

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE16/149) - 485 Visas - Programme 2.3: Visas

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How many applications for Temporary Graduate visas (subclass 485) have been granted to applicants from the engineering profession who have previously held student subclass visas since 2004-05 by

- a. Financial year; and
- b. Discipline of engineering and financial year?

Answer:

The Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) was introduced in 2007. Since it was introduced, applicants have been required to hold or have held a student visa to make an application for a Temporary Graduate visa. Prior to 23 March 2013, all applicants were also required to nominate an occupation in their application.

In response to *the Strategic Review of the Student Visa Program 2011*, conducted by the Hon Michael Knight AO (*the Knight Review*), the new Post-Study Work (PSW) stream of the Temporary Graduate visa was introduced on 23 March 2013. PSW stream offers university graduates in any field of study a further stay in Australia. The existing Temporary Graduate visa programme with the nominated occupation requirement has remained available through the Graduate Work (GW) stream. The Department would only record occupations for Temporary Graduate visa applicants in GW stream after 23 March 2013. It is not a requirement for applicants to nominate an occupation in the PSW stream.

The number of Temporary Graduate visas granted since 2004–05 and the number of Temporary Graduate visas granted since 2004–05 under the GW stream where the nominated occupation is in selected engineering professions is below.

1. Subclass 485 visas granted between 2004-05 and 2016-17 to 30 September 2016 by visa type

Visa Type	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 to 30/09/16
Graduate Work	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	15,661	14,066	12,425	1,843
Post-Study Work	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,140	8,586	19,989	5,648
Skilled Graduate	0	0	0	373	14,461	23,390	21,838	40,088	35,385	6,066	243	22	<5
Total	0	0	0	373	14,461	23,390	21,838	40,088	35,495	22,867	22,895	32,436	7,491
<i>Source: Department of Immigration and Border Protection, 2016 (BE10353.01)</i>													
<i>Note 1: The Skilled Graduate (subclass 485) visa came into effect on 1 September 2007. There were no subclass 485 visas granted prior to this date.</i>													
<i>Note 2: The Skilled Graduate (subclass 485) visa was renamed the Temporary Graduate (subclass 485) visa on 23 March 2013. The Temporary Graduate visa has two streams, the Graduate Work stream and the Post-Study Work stream.</i>													

2. Subclass 485 primary visas granted between 2004-05 and 2016-17 to 30 September 2016 under the Graduate Work stream where the nominated occupation is in selected engineering professions

Nominated Occupation (ANZSCO)	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 to 30/09/16	
233211 Civil Engineer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	317	353	389	27	
233111 Chemical Engineer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	115	109	70	5	
233112 Materials Engineer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	13	18	<5	
233215 Transport Engineer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	
233612 Petroleum Engineer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	14	26	<5	
233214 Structural Engineer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	21	15	<5	
233311 Electrical Engineer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	142	117	7	
233511 Industrial Engineer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	19	10	<5	
233512 Mechanical Engineer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	254	223	199	17	
233913 Biomedical Engineer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	16	13	<5	
233411 Electronics Engineer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	126	89	58	7	
233212 Geotechnical Engineer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	<5	
233911 Aeronautical Engineer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	24	32	<5	
233912 Agricultural Engineer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	
233915 Environmental Engineer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	35	34	<5	
233914 Engineering Technologist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	77	70	9	
233513 Production or Plant Engineer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	22	11	0	
233999 Engineering Professionals nec	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	
233611 Mining Engineer (excluding Petroleum)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	60	77	<5	
263311 Telecommunications Engineer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	44	23	<5	
263312 Telecommunications Network Engineer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	12	7	<5	
263111 Computer Network and Systems Engineer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	273	237	188	14	
261313 Software Engineer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	266	193	154	9	
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	1,801	1,705	1,514	115

Source: Department of Immigration and Border Protection, 2016 (BE10353.02)

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