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## Australia Budget Highlights for Migration

### 2022/23 Migration Program planning<sup>1</sup>

The Federal Budget was handed down on 25 October 2022. Prior to the budget, the Australian Government announced the planning level for the 2022-23 permanent migration program will increase to 195,000 places.

The composition of these 195,000 places are as follows.

- ✓ Skilled Visas – 142,400 places
- ✓ Family Visas – 52,500 places
- ✓ Special eligibility visas – 100 places

#### Skilled Visa Stream

This stream is designed to improve the productive capacity of the economy and fill skill shortages in the labour market, including those in regional Australia.

The composition of the 142,000 places is given below.

Visa Stream	Visa Category	2021-22 planning levels	2022-23 planning levels
Skill	Employer Sponsored	22,000	35,000
	Skilled Independent	6,500	32,100
	Regional	11,200	34,000
	State/Territory Nominated	11,200	31,000
	Business Innovation & Investment	13,500	5,000
	Global Talent (Independent)	15,000	5,000
	Distinguished Talent	200	300
	<b>Skill Total</b>	<b>79,600</b>	<b>142,400</b>

### Family Visa Stream

The composition of the 52,500 places in this stream is given below.

Visa Stream	Visa Category	2021-22 planning levels	2022-23 planning levels
Family	Partner	72,300	40,500
	Parent	4,500	8,500
	Child	3,000	3,000
	Other family	500	500
	<b>Family Total</b>	<b>80,300</b>	<b>52,500</b>

Parents visa numbers have been increased from 4500 in 2021-22 to 8500 this year.

### Additional funding<sup>2</sup>

To address skills shortages more quickly, additional funding of \$42.2million will be provided to accelerate visa processing, reduce the visa backlog, and raise awareness of opportunities for high-skilled migrants in Australia's permanent skilled and family Migration Program.

### Relaxed Work restrictions<sup>2</sup>

Student visa holders will have their work restrictions relaxed until 30 June 2023, allowing them to work additional hours in any sector, helping to address workforce shortages.

### Visa Queries

<sup>1</sup>If you have any questions on your current visa or future migration option, please call IOM on 1300 921 811.

1. <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/what-we-do/migration-program-planning-levels>  
 2. [https://budget.gov.au/2022-23-october/content/overview/download/budget\\_overview.pdf](https://budget.gov.au/2022-23-october/content/overview/download/budget_overview.pdf)

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