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,592</b>	<b>8,002</b>	<b>11,459</b>	<b>4,188</b>	<b>7,520</b>	<b>7,337</b>

Note 1: Includes subclass 500 and subclasses 570-576.

Note 2: Includes both primary and secondary applicants.

#### Student visas lodged between 1 April 2016 and 30 September 2016 for Higher Education sector by citizenship country

Source: Department of Immigration and Border Protection, 2016 (BE10352.06)

Citizenship Country	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16
Afghanistan	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0
Albania	<5	7	5	<5	5	0
Algeria	0	0	0	<5	0	0
Angola	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Antigua and Barbuda	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Argentina	<5	9	6	6	8	5
Austria	0	<5	9	<5	9	<5
Azerbaijan	<5	<5	0	<5	6	<5
Bahamas	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Bahrain	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	5
Bangladesh	124	217	342	87	269	172
Belarus	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	0
Belgium	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	<5
Bhutan	34	53	98	47	82	63
Bolivia	0	<5	0	<5	<5	0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	<5	0	<5	0	<5
Botswana	<5	<5	7	5	<5	0
Brazil	65	79	137	61	96	105
Brunei Darussalam	<5	<5	75	6	14	5
Bulgaria	0	0	<5	<5	5	0
Burundi	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Cambodia	15	38	38	29	31	23
Cameroon	0	<5	<5	0	<5	0
Canada	38	55	68	38	59	39
Chile	17	28	15	16	16	5
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	3,037	5,017	6,702	4,280	9,026	4,932
Colombia	52	82	104	83	104	83
Congo, Dem Republic of The	0	<5	0	<5	0	<5
Congo, Republic of	0	0	0	<5	0	0
Costa Rica	0	0	0	<5	0	0
Cote d'Ivoire	0	0	0	<5	0	0
Croatia	<5	0	0	<5	<5	<5
Cuba	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Czech Republic	7	<5	12	0	7	9
Denmark	6	<5	<5	7	<5	<5
Dominican Republic	0	0	0	<5	0	0
Ecuador	<5	6	<5	<5	13	6
Egypt	11	22	11	7	8	6
El Salvador	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Eritrea	0	<5	<5	0	0	0
Estonia	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	0
Ethiopia	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0
Fiji	12	6	14	<5	5	6
Finland	<5	<5	5	<5	<5	<5
France	25	30	58	51	37	18
FYR Macedonia	7	6	<5	0	9	0
Georgia	<5	0	0	0	0	0
Germany, Fed Republic of	22	50	55	46	26	11

Ghana	13	8	30	<5	<5	<5
Greece	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0
Guatemala	<5	<5	<5	0	0	0
Guinea	0	0	<5	0	0	<5
Honduras	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	89	130	176	203	467	279
Hungary	13	17	26	11	9	<5
Iceland	<5	0	<5	0	<5	<5
India	1,254	2,032	5,708	1,611	2,599	2,150
Indonesia	193	400	660	169	382	220
Iran	39	65	86	43	59	42
Iraq	10	5	14	11	24	14
Ireland, Republic of	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Israel	<5	0	8	<5	<5	8
Italy	18	19	21	25	16	15
Jamaica	0	0	<5	<5	0	0
Japan	52	59	70	50	49	45
Jordan	8	10	21	9	12	12
Kazakhstan	<5	8	11	<5	<5	<5
Kenya	64	111	190	58	85	66
Kiribati	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Korea, North	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Korea, South	124	168	262	152	211	118
Kuwait	14	16	19	15	51	22
Kyrgyzstan	0	<5	0	<5	0	<5
Lao Peoples Dem Republic	<5	<5	5	<5	5	7
Latvia	<5	<5	0	0	<5	0
Lebanon	13	18	40	20	37	21
Liberia	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Libya	0	<5	0	<5	0	0
Lithuania	<5	5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Luxembourg	0	<5	<5	0	<5	<5
Macau Special Admin Region	<5	14	22	17	36	19
Madagascar	0	<5	0	0	0	<5
Malawi	0	0	0	5	<5	<5
Malaysia	205	499	635	296	255	128
Maldives	5	7	<5	<5	<5	<5
Marshall Islands	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Mauritius	54	58	64	47	45	15
Mexico	16	10	37	17	19	10
Mongolia	64	69	215	28	35	46
Morocco	<5	<5	5	<5	<5	0
Mozambique	<5	0	6	<5	<5	0
Myanmar	13	33	36	16	40	27
Namibia	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Nepal	559	874	1,925	766	1,388	1,047
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	5	<5	11	8	<5	<5
New Caledonia	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Nigeria	69	123	286	56	62	59

