



Budget 2020-21

This information is accurate as at 6 October 2020.

Migration Program – 2020-21 planning levels

The 2020-21 Migration Program will remain at a ceiling of 160,000 places with changes.

The Skilled stream will maximise places available for Employer Sponsored, Global Talent and Business Innovation and Investment Program (BIIP) cohorts. Program allocations within the Skilled stream will be adjusted to reflect these priorities.

There will be a temporary, one-off measure to depart from a two-thirds/one-third split between the Skilled and Family streams. This will increase the number of places available to Family visa categories in 2020-21. This will provide an absolute number of places to the partner stream with planning levels set at 50% of the planned program.

Onshore applicants will be prioritised across the Skilled and Family streams.

Flexibility will be introduced within the Skilled stream. This will enhance responsiveness to uncertain health, border and economic conditions. The Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs will have authority to approve redistribution of places across the Skilled stream of the program as required.

This change is not subject to the passage of legislation.

Who does this measure affect?

This will affect participants of the Migration Program.

When will this start and finish?

This started from 1 July 2020 and is ongoing.