

# ISANA PD Days

## Immigration Policies, Products and Support

Dunedin, Palmerston North, Auckland

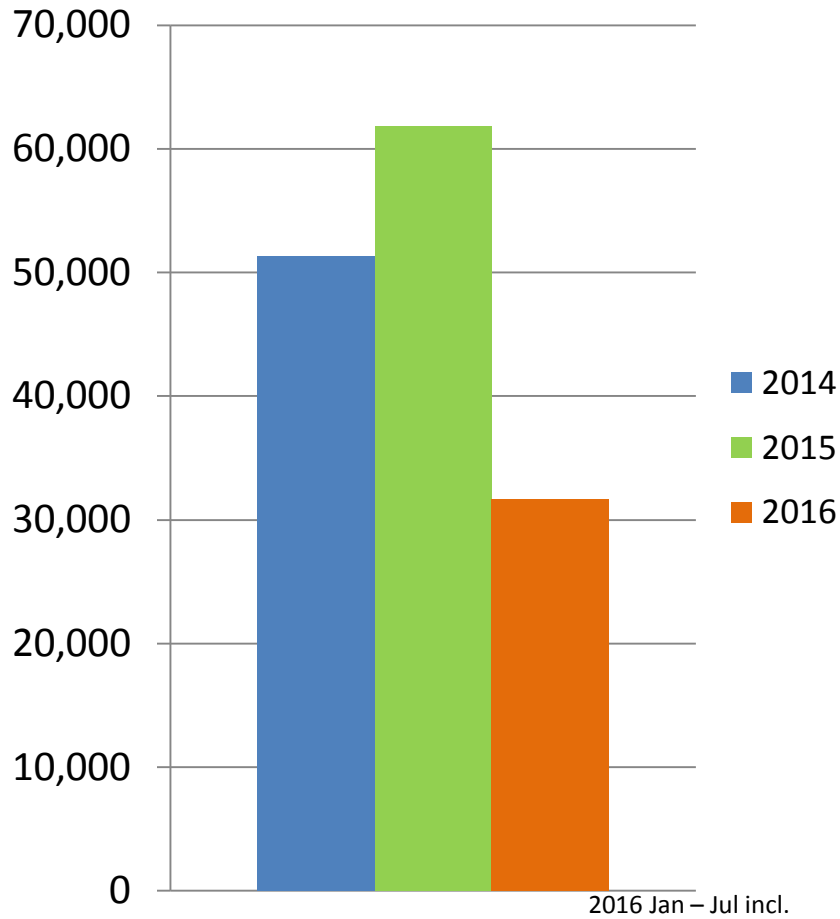
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# Application Volume and Approval Rate

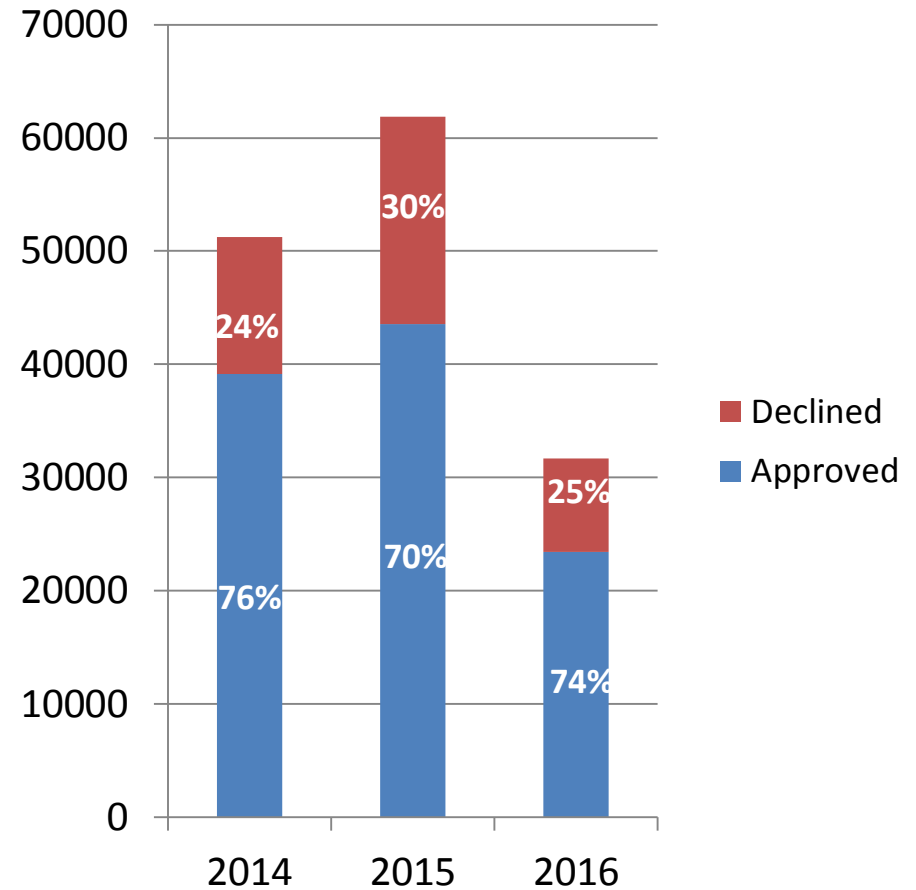
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## Visa Volume