Norway	20	30	50	49	29	6
Not Specified	8	6	12	6	8	48
Oman	7	12	5	6	18	8
Pakistan	440	674	858	299	517	633
Palau	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Palestinian Authority	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Panama	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Papua New Guinea	11	24	25	24	19	7
Paraguay	0	0	<5	18	0	12
Peru	12	27	24	6	17	11
Philippines	194	294	483	106	251	177
Poland	<5	<5	13	5	13	6
Portugal	<5	10	7	16	8	9
Qatar	0	0	<5	0	<5	0
Romania	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	0
Russian Federation	34	42	35	25	45	17
Rwanda	0	0	<5	0	0	<5
Samoa	0	0	<5	<5	0	0
San Marino	0	0	0	<5	0	0
Saudi Arabia	192	243	209	209	506	190
Serbia	0	<5	<5	<5	0	<5
Seychelles	0	0	0	<5	<5	<5
Sierra Leone	0	0	0	<5	<5	<5
Singapore	162	208	282	146	137	52
Slovakia	<5	15	5	<5	<5	7
Slovenia	<5	<5	0	<5	0	<5
Solomon Islands	<5	<5	<5	5	0	<5
Somalia	0	0	0	0	<5	0
South Africa	10	14	15	<5	15	<5
Spain	8	12	13	11	7	6
Sri Lanka	124	212	677	187	309	254
St Kitts and Nevis	0	<5	0	0	<5	0
Sudan	<5	0	<5	0	<5	0
Sweden	12	19	43	20	32	19
Switzerland	<5	8	13	11	<5	6
Syrian Arab Republic	0	<5	<5	0	<5	0
Taiwan	80	91	115	102	142	68
Tajikistan	0	0	<5	0	<5	0
Tanzania	<5	0	7	<5	6	7
Thailand	171	138	228	69	106	98
Timor-Leste	0	<5	<5	0	<5	<5
Togo	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Tonga	<5	0	0	0	0	0
Trinidad and Tobago	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Tunisia	<5	0	<5	0	0	0
Turkey	6	20	37	8	21	28
Tuvalu	0	0	<5	<5	0	0
Uganda	5	<5	7	<5	<5	6
Ukraine	<5	<5	<5	6	7	6

United Arab Emirates	18	5	10	10	16	14
United Kingdom	36	37	54	31	35	35
United States of America	61	75	90	75	46	36
Uruguay	0	<5	<5	0	0	0
Uzbekistan	<5	<5	6	<5	16	<5
Vanuatu	<5	0	<5	0	0	0
Venezuela	6	6	11	<5	14	8
Vietnam	435	562	1,314	308	659	447
Yemen, Republic of	<5	0	0	<5	<5	0
Zambia	6	11	12	<5	9	10
Zimbabwe	20	52	55	27	34	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,537</b>	<b>13,393</b>	<b>23,157</b>	<b>10,295</b>	<b>18,848</b>	<b>12,169</b>

Note 1: Includes subclass 500 and subclasses 570-576.

Note 2: Includes both primary and secondary applicants.

#### Student visas lodged between 1 April 2016 and 30 September 2016 for Postgraduate Research sector by citizenship country

Source: Department of Immigration and Border Protection, 2016 (BE10352.07)

