



Every year many more people apply to be resettled under the offshore Humanitarian Programme than Australia can accept. In 2015 – 16, over 40,000 people applied and nearly 7000 people were granted visas overseas. Even with the additional 12,000 places, the limited number of visas available and the high demand for these places means that not everyone can be accepted. Priority is given to those people outside their home country, assessed as refugees by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and formally referred to Australia for resettlement, and applicants proposed by a close family member in Australia. To manage the demand for places in the Humanitarian Programme fairly, priority in processing is given to people who have fled their country of origin and been formally referred for resettlement by UNHCR, and people in humanitarian situations outside their home country who are proposed by close relatives in Australia through the Special Humanitarian Programme (SHP).

**Syrian Offshore Humanitarian Lodgements and Grants, by Stream
(01 July 2015 to 30 September 2016)**

Stream	Lodged	Granted
Refugee	28,345	2,581
SHP	11,990	4,324
Total	40,335	6,905

Data Notes:

1. As information has been drawn from dynamic system environments the information provided may differ from previous or future reporting.
2. This table includes visas granted towards the annual offshore resettlement component of the Humanitarian Programme, and the additional 12,000 places for people displaced by conflict in Syria and Iraq.
3. Refugee visas include subclass 200 (Refugee) and 204 (Woman at Risk). SHP visas include subclass 202 (Global Special Humanitarian Programme).
4. Data was extracted from Departmental systems on 28 November 2016.
5. The country of birth of principal visa applicants is applied to secondary visa applicants.

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Source: Department of Immigration and Border Protection, 2016 (BE10453.01)

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants

Activity	2015-16	2016-17 to 30/09/16
Lodged	640	178

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Activity	2015-16	2016-17 to 30/09/16
Granted	127	46