

WPQ 11485 (2025): How many work visas have been issued in each of the last five years?

Table 1: The number of work visas issued in each of the last five years between 01 January 2020 and 19 March 2025, broken down by year, and visa type, as at 19 March 2025.

Year	Visa Type	Approved visas
2020	Work (all work visas including AEWV)	151,676
	Work (excluding AEWV)	151,676
	Breakdown of AEWV	
	Work - AEWV (all AEWV)	0
	Work – AEWV (excluding MCS)	0
	Work – AEWV (only MCS)	0
2021	Work (all work visas including AEWV)	146,747
	Work (excluding AEWV)	146,747
	Breakdown of AEWV	
	Work - AEWV (all AEWV)	0
	Work – AEWV (excluding MCS)	0
	Work – AEWV (only MCS)	0
2022	Work (all work visas including AEWV)	201,457
	Work (excluding AEWV)	179,251
	Breakdown of AEWV	
	Work - AEWV (all AEWV)	22,206
	Work – AEWV (excluding MCS)	22,206
	Work – AEWV (only MCS)	0
2023	Work (all work visas including AEWV)	228,362
	Work (excluding AEWV)	149,346
	Breakdown of AEWV	
	Work - AEWV (all AEWV)	79,016
	Work – AEWV (excluding MCS)	79,003
	Work – AEWV (only MCS)	13
2024	Work (all work visas including AEWV)	189,722
	Work (excluding AEWV)	154,313
	Breakdown of AEWV	
	Work - AEWV (all AEWV)	35,409
	Work – AEWV (excluding MCS)	32,579
	Work – AEWV (only MCS)	2,830
2025**	Work (all work visas including AEWV)	42,127
	Work (excluding AEWV)	35,457
	Breakdown of AEWV	
	Work - AEWV (all AEWV)	6,670
	Work – AEWV (excluding MCS)	4,944
	Work – AEWV (only MCS)	1,726

* Accredited Employer Work Visa (AEWV) application approval data available from 2022 onwards as the visa was launched that year.

** Maximum Continuous Stay (MCS) applications are for the balance of an AEWV for the total continuous stay period that an AEWV holder is eligible for.