Citizenship Country	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16
Algeria	0	<5	<5	0	0	0
Argentina	0	0	<5	<5	0	<5
Armenia	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Austria	<5	0	<5	0	0	<5
Azerbaijan	<5	<5	0	0	0	0
Bangladesh	51	44	58	27	40	34
Belarus	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Belgium	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	0
Bhutan	<5	<5	6	10	<5	6
Botswana	0	0	0	0	5	0
Brazil	15	9	5	9	<5	9
Bulgaria	0	0	0	<5	0	0
Cambodia	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0
Cameroon	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Canada	7	9	<5	<5	9	11
Chile	8	8	10	5	13	<5
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	70	129	144	285	240	151
Colombia	<5	7	7	<5	8	<5
Croatia	0	0	0	<5	<5	<5
Cyprus	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Czech Republic	0	<5	0	0	<5	0
Denmark	0	<5	<5	0	0	<5
Dominican Republic	0	0	0	<5	0	0
Ecuador	<5	0	<5	0	<5	0
Egypt	7	6	<5	<5	10	11
Eritrea	0	0	0	<5	0	<5
Estonia	0	0	<5	<5	<5	0
Ethiopia	13	12	12	9	10	10
Fiji	<5	0	6	0	<5	0
Finland	<5	0	0	0	0	<5

France	8	<5	15	5	8	8
FYR Macedonia	<5	0	<5	0	0	0
Gambia	<5	<5	<5	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Germany, Fed Republic of	11	12	7	12	12	17
Ghana	12	9	14	12	16	16
Greece	<5	0	0	0	0	<5
Grenada	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Guatemala	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Guyana	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	<5	<5	5	<5	<5	<5
Hungary	<5	0	0	5	0	0
India	52	52	49	38	54	42
Indonesia	49	51	70	30	34	47
Iran	56	52	50	55	69	42
Iraq	9	<5	5	0	0	<5
Ireland, Republic of	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	<5
Israel	<5	<5	7	<5	<5	0
Italy	9	<5	14	12	15	5
Jamaica	<5	0	0	0	0	0
Japan	<5	8	<5	6	<5	<5
Jordan	<5	9	15	<5	10	13
Kenya	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	5
Korea, South	<5	6	<5	9	9	5
Kuwait	<5	<5	<5	<5	6	<5
Lao Peoples Dem Republic	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Lebanon	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Libya	<5	5	0	0	<5	0
Malawi	<5	0	0	0	0	<5
Malaysia	13	13	27	19	29	17
Maldives	<5	0	0	0	0	0
Mauritius	<5	0	0	0	0	<5
Mexico	10	<5	<5	<5	<5	5
Mongolia	0	0	0	0	<5	<5
Morocco	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Mozambique	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Myanmar	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	<5
Nepal	15	21	15	15	15	13
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	<5	<5	<5	<5	7	<5
Nigeria	16	7	19	18	20	6
Norway	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Not Specified	<5	<5	0	0	<5	<5
Oman	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	0
Pakistan	22	29	31	29	42	23
Palestinian Authority	0	<5	0	0	<5	0
Papua New Guinea	0	0	5	0	0	0
Peru	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0
Philippines	10	9	6	<5	12	<5
Poland	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	0

Portugal	<5	0	7	<5	<5	0
Romania	<5	0	0	0	0	<5
Russian Federation	<5	<5	8	<5	<5	6
Rwanda	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Saudi Arabia	62	75	53	89	90	73
Serbia	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	0
Sierra Leone	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Singapore	11	8	<5	7	9	7
Slovakia	0	<5	0	<5	0	0
Solomon Islands	<5	0	0	<5	0	<5
Somalia	0	0	0	0	<5	0
South Africa	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Spain	<5	6	0	<5	<5	6
Sri Lanka	20	25	33	21	21	22
Sudan	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Sweden	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Switzerland	0	0	<5	0	<5	<5
Syrian Arab Republic	<5	0	0	<5	0	<5
Taiwan	5	8	<5	<5	<5	<5
Tanzania	<5	0	0	<5	0	0
Thailand	7	6	10	7	<5	9
Tunisia	0	<5	0	<5	0	0
Turkey	<5	<5	<5	6	<5	<5
Uganda	5	<5	7	<5	<5	<5
Ukraine	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	<5
United Kingdom	8	10	10	6	14	13
United States of America	15	19	22	19	23	6
Uruguay	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Uzbekistan	<5	<5	0	0	0	<5
Venezuela	0	0	<5	<5	<5	0
Vietnam	69	69	88	30	45	51
Yemen, Republic of	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Zambia	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Zimbabwe	5	0	0	<5	0	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>752</b>

Note 1: Includes subclass 500 and subclasses 570-576.

Note 2: Includes both primary and secondary applicants.

