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### 2019-20 Migration Program Outcomes

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The Department has published the detailed outcomes from the 2019-20 Migration Program.

The total places granted for the permanent migration program in 2019-20 is 140,366. The total places granted in the humanitarian program in 2019-20 is 13,171.

In summary of the total amounts for the migration program:

- Seventy per cent of the visas were granted through the skilled stream with 95,843 places in total, this includes 4,109 places under the highly skilled Global Talent – Independent program which launched in November 2019.
- There were 23,372 regional places delivered, from the 25,000 places allocated.
- There were 41,961 places granted in the Family program, including 37,118 Partner visas.
- There were 81 places in the Special Eligibility stream.
- There were 2,481 places in the Child stream.
- Two-thirds of permanent visas were granted to individuals already in Australia who transitioned from a temporary visa to permanent residency.
- This outcome is within the planning ceiling of 160,000 places set through the Government's budget process.
- COVID-19 had a significant impact on the outcome of the 2019–20 Migration Program, due to the disruption to supporting services such as English Language testing, biometrics and health and character checking. Categories that reached planning ceilings were Distinguished Talent and Skilled Work Regional (within the Regional category). Delivery in the Family Stream and Business Innovation and Investment category has been particularly impacted.
- Overall Migration Program lodgements dropped by 12.3 per cent from 198,710 in 2018–19 to 174,170 in 2019–20. This was predominantly due to reductions in lodgements of 13.3 per cent in the Family stream and in Skilled Independent category of 67.4 per cent.

In summary of the total amounts for the humanitarian program:

- Of the total including 4,765 visas (45 per cent) for those who were referred for settlement in regional areas.
- There was a total of 11,521 of offshore visas granted and 1,650 of onshore visas granted.
- 6422 were refugee category visas.
- 5099 were special humanitarian category (SHP) visas.

The size and composition of the 2020-21 Migration and Humanitarian programs will be considered in light of the developing COVID-19 situation and announced as part of the Budget process in October.

For more information you can refer to the following sources:

- [Media release from the Hon Alan Tudge MP.](#)
- The [Department's 2019-20 Migration Report](#) for information on the permanent migration program.
- The [Department's visa statistics: humanitarian program page](#) for Onshore and Offshore Humanitarian reports amongst other sources.

## ImmiAccount Planned system maintenance

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The Department has placed the following notification on the ImmiAccount login page:

ImmiAccount will be unavailable between 10pm Friday 18 September and 9am Saturday 19 September 2020 (AEST)

## Suspension of BPAY Request Payment option

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The Department has placed the following notification on the ImmiAccount login page:

The BPAY Request payment option will be unavailable from Tuesday 15 September 2020 until Saturday 19 September 2020.

Payment by credit card, Paypal and UnionPay is still available.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

