



28 November 2022

Alexandria Lee
fyi-request-20870-cec1d426@requests.fyi.org.nz

DOIA 2223-0783

Dear Alexandria,

Thank you for your email of 13 October 2022 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

Please supply the number of EOIs in the pool as of 31 March 2017, including the number of applications and number of applicants. On the basis of the new category requirements, how long is it expected to take to clear the queue of applicants up to this date?

Can you please confirm how many applications/applicants were withdrawn (which had been submitted prior to 31/3/17) due to the previous category requirements.

Please also advise if these applications will be permitted to resume their place in the 'queue' if they reapply as being eligible under the new category requirements.

Our Response

As at 8 November 2022, there was a total of 3,203 Expressions of Interest (EOI) in the Parent Resident Visa category pool received on or before 31 March 2017, representing a total of 5,232 applicants.

Information on the expected selection dates for all EOIs in the Parent Resident Visa EOI pool is available on the Immigration New Zealand (INZ) website and can be found on the following page:

www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/about-visa/parent-resident-visa#https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/tools-and-information/support-family/parent-resident-visa-eoi-selection/slider

As at 8 November 2022, there was a total of 232 EOIs submitted on or before 31 March 2017, representing 387 applicants, that have been withdrawn from the EOI pool.

When an applicant withdraws their EOI (or application) they do not necessarily provide their reason for doing so. If a reason is given it will be recorded in their correspondence and not recorded in an easily extractable format.

For those applicants who withdrew their EOIs on or before 7 October 2019, communications were sent to them on 12 October 2022 inviting them to resubmit their Parent Category EOIs into the queued pool. EOIs that are resubmitted will regain their previous place in the queued pool.



Applicants are being advised to complete the appropriate Parent Category Resubmission of Expression of Interest Form (INZ 1374) and pay the applicable application fee and immigration levy. No documentation other than the INZ 1374 application form is required at the EOI submission stage.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact inzoias@mbie.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Hogg', is positioned above the typed name.

Nicola Hogg
General Manager, Border and Visa Operations
Immigration New Zealand