#### Student visas lodged between 1 April 2016 and 30 September 2016 for Schools sector by citizenship country

Source: Department of Immigration and Border Protection, 2016 (BE10352.08)

Citizenship Country	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16
Afghanistan	<5	0	0	0	0	0
Albania	0	0	<5	0	0	<5
Argentina	0	<5	<5	0	0	0
Austria	<5	8	25	<5	<5	<5
Bangladesh	<5	<5	<5	0	5	<5
Belgium	<5	<5	43	<5	0	0
Brazil	8	55	91	6	<5	<5

Brunei Darussalam	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Bulgaria	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Cambodia	6	9	12	5	28	9
Canada	0	<5	<5	<5	0	0
Chile	<5	7	5	<5	<5	0
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	656	852	840	378	430	389
Colombia	<5	<5	<5	<5	5	<5
Costa Rica	<5	0	0	0	0	0
Czech Republic	0	0	<5	<5	0	<5
Denmark	<5	<5	58	<5	0	0
Ecuador	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Equatorial Guinea	0	0	0	<5	0	0
Estonia	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Ethiopia	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Fiji	0	<5	<5	0	0	0
Finland	<5	<5	22	6	9	0
France	110	27	102	18	17	<5
FYR Macedonia	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Germany, Fed Republic of	62	214	260	26	24	16
Ghana	<5	0	0	0	0	0
Greece	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Guinea	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	43	52	67	28	32	40
Hungary	0	<5	<5	0	0	<5
India	16	15	42	14	23	29
Indonesia	<5	5	24	<5	<5	<5
Iran	7	<5	<5	<5	5	7
Iraq	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Italy	13	102	357	18	8	14
Japan	19	26	48	<5	7	10
Jordan	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Kazakhstan	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Kenya	<5	<5	0	0	0	0
Kiribati	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Korea, South	30	34	38	15	27	21
Kuwait	0	0	0	5	0	0
Lao Peoples Dem Republic	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Lebanon	0	0	0	<5	0	0
Luxembourg	0	<5	<5	0	0	0
Macau Special Admin Region	<5	<5	7	<5	<5	<5
Malaysia	6	18	19	<5	12	<5
Maldives	0	0	<5	0	<5	0
Mauritius	<5	0	0	0	0	0
Mexico	0	8	<5	0	<5	0
Mongolia	0	0	<5	0	<5	<5
Myanmar	<5	0	5	<5	<5	0
Nepal	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	8
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	0	0	9	0	0	<5
Nigeria	0	0	<5	0	0	0



Norway	<5	26	75	0	<5	0
Not Specified	0	0	0	0	0	5
Oman	0	0	<5	0	<5	0
Pakistan	<5	<5	0	0	<5	<5
Papua New Guinea	7	9	11	<5	<5	12
Philippines	6	6	9	5	<5	<5
Poland	<5	0	<5	0	0	0
Portugal	<5	<5	<5	0	0	0
Russian Federation	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Saudi Arabia	<5	<5	<5	0	0	<5
Singapore	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Slovakia	<5	<5	<5	0	0	<5
Solomon Islands	<5	0	0	0	0	0
South Africa	0	<5	0	0	<5	<5
Spain	<5	6	13	0	0	0
Sri Lanka	0	0	5	<5	<5	0
Sweden	0	0	11	7	5	<5
Switzerland	5	22	84	6	7	<5
Syrian Arab Republic	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Taiwan	10	15	13	13	10	5
Tanzania	0	<5	<5	0	0	0
Thailand	8	15	18	15	5	<5
Timor-Leste	<5	0	0	0	0	0
Tonga	<5	0	0	0	0	<5
Turkey	0	0	0	0	<5	<5
Uganda	<5	0	0	0	0	0
Ukraine	<5	0	<5	0	0	0
United Arab Emirates	0	0	0	0	<5	0
United Kingdom	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	<5
United States of America	<5	10	6	7	0	<5
Venezuela	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Vietnam	88	120	224	53	164	152
Zimbabwe	0	<5	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,154</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>2,609</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>782</b>

Note 1: Includes subclass 500 and subclasses 570-576.

Note 2: Includes both primary and secondary applicants.

