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Department of Home Affairs

Monthly Update: Onshore Protection (Subclass 866) Visa Processing - December 2025

This report covers the period 1 December 2025 to 31 December 2025.

(a)	**the total number of protection visa lodgements made onshore during the period;**	**1,771**
(b)	the total number of protection visa lodgements made onshore at airports, by airport and state, during the period;	0
(c)	the total number of individuals, by country of origin, that made a lodgement for a protection visa onshore during the period;	
	China (exc. SAR)	287
	India	221
	Indonesia	136
	Vietnam	86
	Philippines	82
	Pakistan	62
	Fiji	57
	Nepal	56
	Malaysia	49
	Iran	45
	Bangladesh	41
	Timor-Leste	36
	Tonga	35
	Myanmar	34
	Papua New Guinea	31
	Colombia	29
	Sri Lanka	27
	Ukraine	26
	Vanuatu	23
	Nigeria	22
	Taiwan	22
	Thailand	22
	Other	342

(d)	the total number of individuals, by age and gender, that made a lodgement for a protection visa onshore during the period;

Age Group	F	M	U*
0 - 14	89	98	0
15 - 24	79	155	0
25 - 34	197	344	0
35 - 44	167	230	<5
45 - 54	116	127	0
55 - 64	68	61	0
65 - 74	19	7	0
75 and over	8	5	0

* indeterminate / intersex / unspecified

(e)	the total number of refugee status determinations made during the period;	**1,656**
(f)	the total number of individuals granted a Final Protection Visa during the period;	478
(g)	the total number of individuals, by country of origin, granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;	

Malaysia	94	90.38%
China (exc. SAR)	47	26.70%
Vietnam	36	39.56%
Pakistan	35	45.45%
India	30	16.95%
Fiji	23	31.51%
Nigeria	17	100.00%
Papua New Guinea	15	40.54%
Sri Lanka	14	21.88%
Iran	13	61.90%
South Africa	13	56.52%
Bangladesh	11	10.38%
Afghanistan	9	90.00%
Philippines	9	09.68%
Lebanon	8	61.54%
Venezuela	8	88.89%
Yemen	8	100.00%
Indonesia	7	06.14%
Myanmar	7	100.00%
Solomon Islands	7	35.00%
Other	67	-
Total	**478**	**28.86%**

(h) the total number of individuals, by age and gender, granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;

Age Group	F	M	U*	Grant Rate
0 - 14	51	54	0	49.30%
15 - 24	20	16	0	21.56%
25 - 34	51	50	0	22.30%
35 - 44	69	54	0	28.67%
45 - 54	44	27	0	27.52%
55 - 64	14	13	0	26.73%
65 - 74	8	<5	0	40.74%
75 and over	<5	<5	0	50.00%

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(i)	the total number of individuals that were not granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;	1,178	28.86%

(j) the total number of individuals, by country of origin, that were not granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;

Country of origin	Not granted a Final Protection Visa during the period	Grant rate
India	147	16.95%
China (exc. SAR)	129	26.70%
Indonesia	107	06.14%
Bangladesh	95	10.38%
Philippines	84	09.68%
Vietnam	55	39.56%
Fiji	50	31.51%
Sri Lanka	50	21.88%
Nepal	47	07.84%
Pakistan	42	45.45%
Thailand	33	10.81%
Colombia	26	03.70%
Brazil	23	14.81%
Mongolia	22	00.00%
Papua New Guinea	22	40.54%
Taiwan	20	00.00%
Timor-Leste	18	00.00%
Tonga	17	00.00%
Cambodia	15	06.25%
Egypt	14	30.00%
Other	162	-
Total	**1,178**	**28.86%**

(k)	the total number of individuals, by age and gender, that were not granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;

Age Group	F	M	U*	Grant Rate
0 - 14	45	63	0	49.30%
15 - 24	41	90	0	21.56%
25 - 34	101	251	0	22.30%
35 - 44	121	185	0	28.67%
45 - 54	79	108	0	27.52%
55 - 64	38	36	0	26.73%
65 - 74	10	6	0	40.74%
75 and over	<5	<5	0	50.00%

*** indeterminate / intersex / unspecified**

(l)	the total number of individuals that were not granted a Final Protection Visa that were deported during the period, and the deportation rate;	15	00.01%
		Involuntary	**Voluntary**
		<5	<15

(m)	the total number of refugee status determinations awaiting a decision at the end of the period;	26,393
(n)	the total number of individuals that were not granted a Final Protection Visa that have yet to be deported at the end of the period.	102,945

Explanatory Notes

This report is produced in accordance with the Senate Order for the Production of Documents – Airplane People (Your Right to Know). The report relates to clients who are applicants of a subclass 866 Protection visa and does not include applicants for temporary protection or safe haven enterprise visas.

Lodgements has been interpreted as all lodgements in the previous month regardless of whether a lodgement is later found to be invalid, or withdrawn. Should a person lodge multiple applications over a period, they will be counted twice as reporting is event based.

Refugee status determinations has been interpreted as all departmental subclass 866 visa decisions made either before or after merits review.

The total number of refugee status determinations awaiting a decision at the end of the period has been interpreted to include any application that has not been finalised, invalidated, withdrawn, refused or granted since lodgement.

Grant of a final protection visa has been interpreted as grant of a protection visa either at primary stage or following remittal from merits review or judicial review.

Deported has been interpreted as removals under the Migration Act 1958.

The total number of individuals that were not granted a Final Protection Visa that have yet to be deported at the end of the period includes all people who have applied for a protection visa in Australia since 1994 who, at the end of the period, were in Australia and had: not been granted a protection visa, not been removed under the Migration Act, and were either an unlawful non-citizen or held a bridging visa. The figure includes persons who were seeking merits review of their protection visa refusal at the Administrative Review Tribunal or were seeking judicial review.

Where citizenship or age is reported as not recorded, this reflects that data is not yet recorded in departmental systems in a reportable field. This could include circumstances where detail on the application is incomplete.