(declined and approved)



## Visa Approval Rate



# Approval rates

Offshore, fee paying and scholarship applications

Country	2015	2016 (Jan – Jul)
Brazil	94%	96%
China	91%	92%
Colombia	94%	95%
India	49%	45%
Indonesia	96%	96%
Malaysia	99%	99%
Nepal	46%	45%
Nigeria	58%	33%
Philippines	78%	71%
Turkey	25%	19%
Vietnam	74%	81%

# Immigration Online Update

100,000 applications have been received online, of which 27,000 were student visas

**All** students will receive eVisas if they apply online in New Zealand

Many students will receive eVisas if they apply online from overseas (more and more nationalities are being added)

eVisas can be checked by providers using the VisaView system

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# Policy Developments

(some are imminent, and some are still being worked on)

# Policy Changes

Change	Target Area	Effect
Tertiary students who were self-funded cannot switch to sponsorship onshore	Student funds	Prevents students without funds from using sponsors onshore to avoid scrutiny
Clarify that an application may be declined if evidence provided is fraudulent	Efficiency and transparency	Speeds up visa processing and is more transparent for the student, agent, provider
Declaration change on the student form (Nov 16)	Behaviour and transparency	Allows providers to obtain the decision on, and information about, the student visa application more easily

# Policy Changes

## (implementation 22 August 2016)

Change	Target Area	Effect
Align guardian instructions with the new Education Code	Young international students	Simpler rules for when a guardian is required (under 10 instead of current setting of 13 and under or school years 1-8)
Change the duration of visas for guardian visa holders	Young international students	Allows a guardian to have a visa for the same duration as their dependent's student visa (rather than the current limit of 12 months)

# Policy Changes

(being worked on but pending approval)

## Further sponsorship changes

To reduce false sponsorships and improve the welfare of students we are looking at being more specific about who can sponsor a student

## Offers of Place

To reduce the number of agents offshore who aren't declaring their involvement in applications, we are considering requiring the agent to be noted on the Offer of Place

## Work rights

We are considering changing summer vacation work rights to “end of course” work rights. The current *summer vacation* is causing confusion for students and employers



# Policy Changes

(being worked on but pending approval)

## Visa expiry

We are considering changing expiry dates to better align with the end of the student's course

## Definition of full time study

The current definition is out of date but Immigration cannot solve this alone

## Study Abroad work rights

Currently Study Abroad students are almost the only students who cannot work part time

## Provider Obligations

We are considering developing a set of obligations for providers. Breaches may result in a warning, visa suspension (temporary or permanent) or prosecution

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# Visa Products

# Pathway Student Visa

## Key features:

- An 18 month trial (began Dec 2015)
- 500 providers were invited to apply
- Eligibility was a 90% approval rate and NZQA EER Category 1 or 2 rating (if applicable)
- Allows a progression of between 1 - 3 programmes on a single visa of up to 5 years validity (*either within a provider or between 1-3 providers*)
- Tuition fees and funds are proven for 1<sup>st</sup> course or 1<sup>st</sup> year
- Some Pathways are limited and if students don't progress they need to apply for new visas

# Pathway Student Visas

## Progress update

### Composition of Pathway Visas approved

One Programme	Two Programmes	Three Programmes	Total
27	203	35	265

### Breakdown by provider type – distribution of Pathway Visas

Schools	Feature in 79 visas
ITPs	Feature in 89 visas
PTEs	Feature in 118 visas
Universities	Feature in 214 visas

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# Education Industry Partnership (replacing the IPP)

# Priority Student Processing (PSP)

- The scheme offers prioritised student visa processing for partner providers
- Consulted on in early 2016 through peak sector bodies

## Criteria for Provider eligibility pre – consultation

90% offshore approval rate

Tertiary: 100 visa decisions offshore per year  
School: 50 visa decisions offshore per year

No more than 2% of students becoming unlawful at the end of their student visa  
No more than 1% of students becoming liable for deportation

## Criteria for Provider eligibility post – consultation

80% offshore approval rate in first year, rising to 85% in second year

Tertiary: 50 visa decisions offshore per year  
School: 25 visa decisions offshore per year

Nil (non compliance by students will be monitored, but it is not an entry criteria)

Further enhancements are being worked on and we are aiming to go live in early 2017

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# Support for Education Providers

# Industry Engagement and Support

**A commitment to help grow the international education industry** by policy, processing and product development

**Regular engagement, communication and consultation** through your peak sector bodies

**Transfer of market information and data** to enable you to make informed business decisions



# Industry Engagement and Support

**A commitment to carrying out our regulatory functions to protect New Zealand's borders, the integrity of our policies and the reputation of New Zealand**

**A commitment to working closely with our partner agencies so that you can be confident in our alignment**

**A team of people throughout NZ who can assist with settlement and retention services; who can link you and your students with industries and employers needing graduates**



## Contacts

For policy interpretation; issues with cases and related queries, **providers** should email Palmerston North Area Office: [educationproviders@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:educationproviders@mbie.govt.nz) (SoL partners should use their SoL account manager)