#### Student visas lodged between 1 April 2016 and 30 September 2016 for Non-Award sector by citizenship country

Source: Department of Immigration and Border Protection, 2016 (BE10352.09)

Citizenship Country	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16
Afghanistan	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Albania	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Argentina	0	<5	9	<5	0	0
Armenia	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Austria	8	42	42	<5	0	<5
Belarus	0	0	0	<5	0	0
Belgium	<5	21	26	<5	<5	0
Bolivia	0	0	<5	0	0	0

Brazil	7	16	19	7	<5	<5
Brunei Darussalam	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Bulgaria	0	<5	6	0	0	0
Burundi	0	0	0	<5	0	0
Cambodia	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Canada	21	93	84	12	<5	6
Chile	<5	16	30	0	<5	0
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	21	195	300	59	37	27
Colombia	0	6	17	<5	0	<5
Costa Rica	0	<5	<5	0	0	0
Croatia	<5	0	<5	<5	0	0
Cyprus	0	<5	<5	0	0	0
Czech Republic	<5	10	14	<5	0	<5
Denmark	53	198	276	18	<5	<5
Dominican Republic	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Ecuador	0	<5	<5	<5	0	0
Egypt	0	<5	<5	0	0	<5
El Salvador	0	<5	<5	0	<5	0
Estonia	0	0	<5	0	<5	0
Fiji	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Finland	5	25	26	<5	0	0
France	27	158	292	28	15	6
Germany, Fed Republic of	89	322	446	101	38	23
Greece	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	0
Guatemala	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Haiti	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	5	46	29	5	8	8
Hungary	0	8	5	0	0	0
Iceland	0	<5	6	<5	0	0
India	5	25	44	10	5	0
Indonesia	29	5	11	<5	<5	<5
Iran	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	0
Iraq	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Ireland, Republic of	5	16	28	<5	<5	0
Israel	<5	6	7	0	0	0
Italy	8	60	110	10	<5	<5
Jamaica	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Japan	12	29	223	34	31	16
Jordan	0	0	<5	0	<5	0
Kazakhstan	0	<5	<5	0	0	0
Kenya	0	<5	0	<5	0	0
Korea, South	6	73	47	<5	<5	<5
Latvia	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Lebanon	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Liberia	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Lithuania	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0
Luxembourg	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0
Macau Special Admin Region	0	0	0	<5	0	0
Malawi	0	0	0	<5	0	0

Malaysia	11	18	39	17	<5	<5
Mexico	24	72	92	13	<5	<5
Mongolia	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Morocco	0	<5	<5	<5	0	0
Myanmar	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Nepal	0	0	<5	0	<5	0
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	33	141	159	15	<5	<5
Nicaragua	<5	<5	0	0	0	0
Niger	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Nigeria	0	0	<5	<5	0	<5
Norway	81	273	300	32	8	<5
Pakistan	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Panama	0	<5	<5	0	0	0
Peru	0	7	<5	<5	0	0
Philippines	5	5	12	<5	7	6
Poland	<5	9	20	5	<5	<5
Portugal	<5	<5	8	<5	<5	<5
Romania	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0
Russian Federation	0	<5	12	0	0	0
Rwanda	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Saint Lucia	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	11	<5	<5	5	<5	6
Serbia	0	<5	<5	0	0	0
Singapore	11	54	19	<5	<5	<5
Slovakia	<5	5	<5	0	0	0
Slovenia	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0
South Africa	<5	<5	<5	0	0	0
Spain	6	80	115	15	<5	<5
Sri Lanka	<5	0	6	<5	0	<5
Sudan	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Sweden	21	136	159	21	5	<5
Switzerland	11	75	57	10	<5	0
Taiwan	<5	38	15	<5	<5	<5
Thailand	<5	<5	10	<5	<5	<5
Trinidad and Tobago	0	<5	<5	0	<5	0
Tunisia	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Turkey	0	15	14	0	<5	<5
Turkmenistan	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Uganda	0	<5	<5	0	<5	0
Ukraine	0	<5	<5	<5	0	0
United Kingdom	142	452	406	37	<5	<5
United States of America	177	1,007	1,008	191	82	6
Uruguay	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Uzbekistan	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Venezuela	<5	<5	0	0	0	0
Vietnam	<5	8	7	<5	<5	0
Zambia	<5	0	0	<5	0	0
Zimbabwe	0	0	<5	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>3,823</b>	<b>4,631</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>138</b>

Note 1: Includes subclass 500 and subclasses 570-576.

