

Chapter 3

Temporary entry

- Over 4.0 million Temporary entry visas (not including Bridging visas) were issued in 2006-07. Around 89.0 per cent of the Temporary Entry visas issued were offshore Visitor visas (including Business visas). Visitor visas issued for 2006-07 were up by 1.8 per cent on the previous year. Visitors contribute more than \$21.0 billion in export earnings annually.
- A record number of 228 592 visas were granted to overseas students in 2006-07.
- In 2006-07 the main source of overseas students was India followed by the Peoples Republic of China (PRC), the Republic of Korea, the United states of America (USA), Malaysia and Thailand.
- Onshore permanent residence visas for skilled students have been popular, with 22 858 (including dependants) visas granted in 2006-07.
- Over 134 610 people were granted Working Holiday Maker visas to Australia in 2006-07. It is estimated that they would spend approximately \$2.2 billion over one year in Australia.
- In 2006-07, a total of 87 310 Business (Long Stay) visas (excluding Independent Executives) were granted, a rise of 22.7 per cent compared with the previous year.
- At the end of June 2007, there were an estimated 721 656 people in Australia on Temporary Entry visas, excluding New Zealand citizens. These mainly consisted of students (35.0 per cent), visitors (27.0 per cent), Long Stay Business (14.0 per cent) and Working Holiday Makers (10.0 per cent).