

New Zealand Immigration Programme *Fortnightly Residency Statistics – 16 February 2005*

1. Selection 16 February 2005 – Skilled Migrant Category

The most recent selection of Expressions of Interest (EOI) under the Skilled Migrant Category took place on **16 February 2005**. The selection point was **100**.

As a result, **834** EOIs, representing **1994** people, will now undergo preliminary verification to determine if an invitation to apply for residency will be issued.

2. The make-up of selection

Based on the information provided by applicants, the make-up of the 16 February 2005 selection is as follows:

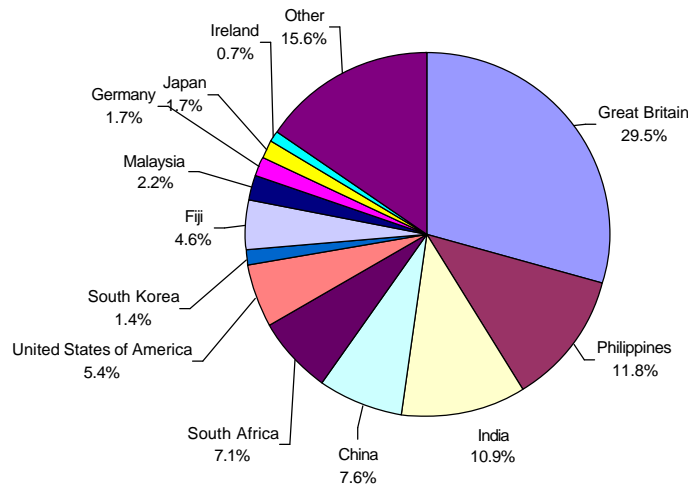
	Onshore	Offshore	Total
Number of EOIs	456	378	834
Number claiming points for			
Employment under one year	138	1	139
Employment over one year	199	4	203
Job offer	68	55	123
Total with job/job offer	405	60	465
EOIs without job offers	51	318	369

3. Nationality composition

Expressions of Interest Selected

By nationality

 16 February 2005

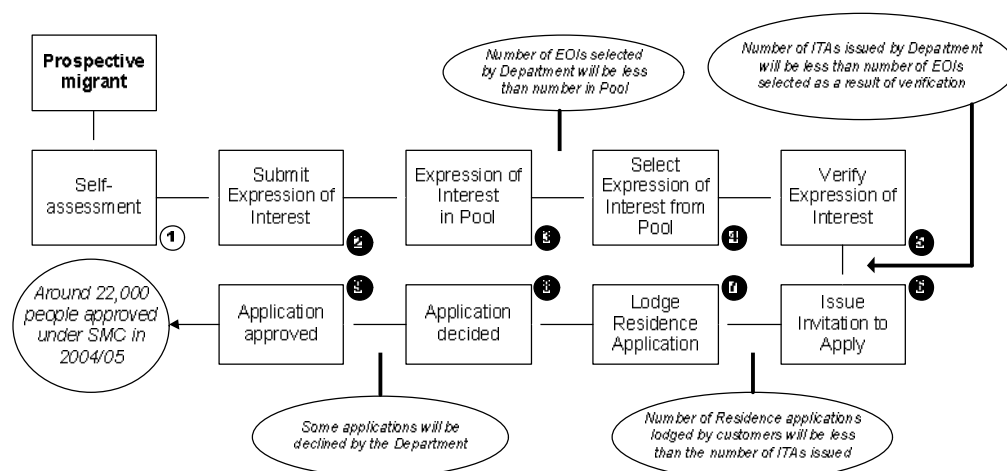


4. Statistics since December 2003

Since the Skilled Migrant Category opened in December 2003, a total of **17,851** EOIs, representing **44,160** people, have been selected.

Approximately **78 percent** of those EOIs selected have been verified (stage five below). Of these, **84 percent** have been invited to apply (stage six below) while the remaining **16 percent** were returned to the pool, declined or withdrawn.

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5. Pool draws since February 2004

There have been **27** pool draws since the first selection in February 2004.

Selection Date	Selection Point	No of EOIs	No of People
18 February 2004	195	126	371
3 March 2004	185	255	699
18 March 2004	185	98	277
2 April 2004	180	330	879
14 April 2004	180	62	158
28 April 2004	170	653	1,659
12 May 2004	165	533	1,312
26 May 2004	160	538	1,206
9 June 2004	155	551	1,262
23 June 2004	150	666	1,393
7 July 2004	140	648	1,355
21 July 2004	130	705	1,551
4 August 2004	115	1,149	3,005
18 August 2004	110	969	2,522
1 September 2004	100	1,434	3,647
15 September 2004	100	1,001	2,662
29 September 2004	100	862	2,276

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13 October 2004	100	807	2,103
27 October 2004	100	750	1,872
10 November 2004	100	666	1,621
24 November 2004	100	703	1,785
8 December 2004	100	727	1,812
23 December 2004	100	833	1,990
5 January 2005	100	340	879
19 January 2005	100	840	2,029
2 February 2005	100	771	1,841
16 February 2005	100	834	1,994
TOTALS		17,851	44,160

RESULTS FOR 2004/05 YEAR TO DATE

6. Residence applications accepted and approved – year to date

The chart below outlines how many residence applications have been accepted and approved to date in 2004/05:

Stream	Applications On-hand		Residence Declines		Residence Approvals	
	Applications	People	Applications	People	Applications	People
Skilled/ Business	3,669	9,562	1083	3,009	5,208	13,171
Family Sponsored	8,332	12,282	565	963	5,848	7,773
International/ Humanitarian	1053	2,723	73	168	912	2,177
Total	13,054	24,567	1,721	4,140	11,968	23,121

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1. On-hand applications (from lodgement) as at 11/02/2005

2. Decisions and declines from 1/07/2004 to 11/02/2005

3. Based on 2004/05 allocation of 45,000.

Please note: One application can represent several people such as the principal applicant and family

GENERAL INFORMATION

For the 2004/05 financial year, Government has allocated **45,000** (up to 50,000) places for people to be granted New Zealand residence under the immigration programme. The categories under the programme are as follows: made up of:

- **Skilled/Business Stream (60 percent)** – Skilled Migrant Category (SMC), closed General Skills Category, Work to Residence, Investor, Entrepreneur, and Employees of relocating businesses.
- **Family Sponsored Stream (30 percent)** – Partnership, Dependent Child, Parent, Sibling, Adult Child, Family Quota, Family-Sponsored Transitional Policy, closed Humanitarian category
- **International Humanitarian Stream (10 percent)** – Refugee Quota (750), Refugee Status, Refugee Family Quota (250), Samoan Quota (1,100), Pacific Access (650), Victims of Domestic Violence, Contingency/Ministerial Direction, International Humanitarian Transitional Policy.

As a result, **27,000** (up to 30,000) people will be approved under the Skilled/Business Stream as part of this year's immigration programme.

Of these, **19,000** (up to 22,000) people will be under the Skilled Migrant Category (SMC), with the remaining **8,000** from the closed General Skills, Work to Residence, Investor, Entrepreneur, and employees of relocating businesses categories.