Note 2: Includes both primary and secondary applicants.

### Student visas lodged between 1 April 2016 and 30 September 2016 for Foreign Affairs or Defence sector by citizenship country

Source: Department of Immigration and Border Protection, 2016 (BE10352.10)

Citizenship Country	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16
Afghanistan	0	<5	0	<5	0	<5
Antigua and Barbuda	0	0	0	0	<5	<5
Bangladesh	23	0	8	<5	<5	<5
Belize	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Bhutan	20	0	<5	<5	31	10
Botswana	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Brazil	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Brunei Darussalam	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	0
Burkina Faso	<5	0	0	<5	0	0
Cambodia	16	6	11	5	<5	16
Cameroon	0	0	5	<5	<5	0
Chile	0	0	0	<5	0	0
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	0	0	0	<5	<5	0
Comoros	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Congo, Dem Republic of The	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Cook Islands	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Cote d'Ivoire	0	0	<5	0	<5	0
Djibouti	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Dominica	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Egypt	0	<5	<5	0	<5	0
El Salvador	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Ethiopia	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Fiji	0	17	14	8	14	39
Ghana	0	0	<5	<5	<5	0
Grenada	0	0	0	0	5	0
Guinea	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Haiti	0	0	0	0	<5	0
India	<5	<5	0	<5	8	23
Indonesia	83	216	138	31	149	192
Iran	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Jamaica	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Japan	0	<5	7	<5	<5	0
Jordan	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0
Kenya	<5	0	6	6	6	<5
Kiribati	0	<5	0	7	11	<5
Korea, South	0	0	5	<5	<5	0
Lao Peoples Dem Republic	5	<5	<5	<5	21	0
Lebanon	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	0
Lesotho	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Liberia	0	<5	<5	0	0	0
Madagascar	<5	0	<5	0	<5	0
Malawi	0	<5	5	<5	0	<5

Malaysia	5	6	<5	0	<5	15
Maldives	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	7
Marshall Islands	0	0	0	<5	<5	0
Mauritius	0	0	<5	<5	<5	0
Mexico	0	0	0	0	<5	<5
Micronesia	15	<5	0	<5	<5	<5
Mongolia	8	13	38	12	5	17
Mozambique	0	<5	0	0	0	<5
Myanmar	<5	9	7	6	19	6
Namibia	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Nauru	8	0	0	0	5	0
Nepal	<5	0	<5	23	5	6
New Zealand	0	<5	0	0	<5	0
Niger	0	<5	<5	<5	0	0
Nigeria	<5	0	8	<5	<5	<5
Not Specified	0	<5	<5	0	<5	7
Pakistan	13	27	<5	6	16	13
Palau	<5	<5	0	<5	0	0
Palestinian Authority	0	0	0	<5	<5	0
Papua New Guinea	23	22	40	19	36	15
Peru	0	0	0	0	0	11
Philippines	13	52	41	12	23	11
Saint Lucia	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Samoa	<5	<5	<5	0	18	<5
Saudi Arabia	0	0	<5	<5	<5	<5
Senegal	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Seychelles	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Sierra Leone	0	0	<5	0	<5	0
Solomon Islands	<5	5	<5	5	5	<5
South Africa	0	0	<5	<5	0	<5
Sri Lanka	<5	<5	8	11	20	43
St Vincent & the Grenadines	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Suriname	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Syrian Arab Republic	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Tanzania	0	0	<5	<5	<5	<5
Thailand	9	<5	16	<5	11	9
Timor-Leste	22	15	<5	8	8	<5
Tonga	22	<5	<5	23	19	<5
Tuvalu	0	0	0	<5	<5	<5
Uganda	0	0	0	<5	0	0
Ukraine	0	<5	7	0	0	0
United Arab Emirates	0	0	<5	0	0	0
United Kingdom	0	0	0	<5	0	0
United States of America	0	0	0	<5	0	0
Vanuatu	20	<5	5	0	12	<5
Vietnam	24	122	49	39	30	27
Zambia	0	0	<5	<5	0	<5
Zimbabwe	0	0	5	<5	<5	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>512</b>

*Note 1: Includes subclass 500 and subclasses 570-576.*

*Note 2: Includes both primary and secondary applicants.*