



Weekly Report to the Minister of Immigration and Associate Minister of Immigration

For the period from 10 August to 16 August 2022

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	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Michael Wood Minister of Immigration	Discuss at the next immigration portfolio meeting	N/A
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1. IMMIGRATION PORTFOLIO OFFICIALS' MEETING

1.1 Actions from Officials' Meeting 16 August 2022

Action	Due Date	Responsible	Status
OUT OF SCOPE			
MBIE to provide projections on when the AEWV approval rate will increase	19 August	MBIE	In progress
OUT OF SCOPE			

1.2 Actions from Previous Meetings

Action	Due Date	Responsible	Status
OUT OF SCOPE			
MBIE to establish the metric for the AEWV timeframes for standard, high volume, franchisee and triangular applications and if that has been stated publicly.	By 17 August	MBIE	Complete
OUT OF SCOPE			

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3.2 Accredited Employer Work Visa

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Employer accreditation

As at 16 August 2022, 9,285 applications for employer accreditation had been received, and of these, 8,456 applications had been approved. Out of the 8,456 completed applications, 6,813 (80 per cent) were completed within 10 days.

The employer accreditation gateway continues to flow smoothly with the average processing time for completed applications at six days.

From 15 August 2022, an enhancement to the Immigration Online system will allow employers to upgrade from standard to high volume accreditation.

Job check

The front-end job check form went live at 10am on 20 June 2022. To allow system testing of the back-end functionality, the applications were held until 27 June 2022 when processing was able to begin.

At 10pm on 16 August 2022		
	Total Job Checks	Total roles included
Applications received	5,257	35,818
Applications approved	3,306	21,521
Applications declined	1	10

INZ's focus on educating employers about requirements rather than enforcing them through a decline decision has continued to see an increase in productivity in job check processing with 1,373 job check applications decided in the last week (an increase of 521 over the previous week). This week will focus on finalising the applications that remain in immigration officer caseloads. The average time to decide a completed job check application is currently 11 days.

Work visa

The number of work visa applications received is slowly increasing. As at 16 August 2022, 1,472 work visa applications have been received.

Of the work visa applications received, 1,161 are currently under assessment having completed the lodgement tasks required as a result of the hybrid processing model in place until the back-end functionality of the enhanced Immigration Online platform is delivered.

There have been 84 applications approved and none have been declined. In many instances, INZ is awaiting further information or action from the applicant to continue assessment of their application.

INZ's focus this week has been identifying some of the early barriers to the efficient processing of these work visa applications. A similar approach will be adopted for job check processing that recognises that this is a new policy and system for both customers and INZ. INZ is relying on employers to ensure that the candidates to whom they have offered roles have the appropriate skills, qualifications, and experience as outlined in the job check. INZ will continue to conduct checks on those candidates where there is an adverse declaration made or information held by INZ or where the employer is operating a higher risk business model such as a franchise or triangular employment.

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