

New Zealand Residence Programme

Fortnightly Selection Statistics – 17 December 2008

1. Selection 17 December 2008– Skilled Migrant Category

The most recent selection of Expressions of Interest (EOIs) under the Skilled Migrant Category took place on **17 December 2008**

- **438** EOIs were selected that had a points total of **140** or above;
- **108** EOIs were selected that had a points total of **100** or more but less than 140, and included points for offers of skilled employment or current skilled employment in New Zealand.
- **37** EOIs were selected that had a points total of **100** or more but less than 140, and included 15 points for work experience in an area of absolute skill shortage.
- **28** EOIs were selected that had a points total of **100** or more but less than 140, and included 10 points for work experience in an area of absolute skill shortage.
- **80** EOIs were selected that had a points total of **100** or more but less than 140, and included 10 points for a qualification in an area of absolute skill shortage.
- **48** EOIs were selected that had a points total of **115** or more but less than 140. These EOIs did not claim points for offers of skilled employment or current skilled employment in New Zealand, work experience in an area of absolute skill shortage or for a qualification in an area of absolute skill shortage. These EOIs were ranked in descending order of points.

As a result, **739** EOIs representing **1,716** people were selected and 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 people who had their EOIs selected, the make-up of the 17 December 2008 selection is as follows:

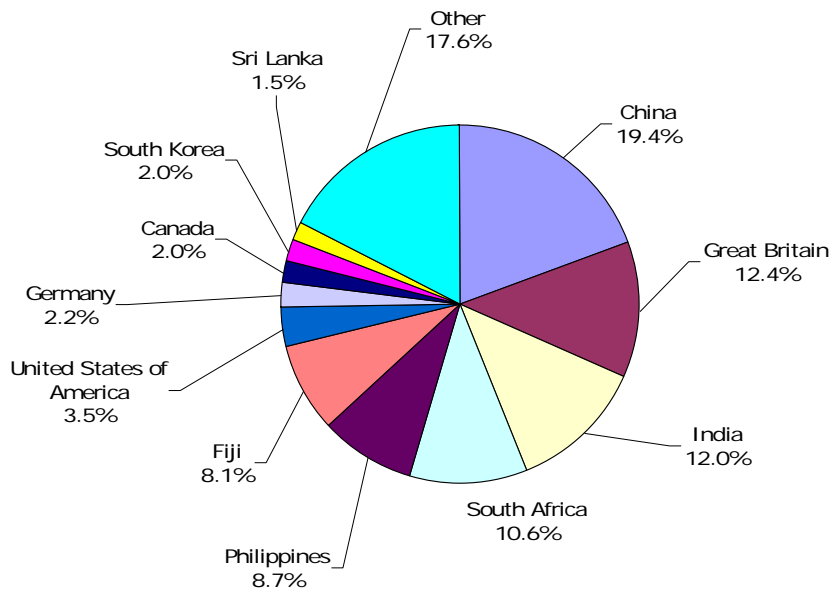
Number of selected EOIs	Onshore	Offshore	Total
Number of EOIs with 140 points or above			
With job offer	342	43	385
Without job offer	5	48	53
Number of EOIs with			

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points total of 100 to 135 with job offer	99	9	108
Number of EOIs with 15 points for work experience in an area of absolute skill shortage	2	35	37
Number of EOIs with 10 points for work experience in an area of absolute skill shortage	4	24	28
Number of EOIs with 10 points for a qualification in an area of absolute skill shortage	63	17	80
Number of EOIs not meeting any of the above criteria, ranked in descending order of points	22	26	48
Total EOIs with job offers	441	52	493
Total EOIs without job offers	96	150	246
Total EOIs	537	202	739

