

WPQ 61451 (2024) What impact, if any, have the changes to the Accredited Employer Worker Visa (AEWV) scheme announced in April 2024 had on the number of work visas granted?

Table 1: The number of Accredited Employer Work Visa (AEWV) applications approved and AEWV approval rates before the 7 April policy changes in the 2024 calendar year, broken down by month of decision.

Pre-7 April policy changes		
Month	AEWV approved	AEWV Approval rate
January 2024	4,987	94%
February 2024	5,081	94%
March 2024	4,518	93%
Up to 6 April 2024	844	93%

Table 2: The number of AEWV applications approved and AEWV approval rates after the 7 April policy changes in the 2024 calendar year, broken down by month of decision¹

Post 7 April policy changes		
Month	AEWV approved	AEWV Approval rate
7 – 30 April 2024	2,327	87%
May 2024	1,684	75%
June 2024	1,585	78%
July 2024	1,954	82%
August 2024	1,974	83%
Up to 23 September 2024	1,085	80%

¹ The number of applications approved may incorporate applications which were submitted prior to the 7 April policy changes but were decided at a later date.