



IMMIGRATION UPDATE

Migration program and written ART reviews

The 2026-27 program remains at 185,000 places, while most student visa refusal reviews move to written determination.

HOME AFFAIRS

2026-27 Migration Program

The program remains at 185,000 places and places greater emphasis on applicants already living in Australia.

185,000

total places

132,240

Skilled

52,460

Family

129,590

planned onshore

Employer Sponsored increases to 58,040 places. Planning levels do not guarantee a visa outcome.

ART UPDATE

Student visa reviews

From 1 June, the ART must decide most student visa refusal reviews without an oral hearing, subject to limited exceptions. Written evidence and submissions should be complete by the deadline.

WHAT TO CHECK NOW

- Check that all written evidence is complete.
- Review whether an onshore pathway is relevant.
- Do not rely on a planning allocation alone.

CASE TO NOTE

TCXM v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship & Anor

[2026] HCA 13

High Court | 6 May 2026

ISSUE

The lawfulness of the Interim Third Country Reception Arrangement with Nauru and the proposed removal of the appellant.

OUTCOME

The High Court unanimously dismissed the appeal. It held that later legislation validated the arrangement against the procedural fairness challenge and that the relevant provisions authorised and required removal.

WHY IT MATTERS

- Later legislation can affect a live legal challenge.
- The case concerns removal and detention, not ordinary visa merits.

LIMIT

The result depended on the specific legislation, evidence and procedural history.

OFFICIAL SOURCES

Home Affairs: Migration Program [↗](#)

ART: Student visa reviews [↗](#)

High Court: TCXM [↗](#)

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