3. Nationality composition

**Expressions of Interest Selected
By nationality
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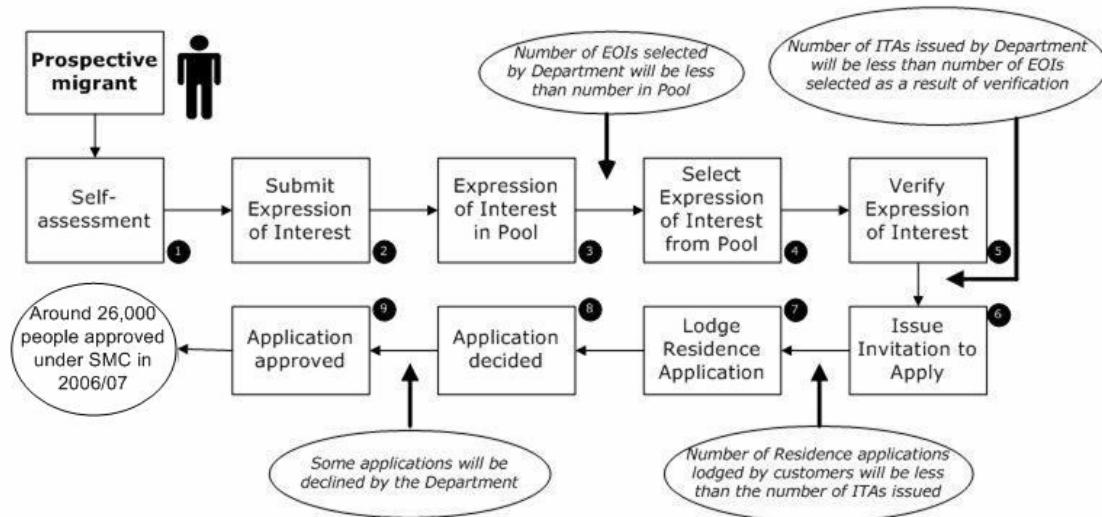


4. Statistics since December 2003

Since the Skilled Migrant Category opened in December 2003, a total of **91,498** EOIs, representing **213,142** people, have been selected

Approximately **96 percent** of those EOIs selected have been verified (stage five below).

The Skilled Migrant Policy Application Process



5. Pool draws for the calendar year to date.

Selection Date	No of EOIs with 140 points or more	No of EOIs with job or job offer	No of EOIs with additional selection criteria	No of EOIs	No of people	EOI in pool after selection
19 December 2007	582	146	71	799	1685	762
17 January 2008	730	123	0	853	1908	918
30 January 2008	475	72	226	773	1730	752
14 February 2008	509	89	171	769	1814	744
27 February 2008	456	108	254	818	1756	609
12 March 2008	515	100	178	793	1861	606
26 March 2008	417	81	268	766	1897	528
09 April 2008	420	95	245	760	1958	484
23 April 2008	545	127	116	788	1885	654
7 May 2008	468	123	186	777	1768	622
21 May 2008	481	131	164	776	1776	617
4 June 2008	404	75	244	723	1788	520
18 June 2008	465	97	173	735	1750	530
2 July 2008	454	109	311	874	2046	395
16 July 2008	446	119	225	790	1845	464
30 July 2008	431	116	202	749	1733	441
13 August 2008	433	98	181	712	1671	445
27 August 2008	456	97	164	717	1711	447

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10 September 2008	490	121	179	790	1897	477
24 September 2008	460	126	179	765	1800	466
8 October 2008	462	104	176	742	1760	453
22 October 2008	416	104	195	715	1717	446
5 November 2008	403	97	354	854	2003	231
19 November 2008	440	105	263	808	1825	246
3 December 2008	405	110	257	772	1799	282
19 December 2008	438	108	193	739	1716	377

RESULTS FOR 2008/09 YEAR TO DATE

6. Residence applications accepted and approved.

Please note the chart below outlines how many residence applications have been accepted or decided for the **2008/09** financial year to date.

Stream	Applications On-hand		Residence Declines		Residence Approvals	
	Applications	People	Applications	People	Applications	People
Skilled/ Business	7,250	18,490	481	1,206	5,726	12,760
International Humanitarian	992	2,656	90	259	531	1,329
Parent, Sibling Adult child	4,162	8,680	300	682	1,495	2,844
Uncapped family sponsored	5,152	5,981	196	210	3,456	3,822
Total	17,556	35,807	1,067	2,357	11,208	20,755

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1. On-hand applications (from tendered) as 12/12/2008

2. Decisions and declines from 1/07/2008 to 12/12/2008

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