

## Skilled Residence Data as at 13 September 2021

Skilled residence applications (Skilled Migrant Category and Residence from Work) are not split into separate queues based on visa category.

Table One below provides the number of unallocated skilled residence applications in the onshore general queue as of 13 September 2021, broken down by month the application was accepted for processing by Immigration New Zealand. Note that 'unallocated' relates to applications that are waiting to be allocated to an Immigration Officer for assessment.

**Table One: Number of unallocated skilled residence applications in the onshore general queue as of 13 September 2021:**

Accepted Month	Number of applications
November 2019	639
December 2019	804
January 2020	663
February 2020	849
March 2020	1,188
April 2020	153
May 2020	732
June 2020	564
July 2020	669
August 2020	495
September 2020	420
October 2020	426
November 2020	444
December 2020	399
January 2021	237
February 2021	279

March 2021	408
April 2021	381
May 2021	468
June 2021	516
July 2021	579
August 2021	228
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,541</b>

*\*All numbers provided are subject to random rounding to base 3 by applying the same rule used by Stats NZ for Census data.*

Table Two below provides the number of applications allocated each week from the onshore general queue and onshore priority queue. The allocation of applications to immigration officers occur weekly and the number of applications that are allocated may be affected by a number of factors, including reduced processing capacity.

Please note Immigration New Zealand is operating under the same Alert Level 4 lockdown requirements as all businesses, which means our offices are currently closed and most of INZ staff are now working remotely. However, the current COVID-19 restrictions do impact our ability to process paper applications and our teams are unable to process skilled residence applications during a Level 4 lockdown.

**Table Two: The number of applications allocated each week covering periods 15 March 2021 – 13 September 2021.**

Allocation week	Priority Queue	General Queue
15 March 2021	73	49
22 March 2021	16	118
29 March 2021	26	80
05 April 2021	47	20
12 April 2021	37	31
19 April 2021	79	4
26 April 2021	45	39



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03 May 2021	41	46
10 May 2021	69	83
17 May 2021	68	101
24 May 2021	57	197
31 May 2021	43	150
07 June 2021	74	170
14 June 2021	54	150
21 June 2021	63	271
28 June 2021	55	131
05 July 2021	40	47
12 July 2021	31	61
19 July 2021	37	18
26 July 2021	88	14
02 August 2021	79	17
09 August 2021	83	30
16 August 2021	91	28
23 August 2021	0	0
30 August 2021	0	0
6 September 2021	0	0
13 September 2021	0	0